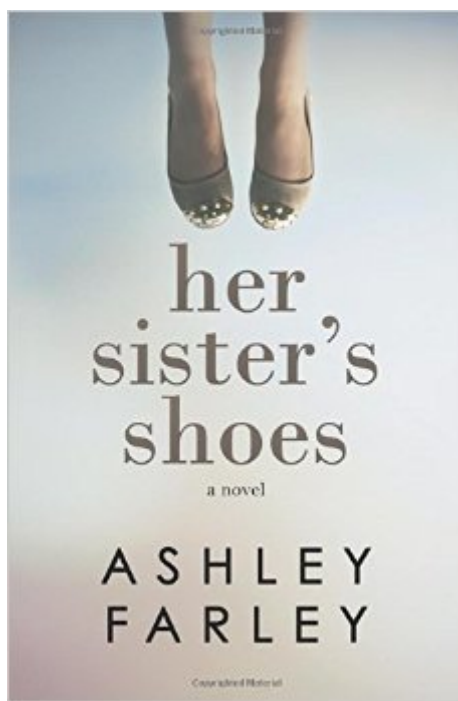


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Her Sister's Shoes



Synopsis

Set in the South Carolina Lowcountry and packed with Southern charm and memorable characters, *Her Sister's Shoes* is the story of three sisters—Samantha, Jackie, and Faith—who struggle to balance the demands of career and family while remaining true to themselves. Samantha Sweeney has always been the glue that holds her family together, their go-to girl for love and support. When an ATV accident leaves her teenage son in a wheelchair, she loses her carefully constructed self-control. In the after-gloom of her dreaded fiftieth birthday and the discovery of her husband's infidelity, Jackie realizes she must reconnect with her former self to find the happiness she needs to move forward. Faith lacks the courage to stand up to her abusive husband. She turns to her sisters for help, placing all their lives at risk. In the midst of their individual challenges, the Sweeney sisters must cope with their mother's mental decline. Is Lovie in the early stages of Alzheimer's, or is her odd behavior normal for a woman her age? No one, including Lovie, understands her obsession with a rusty key she wears around her neck. For fans of Dorothea Benton Frank, *Her Sister's Shoes* is a contemporary women's novel that explores and proves the healing power of family.

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Customer Reviews

Hands up if you love books about sisters! I do and I gobble them down as there is just so much to explore in this fascinating family dynamic. I love how different sisters can be but how that strong that bond can be no matter how little you understand each others lives. And *Her Sisters Shoes* delves

into this complex relationship with aplomb. **First Line of Her Sister's Shoes by Ashley Farley:** "Lovie and Oscar Sweeney had been providing vacationers to the South Carolina coast with fresh-from-the-ocean seafood since opening their doors in May of 1959" and little had changed since then. **What I loved about Her Sister's Shoes by Ashley Farley:** It's a lovely tangled family saga about three very different sisters who are all at a crisis point in their lives. Their lives are all poles apart and all are likeable characters with touches of vulnerability about them which makes them engaging. - There is a strong sense of small town setting which is a setting I love reading about. - Their family relationships are tricky which just came across as very realistic. - I love that it includes the extended family from their aging mother to all their children. Multi generation characters always appeal to me as I love to see various generations all learning from each other. - I really enjoyed that it showed the struggles of trying to run a family business in the current harsh economic climate. Again that is just so relatable. - It has a heart warming and romantic vibe to it. **What I didn't love so much about Her Sister's Shoes by Ashley Farley:** - I felt it was very predictable and I didn't feel any huge sense of anticipation of what would happen next.

First date: The Sweeney sisters Sam, Jackie and Faith are preparing for the grand reopening of their seaside seafood store. Originally opened by their mother Lovie, vacationers make a point of stopping for their fresh seafood. Sam is worried about the new décor even as thoughts turn to her son who is recovering from an ATV accident that has left him in a wheelchair. Faith has her own share of problems and Jackie is too wrapped up in herself to notice her world is crumbling around her. They are all worried about their mother who has been behaving oddly. Farley easily allows the reader to slip in as we get to know this realistic family. **Second date:** I love that these sisters are far from perfect and Farley begins peeling back their layers and exposing their secrets. Sam's marriage is far from a fairytale story; her husband is out of work and drinking. As things spiral out of control, she must lean on her siblings for help. Jackie's world begins to crumble and she is ready to place all the blame on her husband. Sam is barely holding it together. She is the glue of the family, the strong one and the stress is beginning to show. Meanwhile Lovie is frantically trying to discover what the old key around her neck unlocks. There is a lot happening with the sisters and Farley does a good job of allowing us to view events as they unfold. At times, each of the sisters made me angry and I cringed at their interactions. Why is it that we sometimes treat the ones we love the worst? Tension begins to build as Faith's problems place them all in danger and Jackie discovers what really matters. Secondary characters offer support, shed light and added interest to the story.

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