

# The Great Alone (Audiobook)

written by Kristin Hannah, read by Julia Whelan



## About the Book

**The newest audiobook sensation from Kristin Hannah, bestselling author of *THE NIGHTINGALE*.**

**This program is read by acclaimed narrator Julia Whelan, whose enchanting voice brought *GONE GIRL* and *FATES AND FURIES* to life. Kristin Hannah reads the acknowledgments.**

*Alaska, 1974.*

*Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed.*

*For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival.*

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: He will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown.

At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers. In a wild, remote corner of the state, they find a fiercely independent community of strong men and even stronger women. The long, sunlit days and the generosity of the locals make up for the Allbrights' lack of preparation and dwindling resources.

But as winter approaches and darkness descends on Alaska, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates and the family begins to fracture. Soon the perils outside pale in comparison to threats from within. In their small cabin, covered in snow, blanketed in 18 hours of night, Leni and her mother learn the terrible truth: They are on their own. In the wild, there is no

one to save them but themselves.

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska --- a place of incomparable beauty and danger. *THE GREAT ALONE* is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night audiobook about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

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## Discussion Guide

While no guide is available at this time, be sure to check out our historical fiction discussion questions, which may help you in your group's discussion of the book.

## Author Bio

Kristin Hannah is an award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels including the international blockbuster *THE NIGHTINGALE*, *WINTER GARDEN*, *NIGHT ROAD* and *FIREFLY LANE*.

Her novel, *THE NIGHTINGALE*, has been published in 43 languages and is currently in movie production at TriStar Pictures, which also optioned her novel, *THE GREAT ALONE*. Her novel, *HOME FRONT*, has been optioned for film by 1492 Films (produced the Oscar-nominated *The Help*) with Chris Columbus attached to direct.

Kristin is a former lawyer turned writer who lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband. Her novel, *FIREFLY LANE*, became a runaway bestseller in 2009, a touchstone novel that brought women together, and *THE NIGHTINGALE*, in 2015, was voted a best book of the year by Amazon, BuzzFeed, iTunes, *Library Journal*, *Paste*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Week*. Additionally, the novel won the coveted Goodreads and People's Choice Awards. The audiobook of *THE NIGHTINGALE* won the Audiobook of the Year Award in the fiction category.

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