

DELIVER HER

A NOVEL

By
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*A daughter's grief. A mother's desperation.
An endless highway of deception.*

About the Book

DELIVER HER explores an extreme solution for parents of troubled teens: the hiring of a transport service to take the youth to treatment or a therapeutic program.

In DELIVER HER, on the night of Alex Carmody's sixteenth birthday, she and her best friend, Cass, are victims of a terrible car accident. Alex survives; Cass doesn't. Consumed by grief, Alex starts cutting school and partying, growing increasingly detached. The future she'd planned with her friend is now meaningless to her.

Meg Carmody is heartbroken for her daughter, even as she's desperate to get Alex's life back on track. The Birches, a boarding school in New Hampshire, promises to do just that, yet Alex refuses to go. But when Meg finds a bag of pills hidden in the house, she makes a fateful call to a transporter whose company specializes in shuttling troubled teens to places like The Birches, under strict supervision. Meg knows Alex will feel betrayed—as will her estranged husband, who knows nothing of Meg's plans for their daughter.

When the transport goes wrong—and Alex goes missing—Meg must face the consequences of her decision and her deception. But the hunt for Alex reveals that Meg is not the only one keeping secrets.

Invite the Author

Patricia is available to visit with your book group via phone call, Skype or in person (if it's geographically plausible). Please email her at pat@patriciaperrydonovan.com

Discussion Questions

- DELIVER HER is told through the points of view of its three key characters: Meg Carmody, the mother; Alex Carmody, the teenage daughter; and Carl Alden, the professional transporter. What did you think of this book structure? How did it affect your ability to follow the story?
- How is the title, DELIVER HER, echoed throughout the book? To which characters does it apply, and why? What did it mean to you?
- Did certain parts of the book make you uncomfortable? If so, why did you feel that way? Did this lead to a new understanding or awareness of some aspect of your life you might not have thought about before?
- In many ways, music is a central character in the story. How does music impact key relationships in the book? Is there a song or band connecting you to a particular relationship or life event?
- Compose a playlist for Carl, Alex and Carolyn's ride.
- What moral/ethical choices did the main characters make? What did you think of those choices? How would you have chosen?
- What did Happy Corner represent in the story? Describe a "Happy Corner" moment from your life.
- Were there any secondary characters you wanted to know more about?
- What did you find most surprising or memorable about the book?
- In a movie version, whom would you cast as Meg, Alex and Carl?
- If there were a sequel to DELIVER HER, whose story would you like to continue?

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