Home Again

Author Kristin Hannah:

Born September 25, 1960, Kristin Hannah was born in California After graduating with a degree in communication from the University of Washington in 1983, Hannah worked at an advertising agency in Seattle. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound law school and practiced law in Seattle before becoming a full-time writer. Hannah wrote her first novel with her mother, who was dying of cancer at the time, but the book was never published. Hannah's best-selling work, *The Nightingale,* has sold over 4.5 million copies worldwide. Hannah lives on Bainbridge Island, WA, with her husband and their son.

Learn more about Kristin Hannah

Interview with Kristin Hannah: interview

Other Books by Kristin Hannah:

Standalone novels: (* means Burbank Public Library has a copy in the collection.)

A Handful of Heaven (July 1991)
The Enchantment (June 1992)
Once in Every Life (December 1992)*
If You Believe (December 1993)*
When Lightning Strikes (October 1994)
Waiting for the Moon (September 1995)
Home Again (October 1996)*
On Mystic Lake (February 1999)*
Angel Falls (April 2000)*
Summer Island (March 2001)*
Distant Shores (July 2002)*
Between Sisters (April 2003)*
The Things We Do for Love (June 2004)*
Comfort and Joy (October 2005) *
Firefly Lane (2008)*
True Colors (2009)*
Winter Garden (2010)*
Night Road (March 2011)*
Home Front (2012)*
Fly Away (2013)*
The Nightingale (2015)*
The Great Unknown (2018)*
The Four Winds (2021)*
The Women (2024)*

Omnibus

On Mystic Lake / Summer Island (2005)
Firefly Lane/ Fly Away (2008, 2013)

Learn more about Transplants:

Britannica Article

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) .

How to become an organ doner in California.

Do organs have memories?

Other books recommended by Burbank Public Library staff:

Romances set in the current day. (Just so you know, we also have a book club run out of the library that picks a diverse romance book every three months.)

Almost Sisters by Joshilyn Jackson. Heroine has to track down a one-night stand with the help of her niece while her sister's life falls apart and there are hints that Grandmother may be a mass murder. So funny.

Evvie Drake starts over: *a novel* by Linda Holmes. Baseball star in a slump rents out a room and… the usual but nicely done. (Let's face it, we rarely read romances without knowing how it's going to end – it's the journey we like.)

The Bride Test by Helen Hoang. Autistic's mom steps in to help son find a bride.

Ramón and Julieta : love & tacos by Alana Quintana Albertson. When fate and tacos bring Ramón and Julieta together on the Day of the Dead, the star-crossed pair must make a choice between food rivalry and love.

The Thorn Birds by Colleen McCullough. Not as modern as it is the story of the Cleary family of Australia covering 50 years and, at that, a while ago but has another priest falling in love.

Discussion Questions for *Home Again*:

1. Seventeen-year-old Angel betrays Madelaine by taking money from her father in exchange for ending their relationship. Why do you think he chose to do this? Do you understand his decision? Do you believe that a thing like this can or should be for- given? Do you think he would have made the same choice had he known that she was going to have the baby?

2. When Angel hears that he needs a heart transplant, he is both troubled and torn by the thought of having someone else's heart in his body. This is actually a common reaction. How do you think you would feel in that situation?

3. Do you think a person has a right to know about his or her organ donor, or is it better if confidentiality is maintained? Why or why not?

4. Should Madelaine have revealed Lina's father to her earlier? Is there an appropriate moment or age to have this kind of discussion with your child?

5. Francis and Angel were treated differently by their mother. How do you think this affected each man?

6. Madelaine tries so hard to be Lina's friend that she sometimes fails as a parent. In what instances do you believe Madelaine is a bad parent? When is she a good parent?

7. There is some scientific evidence that states that organs may hold memories on a cellular level. Do you believe that's possible? If so, do you believe that these memories can be transferred to the recipient? How does that possibility affect your opinion on organ donation?

8. Would Madelaine have told Angel about his donor if the media weren't involved? Do you think she should have kept it a secret?

9. Francis faces regrets about his life; do you believe that priesthood was truly his calling? How do you feel about his conflicted feelings between his love for his God and his faith and his longing for what could have been?

10. Lina is an angry and confused young girl who wants her mother's love yet rejects it. Why do you think it's so hard for children to express their feelings to their parents?

11. Madelaine grew up with a stern, rigid father, while Lina grew up with no father at all. How did this impact their lives and their characters?

12. Imagine these characters in five years. In ten. What do you think their lives will be like?