

# WITHOUT GRACE

*A Novel*



CAROL HOENIG

*“Searching, soulful ... Without Grace is a heartfelt exploration of that small town in all of us, our bittersweet Place of Angels.”*

—Arthur Kent, journalist, documentary filmmaker,  
and author of *Warlord Reborn*

*“Like Scout Finch and Mattie Ross and Ellen Foster before her, Vicky Finley has grit and will and insight, a wry eye for the world around her, and a deeply engaging way of finding there a place of her own.”*

—Michael Malone, author of *Handling Sin*

After the death of her grandmother, Vicky Finley is left to create a place for herself in a houseful of men and becomes consumed by the notion of finding Grace, the mother who abandoned her family when Vicky was just a baby. Vicky’s devoted and protective older brother Kevin does his best to look after her while fighting to keep their land and spare their farming community from a ruthless developer who threatens to forever change the world they know.

The Finleys learn firsthand how memories can betray us, how secrets of the past can burden the present, and how tragedy can test our resolve. And as Vicky ambitiously pursues her passion for cooking, honors a promise to her brother, and manages to bring a struggling community together, she discovers what really makes a family.

*Without Grace* is a heartening portrait of small-town life and a tender and triumphant coming-of-age tale about the complexities and comforts of family and the healing that comes with letting go of the past.

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**Carol Hoenig** is at work on her third novel, *The Lambs’ Roar*.



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