

# Fiction

## **Expectation** — Hope, Anna.

Hannah, Cate, and Lissa are young, vibrant, and inseparable. Their shared world is ablaze with art and activism, romance and revelry—and the promise of everything to come. Ten years on, they are not where they hoped to be. Amidst flailing careers and faltering marriages, each hungers for what the others have. And each wrestles with the same question: what does it take to lead a meaningful life?



## **Lakewood** — Giddings, Megan.

When Lena Johnson's beloved grandmother dies, and the full extent of the family debt is revealed, the black millennial drops out of college to support her family and takes a job in the mysterious and remote town of Lakewood, Michigan. On paper, her new job is too good to be true. High paying. No out of pocket medical expenses. A free place to live. All Lena has to do is participate in a secret program. As the truths of the program reveal themselves, Lena learns how much she's willing to sacrifice for the sake of her family.



## **Last Couple Standing** — Norman, Matthew.

The Core Four have been friends since college. They got married around the same time, had kids around the same time, and now they've started getting divorced around the same time, too. With three of the Core Four unions crumbling to dust around them, Jessica and Mitch take a long, hard look at their own marriage. Can it be saved? Or is divorce simply inescapable? They embark on the great experiment of taking their otherwise happy, functional marriage and breaking some very serious rules. But as lines are crossed, they each start to wonder if they've made a huge mistake.



## **The Love Story of Missy Carmichael** — Morrey, Beth.

At seventy-nine, Missy Carmichael is estranged from her daughter, her son and only grandson live across the world in Australia, and her great love is gone. Missy spends her days reliving her past—though it's her mistakes, and secrets, that she allows to shine brightest. The last thing Missy expects is for two perfect strangers and one spirited dog to break through her prickly exterior and show Missy just how much love she still has to give. *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* shows us it's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks, and it's never too late to love.



## **The Silent Treatment** — Greaves, Abbie.

By all appearances, Frank and Maggie share a happy, loving marriage. But for the past six months, they have not spoken. Maggie isn't sure what provoked Frank's silence, though she has a few ideas. Day after day, they have eaten meals together and slept in the same bed in an increasingly uncomfortable silence. Then Frank finds Maggie collapsed in the kitchen, an empty package of sleeping pills on the table. Rushed to the hospital, she is placed in a medically induced coma while the doctors assess the damage. Though he is overwhelmed at the thought of losing his wife, will Frank be able to find his voice once again or is it too late?



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