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SING THEM HOME

A Novel
by

Stephanie Kallos

Author of **BROKEN FOR YOU**

"Fans of Ann Patchett and Haven Kimmel should dive onto the sofa one wintry weekend with Stephanie Kallos's wonderfully transportive second novel, **SING THEM HOME**. . . . As the novel floats back and forth from past to present, Kallos patiently reveals the hurt and longing that's pounding beneath the surface . . . [and] the ending may leave you feeling so wistful for these strange, sad people that you find yourself fantasizing about a trip to Nebraska."—*Entertainment Weekly*

"With empathy and wit, Kallos weaves together the stories of the living and the dead, creating a world in which love trumps loss and faith can summon redemption. The result is a magical novel that even cynics will close with a smile."—*People*

"**SING THEM HOME** constantly surprises, changing voices, viewpoints, and tempos, mixing humor and pathos, and introducing a big cast of vividly portrayed characters, major and minor. Readers who admired Kallos's first novel, *Broken for You*, will likely embrace **SING THEM HOME**, and it will embrace them in return. It's that sort of book."—*Boston Globe*

"Kallos's enthralling second novel takes the reader by storm. . . . [**SING THEM HOME**] will find a welcome audience in anyone who has experienced grief, struggled with family ties or, most importantly, appreciates blossoming talent."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“**SING THEM HOME** is simply wonderful. It’s a welcome tonic to those of us who look back with great longing to Anne Tyler’s early novels. . . . That is, those of us hungry for books with quirky, flawed, yet realistic and beloved characters who leap off the page into our arms and refuse to leave. I didn’t want **SING THEM HOME** ever to end.”—Nancy Pearl, KUOW/NPR online

“Not since the *Wizard of Oz* has a tornado been used to such potent literary effect. . . . Dorothy may have thought that there’s no place like home, but what happens when there’s no house left at the old address, and no real parent figure to go home to? The Jones siblings take a further step down the road to enlightenment: They learn that home is where the heart is. . . . Kallos performs ample wizardry in blending both tears and quirky humor in this tale of lost souls.”—*Seattle Times*

Until she was five years old, novelist Stephanie Kallos—author of the bestselling *Broken for You*—lived in Wymore, Nebraska on an idyllic street with a 19th-century farmhouse next door. But in 1974, a tornado swept through town, taking the neighbors’ house with it. Although no one was injured, the only thing that came down from the sky in any recognizable form was a baby grand piano, which was documented in a photograph that ran in the March 1974 issue of *National Geographic*. “How can a deep freezer just disappear? How can a washing machine disappear?” Kallos wondered. “These questions—and their implications—have haunted me ever since.” This scenario planted the seed for Kallos’s second novel, **SING THEM HOME (Grove Press, September 8, 2009, \$14.95 paperback, 560 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-4413-3)**, now available in paperback with a bound-in reading group guide.

SING THEM HOME tells the story of the Jones children of Emlyn Springs, Nebraska. Years earlier, their mother, Hope, was swept up by a tornado, never to resurface. Years later, after they’ve grown, the siblings—Larken, Gaelen, and Bonnie—are called home after their father’s sudden death. Though they are all now adults, the three of them are still haunted by their mother’s disappearance. Larken, the oldest, is an art history professor who finds solace in overeating. Gaelen, a weatherman in Lincoln, covers his insecurities by bedding countless women and by obsessively lifting weights. And Bonnie, the youngest, combs the roadsides and fields of Emlyn Springs in search of clues to her mother’s legacy. Then there’s Viney Cross, the widowed family friend who became their widowed father’s companion and lover and de facto stepmother. Reunited in the Nebraska town where they were born, where the Welsh heritage of many of its residents lends plenty of local color, these four characters must revisit and confront the tragedy that has so profoundly shadowed their lives. Teeming with a rich cast of characters, Stephanie Kallos has crafted a novel about lives connected and undone by tragedy, lives poised—unbeknownst to the characters themselves—for redemption.



STEPHANIE KALLOS spent twenty years in the theater as an actress and teacher. Her best-selling, award-winning first novel, *Broken for You*, has been translated into ten languages. She lives in Seattle with her husband and two sons. Visit her at www.stephaniekallos.com

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