

# Trust

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SUSANNA Greenfield is a good person, a good wife, a good daughter and a good mother.

Everything is ordered in her world and that helps her ignore the gnawing hole that once housed her creative, artistic self. Then a series of events and revelations puncture the carefully maintained surface, revealing holes deep and wide in each family member. But it is a single, pressured decision that deals the knock-out blow. For Susanna, and everyone else, from that time on there is a "before" and an "after" because no one is the same again.

A compelling story, *Trust* is a bold gaze into the soul of relationships. Author Kate Veitch successfully combines a well thought-out plot with insightful storytelling and realistic dialogue. She began this winning method with her bestselling first novel *Listen*.

With *Trust*, Veitch takes the tender, profound way she dealt with characters in *Listen* and builds on it.

Susanna's relationship with her husband is revealed to be less honest than she thought it was; the intricate interactions with her sister and beloved mother live in the shadows of childhood. Even her relationships with her very different children are layered with light and dark.

Veitch traverses the most sensitive emotional territory but does not let the

story become weighed down in it. Part of the reason is her characters - they are richly textured and gloriously human.

Through the prism of Susanna's life and relationships, Veitch explores the way trust can be bent and stretched, for good and ill reasons. It considers how our relationships, jobs and sexuality are built on it.

And she considers the tough instinct not just to survive but to grow that lives in all people.

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