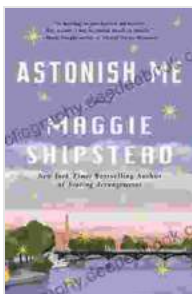


Astonish Me: A Novel That Will Leave You Breathless

Astonish Me is a novel by Maggie Shipstead that tells the story of a young couple who fall in love and get married, only to find that their relationship is not what they expected. The novel is full of twists and turns, and it will keep you guessing until the very end.

The novel begins with Joan and Ethan, two young actors who meet and fall in love. They are both beautiful and talented, and they seem to be the perfect match. However, as they get to know each other better, they realize that they have very different personalities. Joan is a free spirit who loves to take risks, while Ethan is more cautious and reserved.



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Language	: English
File size	: 3949 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
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Print length	: 274 pages



Despite their differences, Joan and Ethan get married. They are both determined to make their relationship work, but they soon realize that it is

not going to be easy. Joan is constantly pushing Ethan to step outside of his comfort zone, while Ethan is always trying to rein in Joan's wild side.

As the years go by, Joan and Ethan's relationship begins to deteriorate. They start to argue more and more, and they both begin to feel like they are losing themselves in the relationship. Joan starts to resent Ethan for holding her back, while Ethan starts to feel like he is not good enough for Joan.

One day, Joan meets a man named Harris. Harris is everything that Ethan is not. He is handsome, charming, and adventurous. Joan is immediately drawn to him, and they soon begin an affair. Ethan is devastated when he finds out about the affair, and he confronts Joan. Joan tells Ethan that she is leaving him for Harris.

Ethan is heartbroken, but he eventually moves on. He meets a woman named Anna, and they start a new life together. Joan and Harris also get married, but their relationship is not as happy as it once was. Joan realizes that she made a mistake in leaving Ethan, and she starts to regret her decision.

Astonish Me is a novel about love, marriage, and relationships. It is a story about the challenges that couples face when they try to make their relationships work. The novel is full of twists and turns, and it will keep you guessing until the very end.

Characters

- Joan: A free spirit who loves to take risks.
- Ethan: A cautious and reserved actor.

- Harris: A handsome, charming, and adventurous man.
- Anna: A kind and compassionate woman.

Themes

- Love
- Marriage
- Relationships
- Secrets
- Betrayal

Setting

The novel is set in New York City and London.

Writing Style

Shipstead's writing style is lyrical and evocative. She has a gift for creating characters that are both complex and relatable.

Reviews

"Astonish Me is a tour de force. It is a novel that will stay with you long after you finish it." - The New York Times

"Astonish Me is a must-read for anyone who has ever been in love." - The Washington Post

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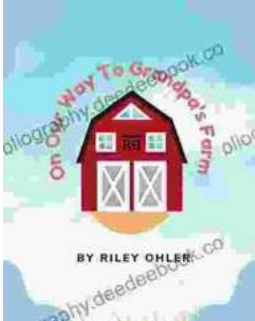


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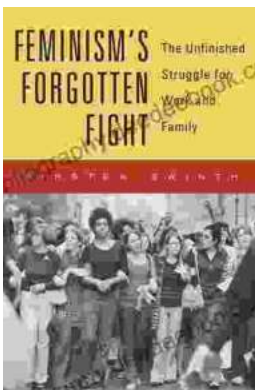
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