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**“A riveting journey.” —Julie Metz, author of *Perfection***

**“A perfect book. I want to tell everyone, every mother, every daughter, to read it.” —Abigail Thomas, bestselling author of *A Three Dog Life***

*For the first time in decades I'm remembering Mom, all of her--the wonderful and terrible things about her that I've cast out of my thoughts for so long. I'm still struggling to prevent these memories from erupting from their subterranean depths. Trying to hold back the flood. I can't, not today. The levees break.*

Thirty years after her death, Alice Eve Cohen's mother appears to her, seemingly in the flesh, and continues to do so during the hardest year Alice has had to face: the year her youngest daughter needs a harrowing surgery, her eldest daughter decides to reunite with her birth mother, and Alice herself receives a daunting diagnosis. As it turns out, it's entirely possible for the people we've lost to come back to us when we need them the most.

Although letting her mother back into her life is not an easy thing, Alice approaches it with humor, intelligence, and honesty. What she learns is that she must revisit her childhood and allow herself to be a daughter once more in order to take care of her own girls. Understanding and forgiving her mother's parenting transgressions leads her to accept her own and to realize that she doesn't have to be perfect to be a good mother.

**“Alice Eve Cohen's warm, witty, wise memoir is an elixir of love. It captures the struggles of every woman who ever wanted to be a better mother or daughter. Read it and weep, and laugh, and love.” —Nancy Bachrach, author of *The Center of the Universe***

**“Funny, painful, absurd, and heartwarming . . . Alice's struggle to accept her imperfect self is a loving message to mothers who struggle to live life with grace. A beautiful book.” —Julie Metz, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Perfection***

**“Cohen navigates what was a perfect storm of a year . . . What she made of this year is a book so honest, so moving, and ultimately so wise that it is a privilege to take the journey with her.” —Abigail Thomas, bestselling author of *A Three Dog Life***

**“I love, love, love this book. It's so rich, so real, and so moving . . . An astonishingly wonderful book—I was enthralled.” —Caroline Leavitt, bestselling author of *Pictures of You***

**“Compassionate, compelling, and told in luscious prose that practically begs you to sink in and linger, Cohen's imaginative story and its fascinating characters will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.” —Jessie Sholl, author of *Dirty Secret***

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