The Love We Found

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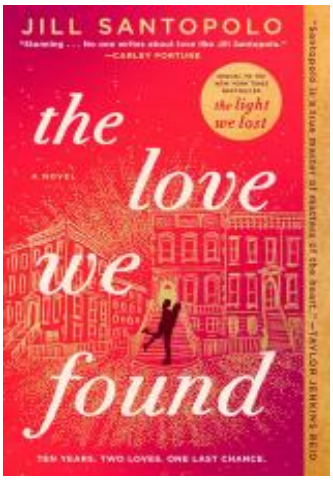

About the Book

The long-awaited follow-up to the Reese?s Book Club pick and *New York Times* bestselling global phenomenon THE LIGHT WE LOST: a thrilling love story about the roles that fate and choice play in shaping a life.

It?s been ten years. In case you?re out there somewhere. In case you?re listening, I?m here. And I have so much to tell you.

It?s been nearly 10 years since Gabe has been gone when Lucy finds a tiny piece of paper in a box of his old photos. An address in Rome. Why did Gabe keep it, and what was he doing in Italy? Lucy buys a last-minute plane ticket. Impulsive, but Gabe always brought that out in her.

Lucy?s journey to uncover Gabe?s secret leads her to Dr. Dax Armstrong, a New Yorker in Italy working with an NGO. His broad shoulders and sad, intense eyes draw Lucy in. His touch reaches her in a forgotten place --- one that no one has neared since Gabe.

But her old life awaits, along with an earth-shattering decision --- whether she and Darren should tell their son, Samuel, the truth about his father. How can Lucy move forward while she?s rooted in the past? Fate broke her heart once. Can finding new love set her free?

Discussion Guide

1. Have you ever felt intrinsically connected to someone, like Lucy felt with Gabe?

2. Have you ever kept a secret, small or large, from most of your friends and family? If so, how did it impact those relationships? Is there anything that would make you reveal the truth?

3. Eva is such an important confidant to Lucy, and the catalyst to her traveling to Italy to learn more about the address she finds among Gabe?s things. Is there anyone in your own life with whom you share this type of close, influential bond?

4. What was your favorite scene, and why?

5. How did you feel about Darren?s behavior as it related to Lucy?s secret? How might you react in his position?

6. Meeting Bashir and his family is such a special moment, as Lucy gets a little piece of Gabe back from that interaction. If you have experienced loss, in what ways have the stories and experiences of other people brought a memory back to life?

7. Do you agree with Lucy?s choice to keep Samuel?s parentage a secret? Do you agree with her choice to reveal it when and how she does? Why or why not?

8. The connection between Lucy and Gabe always seems to come back to Shakespeare in some way, perhaps because they first met in a Shakespeare seminar in college. What is it about literature that is both so binding and lasting?

9. Have you ever made a choice that went against your typical decision making, like Lucy did in attempting to open her heart to Dax? What did that choice look like for you, and in what ways do you think it changed your outcome?

10. What did you think of the ending? Are there any questions you wish you had the answers to?

Author Bio

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