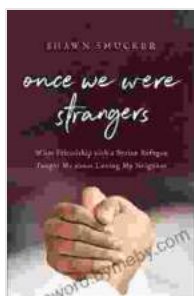


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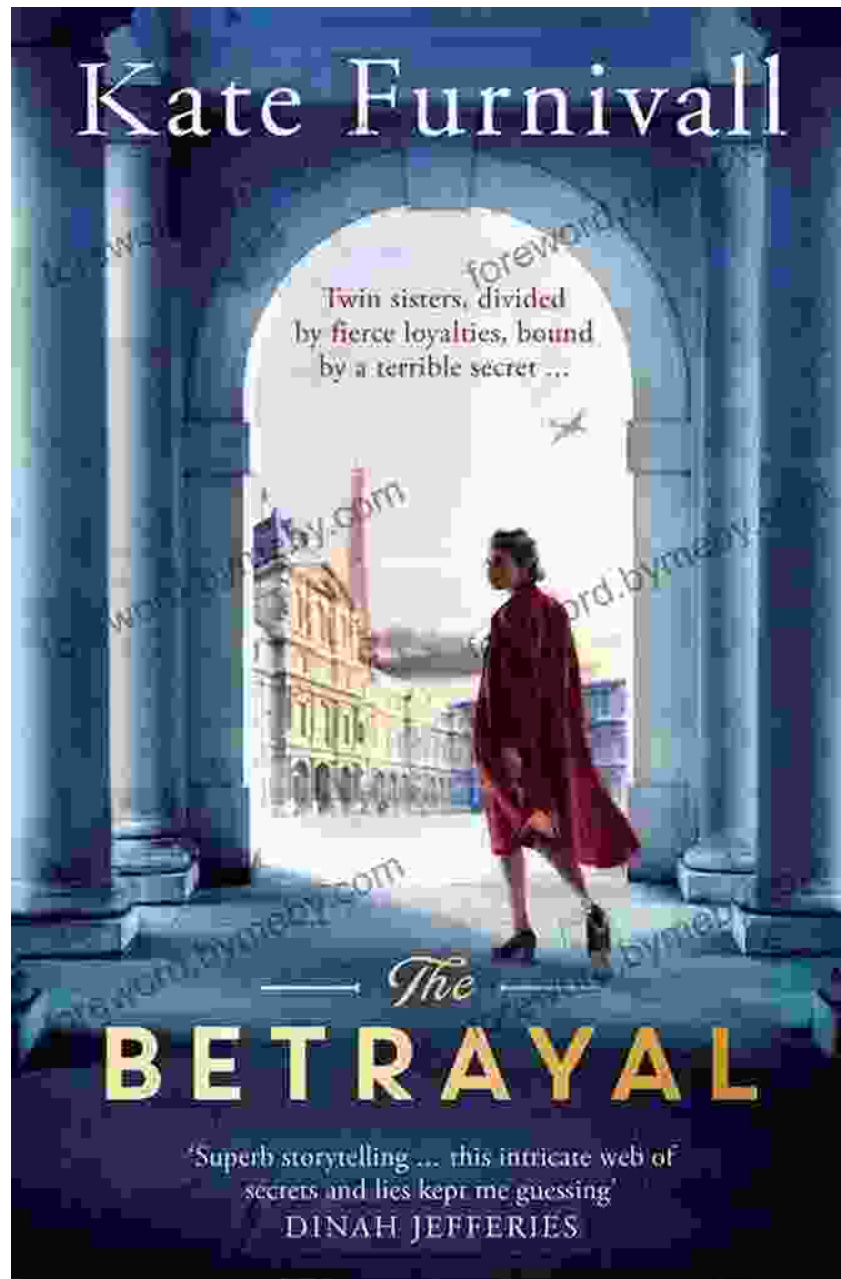
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At the heart of the story lies the enigmatic Fairweather family, each member harboring their own secrets and grappling with the consequences of past choices. As the novel delves into their lives, we encounter Alice, a mother desperate to protect her daughter from the shadows of her own past, Will, an estranged husband haunted by a tragic accident, and Lily, a teenage girl yearning to discover her true identity.

As their paths intertwine, long-buried secrets begin to surface, threatening to tear the family apart. The novel's intricate plot weaves together a tapestry of betrayal, mistrust, and secrets that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end.

### **Unforgettable Characters that Stay with You Long After the Last Page**

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Alice's unwavering love for her daughter is a powerful testament to the strength of motherhood. Will's battle with grief and guilt is a poignant exploration of the complexities of loss. And Lily's search for her birth family is a moving portrayal of the longing for belonging and connection.

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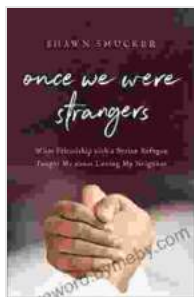
an intimate portrayal of family life, creating a rich and multifaceted reading experience.

As the story progresses, the lines between truth and deception blur, and the characters are forced to confront the consequences of their actions. The novel raises profound questions about loyalty, forgiveness, and the enduring power of family bonds.

## **A Captivating Read that Will Haunt You Long After You Finish**

Lisa Jewell's "Once We Were Strangers" is a captivating and emotionally resonant novel that will stay with you long after you finish it. Its intricate plot, unforgettable characters, and thought-provoking themes make it a must-read for fans of suspenseful thrillers and intelligent family dramas.

So immerse yourself in the world of the Fairweather family, where secrets unravel, betrayals sting, and the enduring power of love shines through the darkness. "Once We Were Strangers" is an unforgettable and deeply satisfying reading experience that will leave you yearning for more.



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