

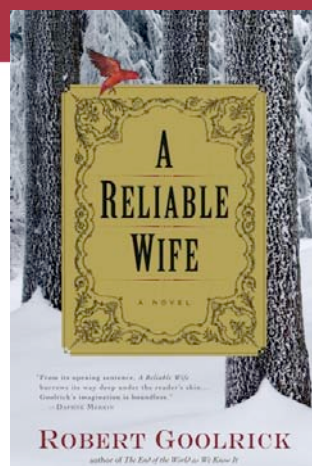
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A RELIABLE WIFE

By **ROBERT GOOLRICK**
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SELLING POINTS:

- Algonquin's lead title for spring
- Has received tremendous early buzz
- Foreign rights have sold in seven countries
- Glowing prepub reviews in both *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly*
- Goolrick's first book, the memoir *The End of the World as We Know It*, is highly regarded
- In January 26 issue of *Publishers Weekly*, *A Reliable Wife* will be highlighted in their "Debut Fiction" feature

PLOT DESCRIPTION:

Set in a small Wisconsin farming and manufacturing town still crumbling a decade after the depression of the 1890s, *A Reliable Wife* tells the story of Ralph Truitt, a wealthy businessman who advertises for "a reliable wife" in newspapers across America. The woman he chooses, Catherine Land, describes herself as "a simple, honest woman," but in truth she is both complex and devious—not the missionary's daughter she claims to be in her letter to Truitt but a courtesan of great beauty, kept by men and haunted by a terrible past. Catherine's plan in accepting the marriage offer is simple: she will win this man's devotion, and then, ever so slowly, she will poison him and leave Wisconsin a wealthy widow. What she has not counted on, though, is the passion she finds in this seemingly solid, forthright man—a man who also harbors secrets and whose own past is far from pure.

Filled with remarkable characters and drenched with color and atmosphere, *A Reliable Wife* is a story of love and madness, longing and murder, played out in a world that seems to have gone temporarily off its axis.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Robert Goolrick worked in advertising for many years and is the author of the highly acclaimed memoir *The End of the World as We Know It*. He lives in New York City.

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GENRE: Suspense



"After breaking through with a disquieting memoir ... Goolrick applies his storytelling talents to a debut novel, set in 1907, about icy duplicity and heated vengeance ... A sublime murder ballad that doesn't turn out at all the way one might expect."

—**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"I was totally captivated by A Reliable Wife. Raw and lyrical at the same time, Robert Goolrick's wonderful novel grips the reader with its complex and beautiful story."—**Sandra Brown**

"I predict hundreds of thousands of readers will be buying Robert Goolrick's [A Reliable Wife]."
—Sara Nelson, **Publishers Weekly**

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