

THE YEAR WE LEFT HOME

Jean Thompson

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This sweeping story, set during the tumultuous final decades of the twentieth century, begins in 1973, when the Ericksons of Grenada, Iowa, gather for the wedding of their eldest daughter, Anita. Even as they celebrate, the fault lines in the family emerge. The bride just wants to raise a family in her hometown while her brother, Ryan, plans his escape. He is joined by their cousin Chip, an unpredictable, war-damaged loner who will show Ryan both the appeal and perils of freedom. Torrie, the youngest, is also intent on escape, but her choices will bring about a tragedy that changes the entire family forever.

Stretching from the Iowa farmlands to suburban Chicago to contemporary Italy—through the Vietnam War's aftermath, the farm crisis, the numerous economic booms and busts—this book follows the Erickson siblings as they confront prosperity and heartbreak, setbacks and triumphs.

"Jean Thompson writes with both sensitivity and intelligence, from a place of deep compassion for her characters and the world in which they live."

—O, The Oprah Magazine

"Few fiction writers working today have more successfully rendered the sensation of solid ground suddenly melting away, pinpointing that instant when the familiar present is swallowed up by an always encroaching past or voided future."

—New York Times Book Review

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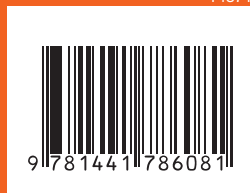
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