

On a beautiful September weekend, three men convene on Martha's Vineyard. Bonded together what feels like a lifetime ago, circa the sixties, at a Connecticut college, they're still the closest of friends despite being a considerable distance apart, and in fact they couldn't be more different: Lincoln's a commercial real-estate broker in Las Vegas, Teddy a tiny-press publisher in Syracuse, Mickey a musician nearing his legal limit in Cape Cod. While each man holds a few secrets of his own, they have in common not only their school days and the volcanic sixties but also a mystery none of them has ever stopped puzzling over since a Memorial Day weekend on the Vineyard in 1971.

A shared history draws these men together again, over this weekend where their lives and that of another hugely significant friend—*Jacy*—will be revealed as the distant past confounds the present. Something unimaginable, possibly *unthinkable*, had happened *right here* in 1971, but what . . . ?

Shot through with Russo's trademark comedy and humanity, *Chances Are . . .* also bristles with suspense and menace. Russo reveals how friendship—a tiny community within this insular island's larger society—is as strong as any other tie that binds. An elegy for a generation, *Chances Are . . .* is revelatory—a stunning demonstration of a highly acclaimed author deepening and expanding his achievement.

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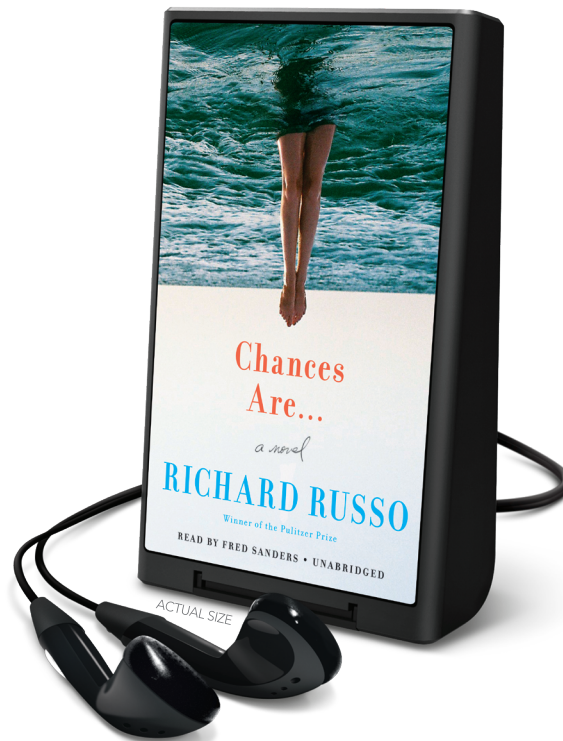
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