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Lonsdale brilliantly explores the grief of loss, if we can really let go of our great loves, and if some secrets are better left buried. With a good dose of drama, a heart-wrenching love story, and the suspense of unanswered questions, Lonsdale's layered and engrossing debut is a captivating read." —Karma Brown, bestselling author of *Come Away With Me* "A stunning debut with a memorable twist, *Everything We Keep* effortlessly layers family secrets into a suspenseful story of grief, love, and art. This is a gem of a book." —Barbara Claypole White, bestselling author of *The Perfect Son* "Everything We Keep takes your breath from the very first line and keeps it through a heart-reeling number of twists and turns. Well-plotted, with wonderful writing and pacing, on the surface it appears to be a story of love and loss, but just as you begin to think you've worked it out, you're blindsided and realize you haven't. It will keep you reading and guessing, and trust me, you still won't have it figured out. Not until the very end" —Barbara Taylor Sissel, author of *Crooked Little Lies* and *Faultlines* "Wow—it's been a long time since I ignored all of my responsibilities and read a book straight through, but it couldn't be helped with *Everything We Keep*. I was intrigued from the start...So many questions, and Lonsdale answers them in the most intriguing and captivating way possible." —Camille Di Maio, author of *The Memory of Us*

About the Author Kerry Lonsdale believes life is more exciting with twists and turns, which may be why she enjoys dropping her characters into unexpected scenarios and foreign settings. She graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and is a founder of the Women's Fiction Writers Association, an online community of authors located across the globe. She resides in Northern California with her husband, two children, and an aging golden retriever who's convinced she's still a puppy. *Everything We Keep* is Kerry's first novel. Connect with her at www.kerrylonsdale.com.

Customer Reviews Most helpful customer reviews 649 of 693 people found the following review helpful. A stellar debut you can't afford to miss By Nichole B. Finally have the time to review this book properly. If you want the short version, this is amazing fiction with so many twists and turns you'll never see the big ones coming. I actually tweeted the author while I was reading, "every time I think I know where this book is going, you pull the rug out!" This results in an usually fast-paced story (at least for women's fiction) of a woman struggling to overcome the grief of losing her childhood sweetheart - who was meant to be her husband - and figure out who she is in the wake of such terrible tragedy. But the kicker is all may not be as it seems. *Everything We Keep* is also a bit of a mystery novel, and it's one particularly large looming question that keeps the characters and the readers guessing. Speaking of characters, Kerry's cast is incredibly well-developed and they feel like real people with virtues, weaknesses and plausible back story. She even made me fall in love with two men at the same time...which I knew wasn't going to end well for me! Add to that settings so vivid I want to pack up and live there and you've got an amazing story. I also want to say something about the epilogue because so many people have cited it as a reason for giving the book a low rating. No spoilers, don't worry. A) No matter what happens in the epilogue, that alone shouldn't be a reason to trash and book if you otherwise enjoyed it. B) This is the first book in a series, so you can't expect everything to be neatly tied up. C) Women's fiction is different from romance in that it doesn't require a happily ever after. You may still get one, but life is complex, and so fiction should be as well. Kudos to Kerry for an incredible debut that has made me a life-long fan. 379 of 417 people found the following review helpful. I would give it 7 stars if I could By Robert Boze This review is written by Bob Boze on behalf of Truth About Books I'm always pleased to give a good review: Especially when it comes on the heels of two, not so good, reviews. In this case, my review rating is not good; it's absolutely outstanding. If I could, I'd give *Everything We Keep* a 7 out of 5 rating. 5 for being very good, 6 for outstanding writing and, 7 because it's the authors first book. Yes, not only am I in love with this book, I've added it to my top three books list. Aimee Tierney is madly in love with her childhood sweetheart, James. They grew up together, he protected her at every turn and they became engaged. Just before the wedding, James must go on a business trip to Mexico. A trip

that only his body returns from. So, instead of saying their vows, Aimee ends up burying James on their planned wedding day. Devastated, Aimee spends over a year refusing to accept James death and move on with her life. Adding to this are the strange messages from a psychic telling her that James is not dead. Pushed by her friends to at least start working on a life without James, she opens a specialty café. They also drag her kicking and screaming back into life beyond her home and the café. Here, she meets Ian, a photographer that she immediately develops feelings for. Feelings that are certainly mirrored by Ian. But the feelings and messages that James is not dead, persist. Feelings and verification of his death that she must resolve if she is ever to move on. So, two years after his purported death, Ian joins her, as she travels to Mexico to find her fiancée, who she is now certain is not dead. As she and Ian search for James, and the truth; secrets from their past and James' family surface, along with her feelings for Ian and realization of what her life with James was really like. Everything We Keep not only has a unique plot, it is full of twists and turns that will keep you guessing, especially toward the end as she and Ian seek the truth in Mexico. It is also exceptionally well written with little to no errors (I think I found one), wonderful character development and an author who has mastered show, don't tell. An excellent novel that kept me up until 2:30 AM to find out how it ends. By the way, several people with bad reviews due to a lot of errors, poor editing and a love story with no mystery, must have read a different book than I did. 74 of 78 people found the following review helpful. Well-crafted story By Susan Horton What an enjoyable story! A few plot twists I didn't see coming and an ending you won't forget. Well developed secondary characters make me want to read their stories too. I give it 4 stars out of 5 because the women are potty-mouths and the number of f-bombs increased as the story moved forward. By the last few chapters I was tired of it and wondered why this gifted author couldn't be more imaginative with their speech. That's really my only complaint, and anyone sensitive about this issue may wish to know before reading. See all 11299 customer reviews...

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