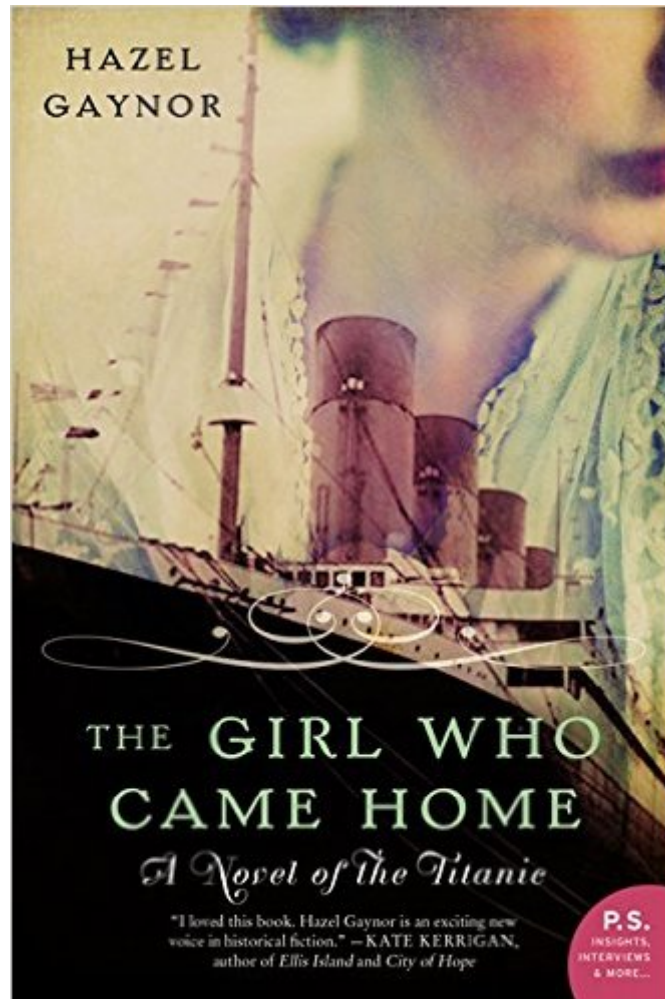


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Inspired by true events, the New York Times bestselling novel *The Girl Who Came Home* is the poignant story of a group of Irish emigrants aboard RMS Titanic—a seamless blend of fact and fiction that explores the tragedy's impact and its lasting repercussions on survivors and their descendants. Ireland, 1912. Fourteen members of a small village set sail on RMS Titanic, hoping to find a better life in America. For seventeen-year-old Maggie Murphy, the journey is bittersweet. Though her future lies in an unknown new place, her heart remains in Ireland with Sámus, the sweetheart she left behind. When disaster strikes, Maggie is one of the lucky few passengers in steerage who survives. Waking up alone in a New York hospital, she vows never to speak of the terror and panic of that terrible night ever again. Chicago, 1982. Adrift after the death of her father, Grace Butler struggles to decide what comes next. When her Great Nana Maggie shares the painful secret she harbored for almost a lifetime about the Titanic, the revelation gives Grace new direction—and leads her and Maggie to unexpected reunions with those they thought lost long ago.

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who left their small village in County Mayo in Ireland to board the Titanic for its maiden voyage. In Chicago in 1982, Grace Butler is looking for a story to write in order to revive her journalism career. She needs something big - something that will tap into the readers' emotions and get her noticed. But never in a million years was she expecting her great grandmother, Maggie Murphy, to be the one to provide her with what she's looking for. Maggie has kept a secret for seventy years and decides that now is the time to open up and share it with her great granddaughter. And so the story takes us back to that rural Irish village in April 1912 when seventeen year old Maggie Murphy is preparing to sail on the Titanic, along with her aunt Kathleen and two of her best friends, Peggy and Katie. In all, fourteen men and women from the village are packing up their lives in hope of a better one over in America. Maggie is excited about her impending voyage, but devastated to be leaving behind her beloved Seamus. She hopes he'll be able to join her soon in America but in the meantime, he's written a selection of love letters to keep her company on the journey ahead.

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