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Gail Jones

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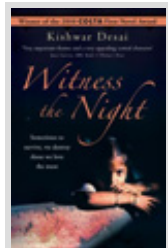


LIKE BEES TO HONEY
Caroline Smailes

In her latest novel *Like Bees to Honey* Smailes weaves a beautiful story of redemption and renews our way of seeing the world as she does so. The storyline follows Nina, a burdened and troubled woman, as she travels from her adopted home in Liverpool to her native hometown in Malta.

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Kishwar Desai

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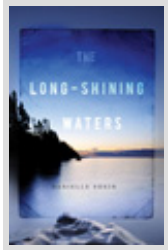
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THE LONG-SHINING WATERS

Danielle Sosin

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Charlotte Simpson reports on this exciting literary event.



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Anna North

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Three readers discuss Kathleen Winter's Award-Winning novel, *Annabel*



BIG GIRL SMALL

Rachel DeWoskin

Judy Lohden is smart and talented; she has a scathing sense of humour and is just a little bit conceited. She is 16 years old, starting a new year in a new school, trying to find her place in the often vicious, often changing world that is high school.

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THE HOTTEST DISHES OF THE TARTAR CUISINE

Alina Bronsky

Translated from the German by Tim Mohr

Rosalinda Achmetowna is a woman who delights you on the written page but would horrify you should she appear on your doorstep, suitcase in hand. She rules her home and acquaintances with an iron hand, positive of both the fact that they are utterly useless and the corollary that she knows exactly what is needed to whip everyone into shape.

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DARK DESIRES AND THE OTHERS

Luisa Valenzuela

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