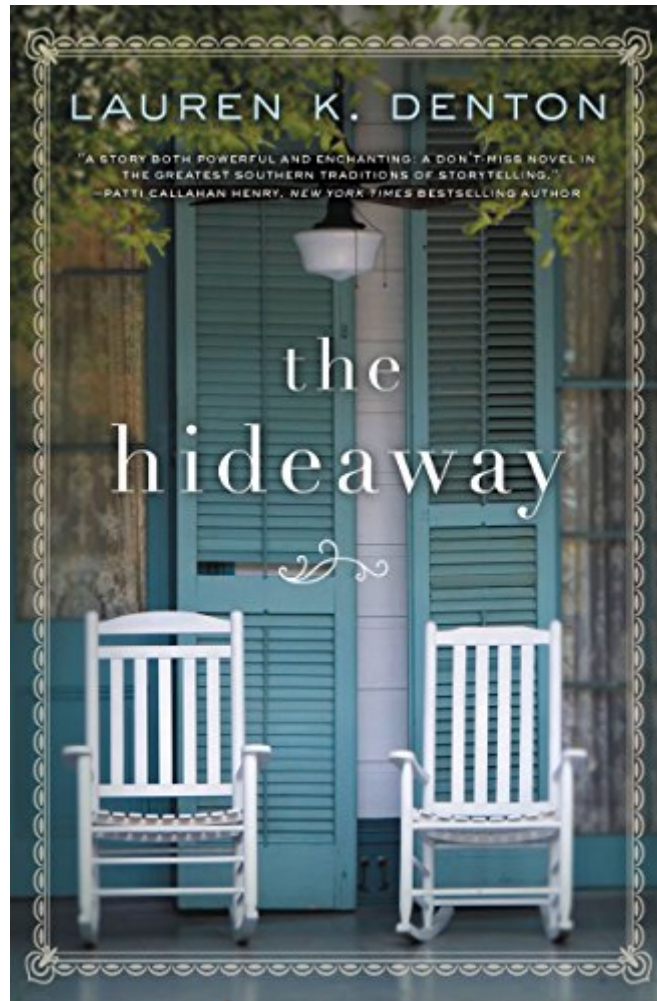




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The Hideaway



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Synopsis

Now a USA Today and Charts Bestseller! “A story both powerful and enchanting: a don’t-miss novel in the greatest southern traditions of storytelling.” —Patti Callahan Henry, New York Times bestselling author When her grandmother’s will wrenches Sara back home, she learns more about Margaret Van Buren in the wake of her death than she ever knew in life. After her last remaining family member dies, Sara Jenkins goes home to The Hideaway, her grandmother Mags’s ramshackle B&B in Sweet Bay, Alabama. She intends to quickly tie up loose ends then return to her busy life and thriving antique shop in New Orleans. Instead, she learns Mags has willed The Hideaway to her and charged her with renovating it—no small task considering her grandmother’s best friends, a motley crew of senior citizens, still live there. Rather than hurrying back to New Orleans, Sara stays in Sweet Bay and begins the biggest house-rehabbing project of her career. Amid drywall dust, old memories, and a charming contractor, she discovers that slipping back into life at The Hideaway is easier than she expected. Then she discovers a box Mags left in the attic with clues to a life Sara never imagined for her grandmother. With help from Mags’s friends, Sara begins to piece together the mysterious life of bravery, passion, and choices that changed her grandmother’s destiny in both marvelous and devastating ways. When an opportunistic land developer threatens to seize The Hideaway, Sara is forced to make a choice—stay in Sweet Bay and fight for the house and the people she’s grown to love or leave again and return to her successful but solitary life in New Orleans. “Two endearing heroines and their poignant storylines of love lost and found make this the perfect book for an afternoon on the back porch with a glass of sweet tea.” —Karen White, New York Times bestselling author

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Customer Reviews

It's not often that I can classify a book as "an experience," but this one truly fits the bill. I felt at home in the clear, painterly descriptions of this novel; I could see myself walking beneath those mossy oaks, meandering in the back garden, and inhaling the fresh air of the bay. Upon finishing the story, I felt as though I just returned from a lovely vacation, thoroughly refreshed from my charming, immersive stay in this sweet Southern town. The primary locale of the book, the Hideaway, deserves mention as a character of its own right. The Hideaway is filled to the brim with secrets, and it bursts with a transformative energy, as it too is transformed. As a bridge between past and present, the Hideaway enriches the inner lives of a grandmother and granddaughter who both come to know it on their own terms. I enjoyed the parallel storylines in this book, and found these narratives to hit just the right balance of depth and lightness - illuminating the needs and desires of these two women, while revealing their quirks and - yes, even their playful sides, in a beautiful ode to the human experience. This book may cause you to look a little deeper at yourself, as you examine what you really want in your life. This book may also inspire you to look a little deeper at others - including the elderly generation, whose rich and important tales deserve to be told.

The reference to panty hose near the beginning of the book made me go, "Ut-oh" because panty hose wasn't available to consumers until 1967 or 1968 and I thought it showed the author put no research into the book. However, I'm so glad I continued to read. This book captured me, and I will admit that a bit of this was because Mags' love story, in some ways, was very similar to mine. For those who disbelieve you can still love someone, even though you haven't seen them in almost 50 years, I'm here to tell you, you're wrong. I loved this book, for the main story line and the sub-plot. I

wish her next book would be available sooner than October, 2018, but I guess I'll just have to wait.

This is an amazing book, one I would recommend to anyone who needs a Hideaway to find the life they are meant to discover within themselves. I am from Louisiana and the New Orleans setting caught my heart and attention from the beginning. As I continued to read, I found myself drawn to the old house, but mostly to Mags. She was able to touch people's lives simply because love had touched hers and changed her into who she really was, a woman with an incredible capacity to connect with others. Her influence continued to touch and change lives even after her death. Thus at THE hideaway, people found love, but most importantly, they found themselves.

I loved how the story drew me in from the beginning. I fell in love with the odd but charming characters. It's a love story in a love story told slowly from two different eras, two different points of view. Sweet

I'd heard this called a love letter to the South and that's true, but it's also a heartwarming read about friends, family and the family you choose.

This was a wonderful story beautifully told. It had terrific characters, true love and wonderful friendships. A very moving story. A must read.

I loved this book. Great story and writing. I thought I had one part of the plot figured out, but no. It was fun to read this book.

Thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Characters were totally relatable and as a reader I felt like I was there with them. Wish I had a "hideaway" to go to in real life.

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