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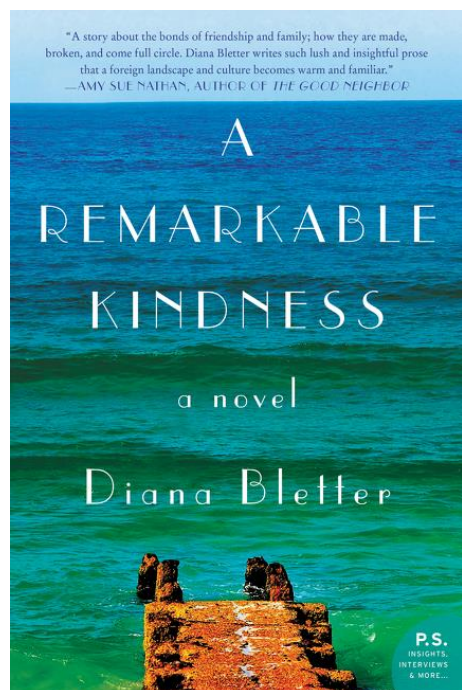
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From a striking new voice, Diana Bletter, comes a beautifully written novel of faith, friendship and hope

A Remarkable Kindness



Advance Praise for A REMARKABLE KINDNESS:

"*A Remarkable Kindness* is a story about the bonds of friendship and family; how they are made, broken, and come full circle. Diana Bletter writes with such lush and insightful prose that a foreign landscape and culture becomes warm and familiar; exploring the power of friendship, love, and ancient traditions, the novel makes you wonder just how far you would go (literally and figuratively) for the people you love."

— Amy Sue Nathan,
author of *The Good Neighbor* and *The Glass Wives*

"Bletter brings this quartet of complex, gutsy, smart, passionate women to life with rare delicacy and depth."

— Janice Steinberg, author of *The Tin Horse*

Through a largely hidden ceremony...four friends discover the true meaning of life

William Morrow Paperbacks (an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers) proudly debuts Diana Bletter with the *August 11, 2015* release of **A REMARKABLE KINDNESS**, her inspiring first novel about four American women who have moved to a seaside village in northern Israel for very different reasons.

The women include Lauren, Emily, Aviva & Rachel:

Lauren, a maternity nurse, who loves her Israeli doctor husband but struggles to make a home for herself in a foreign land miles away from her beloved Boston.

Emily, Lauren's vivacious friend, a Southern girl seeking a new life after divorce.

Aviva, brought to Israel by intelligence work, has raised a family and now struggles to recover from a devastating loss.

And Rachel, a beautiful, idealistic college graduate from Wyoming, arrives with her hopeful dreams.

Despite their differences in age and outlook, the women forge a friendship that sustains them as they come to terms with love and loss, and the outbreak of war. Their intimate bond is strengthened by their participation in a burial circle, a traditional ritual that closes the circle of life. As their lives are slowly transformed, each woman finds unexpected strength and resilience.

A native New Yorker, Bletter grew up hearing about her relatives in Israel and the sacrifices they made to live there. Inspired by their courage, Bletter moved with her family to an Israeli seaside village where she worked as a freelance journalist, reporting on untold stories behind headlines in the news.

In *A Remarkable Kindness*, Bletter intertwines her personal experiences into this stirring novel of sorrow and hope, of friendship and love, illuminating a mostly unknown ritual that underscores what it means to truly be alive.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Diana Bletter is a writer whose work has appeared in a wide variety of publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Commentary*. Her first book, *The Invisible Thread: A Portrait of Jewish American Women*, with photographs by Lori Grinker, was nominated for a National Jewish Book Award. A graduate of Cornell University, Diana has worked at a number of magazines and newspapers including *National Lampoon* and *The Southampton Press*. Diana grew up in Great Neck, New York, and now lives in a seaside village in northern Israel with her husband and children, where she is a member of a burial circle.

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Diana Bletter's

Tour Schedule & Appearances for

A REMARKABLE KINDNESS

Thursday, August 13

WESTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY

7 Library Avenue

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

7pm

****Book Talk & Signing***

Thursday, August 20

DARIEN LIBRARY

1441 Post Road

Darien, CT 06820

7pm

****Book Talk & Signing***

Wednesday, August 26

WILTON LIBRARY

137 Old Ridgefield Road

Wilton, CT 06897

7pm

****Book Talk & Signing***

Thursday, August 27

RJ JULIA BOOKSELLERS

768 Boston Post Road

Madison, CT 06443

7pm

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