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“Accomplished…Each story, no matter how grim or gritty, shows polish.” (Kirkus Reviews)

About the Author

Wally Lamb is the author of four previous novels, including the *New York Times* and national bestseller *The Hour I First Believed* and *Wishin' and Hopin'*, a bestselling novella. His first two works of fiction, *She's Come Undone* and *I Know This Much Is True*, were both number-one *New York Times* bestsellers and Oprah's Book Club selections. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Christine. The Lambs are the parents of three sons.

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