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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A new novel from **Laura Moriarty**, bestselling author of *The Rest of Her Life*

While I'm Falling

“Turn off the phone, lock the door and order takeout before opening this sweet, straight-through read that leaves no loose ends dangling. . . . It is the familiar turf of mother-daughter relationships that primarily engages [Moriarty]. In her careful and knowing hands, Veronica, Natalie and the rest emerge as characters readers will care about.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*, **STARRED REVIEW**

“*While I’m Falling* deftly captures the moment a child realizes that growing up means being responsible for your parents’ mistakes—and preventing yourself from making the same ones. **Laura Moriarty keeps getting better and better.**”

—**Jodi Picoult**

“Veronica’s story is told with a clarity and humor that make both her descent and her recovery believable. Recommended for readers who enjoy coming-of-age novels and intelligent chick lit.”

—*Library Journal*

Laura Moriarty’s *The Rest of Her Life* hooked mothers and daughters everywhere with a plot that made them ask, “what if?” Her timely third novel, **WHILE I’M FALLING (August 4; \$24.99; Hyperion; Hardcover)**, returns to the mother-daughter relationship, this time exploring how losing a home impacts our closest relationships.

Already the winner of the *Elle* Readers' Prize, **WHILE I'M FALLING** looks deeply at the relationship between a daughter and a mother when one is trying to grow up and the other is trying to stay afloat. Veronica is a studious-but-stressed college student whose parents rather abruptly (or so it seems to her) get a divorce. She already has her own problems—falling behind in pre-med coursework, hating her job as a dorm counselor, the cute guy down the hall—so the rupture in her family's life threatens to send her over the edge. Veronica's mother, Natalie, has always been the family's foundation. When divorce leaves her homeless, Natalie leans on her daughter for support she's unprepared to give. Moriarty's exploration of Natalie's experience riffs powerfully on the themes of caring and loss.

WHILE I'M FALLING marks a new level of talent and sophistication in Moriarty's career. This honest, ultimately redemptive story is sure to become a book club favorite. Moriarty is available to discuss:

- How the emotional impact of losing a home changes family relationships—including those with the family pet!
- What fascinates her personally about mother-daughter relationships
- Why she chooses to set her novels in the Midwest
- Why she decided, even before the financial crisis, to explore a grown woman's experience of having her world fall apart
- Coming of age: is it possible for mothers as well as daughters?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Laura Moriarty received her master's degree from the University of Kansas and was awarded the George Bennett fellowship for Creative Writing at Phillips Exeter Academy. The author of *The Center of Everything* and the *New York Times* bestseller *The Rest of Her Life*, she lives in Lawrence, Kansas.

WHILE I'M FALLING

By Laura Moriarty

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