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The Odds of You and Me

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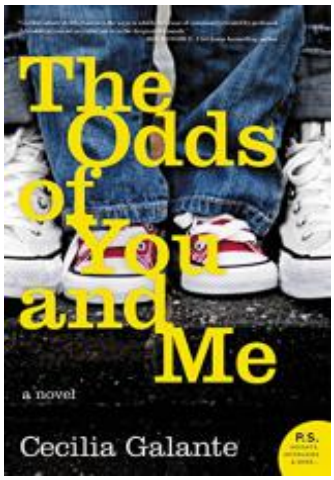

About the Book

Thirteen days. That?s all Bernadette ?Bird? Sincavage has left to go until she?s done with her probation and can be free again. Free from making payments to the supermarket she wrote bad checks to. Free from living at home with her overzealous mother who?s constantly nagging her about attending church again. Free to give her four-year-old son, Angus, the normal life he deserves. Her impending freedom and move to Moon Lake, where she?s plunked down a deposit on a brand new apartment, is so close she can almost taste it. What trouble could she possibly get into in just thirteen days?

But trouble does follow in the form of James Rittenhouse --- someone she worked with a few years ago. At first, Bird is stunned to see James make the evening news when he?s arrested for assaulting someone in a local bar. But that?s nothing compared to the shock she gets when she discovers James hiding out in an abandoned church choir loft. Somehow he escaped police custody, broke his leg, and got his hand on a gun, which he?s now pointing at her.

Although Bird doesn?t tell anyone she saw James, there?s no way she?s helping him. She can?t screw up her probation or her second chance for a new future. And she has her son?s welfare to think about. Still. If only she could stop thinking about the terrified look in James? eyes and the fact that he?s hurt. If only she could forget that once, long ago, James helped her out, and she owes him a debt like no other.

Will Bird jeopardize her future for someone who helped her out in the past? A past that holds secrets she?s not quite sure she?s ready to face? Or will she turn a blind eye and learn to live with the consequences?

Discussion Guide

Guide to come.

Author Bio

Cecilia Galante, who received an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Goddard College, Vermont, is the author of six young adult novels and a children?s chapter-book series. She has been the recipient of many awards, including an NAIBA Best Book of the Year, and an Oprah?s Teen Read Selection for her first novel, THE PATRON SAINT OF BUTTERFLIES.

Critical Praise

?Galante?s gift for storytelling lies in her ability to find the extraordinary within the ordinary. Readers will fall in love with her unforgettably complex protagonist, Bird, along with the overall authenticity of her prose.?

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