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Finding Casey

a novel

Jo-Ann Mapson

“In this eagerly awaited sequel to *SOLOMON’S OAK* (2010), the magical, masterful Mapson reinforces her deserved reputation as a storyteller who captures women’s issues with distinctive honesty and daring insight.” —Booklist

“A touching portrait of parallel lives...Set against the beautiful backdrop of the burnished New Mexican desert, Mapson's portrait of familial ties and personal discovery shouldn't be missed.”
—Publishers Weekly

“Mapson delves into the psyches of her well-developed characters with agility and grace.”
—Library Journal

In 2009, the world was riveted by the story of Jaycee Dugard—the young woman discovered, along with the children she bore in captivity, 18 years after being kidnapped. The case inspired author Jo-Ann Mapson to wonder: after such trauma, how does one find the will to go on?

Mapson’s haunting new novel, **FINDING CASEY (Bloomsbury / pub date: October 2, 2012 / \$26 hardcover)**, explores this question, weaving together the stories of a long-ago kidnapped child, now grown, with that of the people left to mourn her.

When Glory and Joe Vigil formally adopted Juniper, she was convinced that moving out of state and changing her name would release her from the grief of her sister’s disappearance. She thrived in the anonymity that came with their move from California, where her tragic family history would always define her as “the sister of Casey McGuire, the girl who never came home.”

Eight years after Casey’s disappearance the case is considered cold. While her body was never found, she is believed to be dead, though ten years will have to pass before the courts can legally declare it. Juniper agrees this is the most logical outcome, but a part of her heart still holds out hope. And when a college course takes her to a pueblo just a few hours from home, she discovers this hope is not unfounded.

Bestselling author Jodi Picoult writes, “FINDING CASEY is so many things: a love letter to the American Southwest, an unstoppable read, a redemptive tale that proves the threads binding a family are unbreakable, no matter how far apart we are flung by fate.”

About the author

Jo-Ann Mapson is the author of ten previous novels, including the beloved *Solomon's Oak*, winner of the American Library Association's 2011 RUSA Award for Women's Fiction, *Hank & Chloe*, *Blue Rodeo* (also a CBS TV movie), and the *Los Angeles Times* bestsellers *The Wilder Sisters* and *Bad Girl Creek*. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with her husband and their three dogs.

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