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Dear Christy,

I am excited to announce the publication of my debut novel,

**WHISPERS
ACROSS A SEA,**

on April 23, 2024. Writing this historical novel has been a ten-year labor of love. It transported me a world away from my work for environmental education and land preservation on the San Francisco Peninsula and in Yosemite. With *Whispers*, I delved into my own family history and recreated a three-generation family saga set in Victorian Ireland at the end of the 19th century. Their story is based on the

letters of my Anglo Irish ancestors, the Youngs, and deeply informed by my research into their era of vast privilege, inequity, and change.

The inspiration for *Whispers* came from my grandmother Lucie. In 1885, propelled by a tragedy, eleven-year-old Lucie sailed from Canada to Ireland to live with her mother's family. Dublin became her home for the next nine years, where she grew up under the care of her Victorian maiden aunts Frances and Elfie, her widowed grandfather Thomas, and the occasional visit of her colorful, assertive paternal grandmother from Northern Ireland.

In 1920, when the last of Youngs were gone, Lucie returned to Dublin to clear out and sell the family home, RockView. As Lucie steps off the ship in Ireland, my reimagination of their lives begins...

Soon after she arrives at RockView, uncomfortable realities about the Youngs and what it truly means to be Anglo-Irish are awakened for Lucie as she discovers family letters and her grandfather's private journal. The velvet curtain of Victorian propriety, that blocked her vision as a girl, is pulled back revealing hidden loves, desires, fears and challenges, and disturbingly, a series of personal and political events, beyond their control, thrusting change upon the Youngs and the Irish who work for them.

After reading *Whispers*, an author friend wrote, "The narrative flows like a stream into an Irish world of the past full of color, spirit, and a medley of distinctive characters. As one family's story intermingles with its surrounding local and national histories, a bygone time comes alive on the page as if by magic or incantation." As you read *Whispers Across A Sea*, I hope Victorian Ireland comes alive for you too.

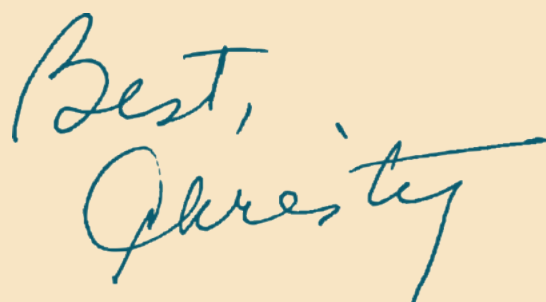
Visit my website today to learn more about *Whispers Across A Sea*:

www.christinahollowayauthor.com. The information and photos you find there will enhance your enjoyment of *Whispers Across a Sea* and show you more of the personal histories that helped create the novel.

On the website there is a link for your pre-order of the paperback or eBook, to be delivered to you by Amazon on the publication date, April 23, 2024. Your local bookstores can also order the book for you.

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