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Editorial Review

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In the opening scene of Shortridge's fifth novel, a Seattle woman is found standing knee-deep in the San Francisco Bay, dressed in a designer suit, her memory wiped clean. She soon learns that she is Lucie Walker—smart, organized, a bit of an ice queen, and engaged to marry Grady Goodall on her fortieth birthday. The new Lucie must rediscover the old one—not an easy task when she's kept any details of her childhood from Grady, including how her parents died and why she no longer speaks to her aunt Helen. Shortridge skillfully crafts evocative settings, from the gardens of Seattle's neighborhoods to the clean lines of Lucie's furniture, and the complexities of a relationship mending itself amid so much mystery. Chapters alternate between Lucie, Grady, and Aunt Helen, who is the least frequent but strongest of the narrators, odd and off-putting but with a wonderful hint of humanity under her bitter, aging shell. The piecing together of the lives and secrets of Shortridge's characters makes for a thoroughly satisfying read. --Annie Tully

Review

"A wonderful book; lovely....just perfect."

—Garth Stein, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

"Part tense mystery and part brilliant psychological drama, Shortridge's eloquent novel is a breathtaking story of how well we really know the people we love—and ourselves."

—Caroline Leavitt, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Pictures of You*

"Intriguing, resonant, and deeply satisfying, *Love Water Memory* takes us into the mystery of one woman's past and her attempts to reclaim both herself and the love she left behind."

—Erica Bauermeister, author of *The School of Essential Ingredients*

"*Love Water Memory* is a beautiful novel about what the mind forgets and what the heart remembers. A story of memories as shadows, elongated and distorted by time, until they eclipse cherished loves, familial connections, and painful truths. A captivating read from start to finish."

—Jamie Ford, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

"By the end of page one of *Love Water Memory*, readers care about Lucie and why she's standing in frigid San Francisco Bay in an Armani suit. Jennie Shortridge's fifth novel moves like a thriller, as along with Lucie we discover what led to her flight from her fiancé Grady and her high-powered career. In the hands of a less accomplished author the plot could have become maudlin. Here, it's credible; Grady is loving but flawed; the pre-amnesiac Lucie not always likable. But they fight for understanding and happiness, and readers will be cheering for them all the way."

—Cheryl Krockner McKeon, Rakestraw Books, Danville CA

"*Love Water Memory* is slowly and sweetly revelatory as Lucie, coming out of the fog of amnesia, and Grady, finally swimming to a surface without his father, move toward each other in a new recognition of themselves and each other, leaving behind disguises they no longer need. There is laughter and there are tears as these two people learn to trust each other and to be fearless in finding a better, more honest way of loving than what they once knew."

—Valerie Jean Ryan, Cannon Beach Books, Cannon Beach, OR

"Engaging characters, beautiful settings, and a story that keeps the reader's interest from the very start. Lucie

ran away from her fiancé 8 days ago, now she has no memory of who she is or anyone else either. Grady is coming to get her, but he would just as soon Lucie not remember the day she ran. Aunt Helen holds the secrets of a childhood gone terribly wrong. As the characters face the challenges from the past and present, the reader will be rooting for them. These are characters that make you care and a plot line that will not let you go."

—Deon Stonehouse, Sunriver Books & Music, Sunriver, OR

Shortridge (*When She Flew*) proves herself in her fifth novel. This is thoughtful, with fully developed characters all around. (Julie Kane *Library Journal*)

"Warmly emotional....[the] touching story of a woman who recovers her identity while also realizing the cost of repression." (*Publishers Weekly*)

"[A]n emotional heart-tugger that doesn't go where readers might expect; a fascinating turnabout for those who enjoy novels focusing on complex life dramas." (*Library Journal, Editors' Pick for Spring 2013*)

"Shortridge's novel is a poignant examination of the effect of the past, subtle variations of the truth and what it means to love another person." (Melissa Parcel *RT Book Reviews, (4.5 / 5 Stars)*)

"*Love Water Memory* grabs the reader's attention from the first page..."

(Melinda Bargreen *The Seattle Times*)

About the Author

Jennie Shortridge is the critically acclaimed, national bestselling author of *When She Flew*, *Love and Biology at the Center of the Universe*, *Eating Heaven*, and *Riding with the Queen*. She is a founding member of Seattle7Writers.org, a collective of Northwest authors devoted to supporting literacy in their communities, and an active volunteer with 826 Seattle. Visit her online at jennieshortridge.com.

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