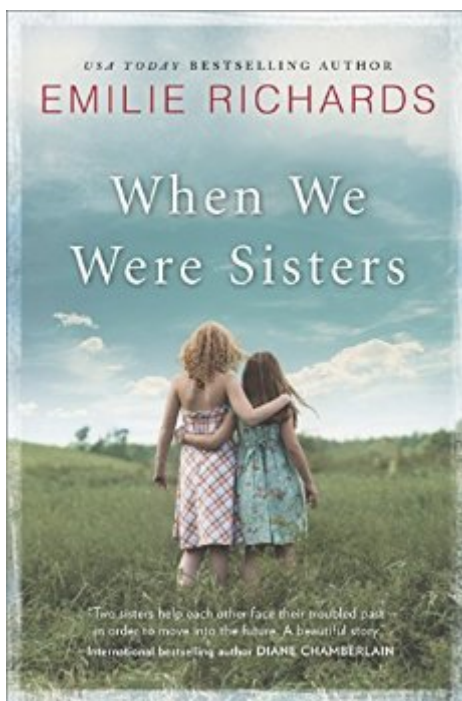


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When We Were Sisters



Synopsis

"Richards's ability to portray compelling characters who grapple with challenging family issues is laudable, and this well-crafted tale should score well with fans of Luanne Rice and Kristin Hannah." — Publishers Weekly on Fox River, starred review

From USA TODAY bestselling author Emilie Richards comes an emotional story about love, loyalty and the deep bonds of sisterhood. Love and loyalty made them sisters. Secrets could still destroy them. As children in foster care, Cecilia and Robin vowed they would be the sisters each had never had. Now superstar singer-songwriter Cecilia lives life on the edge, but when Robin is nearly killed in an accident, Cecilia drops everything to be with her. Robin set aside her career as a successful photojournalist to create the loving family she always yearned for. But gazing through a wide-angle lens at both past and future, she sees that her marriage is disintegrating. Her attorney husband is rarely home. She and the children need Kris's love and attention, but does Kris need them? When Cecilia asks Robin to be the still photographer for a documentary on foster care, Robin agrees, even though Kris will be forced to take charge for the months she's away. She gambles that he'll prove to them both that their children's and their marriage's are a priority in his life. Cecilia herself needs more than time with her sister. A lifetime of lies has finally caught up with her. She wants a chance to tell the real story of their childhood and free herself from the nightmares that still haunt her. As the documentary unfolds, memories will be tested and the meaning of family redefined, but the love two young girls forged into bonds of sisterhood will help them move forward as the women they were always meant to be.

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Customer Reviews

4 out of 5 stars I recently finished reading "When We Were Sisters" by Emilie Richards, a very powerful novel about sisters, family, childhood secrets, forgiveness and love. Powerful enough that I had to take this novel a little slower than most novels. When I first started this book, I wasn't sure I was going to like it. Looking back at that, I think it was my own battles with depression and anxiety that made me feel like that. I get extra anxious when there's a lot of conflict in my life. There's a decent amount of conflict at the beginning of the book, especially passive-aggressive conflict which is my least favorite and combining with the anxiety I was already experiencing at that time, it was a little too much for me. I took a breather for a few weeks, read more, took another breather for a week, and carried that pattern for the rest of the book. It really helped me keep things in perspective and enjoy the book a LOT more. The characters in this book were fairly well-rounded. At first, they seemed a little chaotic to me. By that I mean that it wasn't until we got further into the backstory that I finally understood some of why Robin and Cecelia (and Kris to a lighter degree) reacted the ways they did, but it wasn't a necessarily a bad chaotic. I enjoyed seeing the changes that each character underwent as things from the past were revealed and new connections & understandings were made. The plot moved along at a steady pace. There were a couple of times I felt it was a little slow moving, but the majority of the book moved at a good rate.

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