

Novel Tackles Twisted Ideologies

A yellowed newspaper clipping about a recently released prisoner who saves a drowning boy triggers a wrenching journey into memory for middle-aged Ruth Callis. Once a zealot in an evangelical fundamentalist church group in the far North, Ruth is forced to re-examine her own twisted ideologies in order to understand her role in a devastating relationship with an older, alcoholic, obsessive, and increasingly volatile suitor. When what seems like an ex-



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otic relationship erupts into fear and violence, Ruth's guarded heart is laid bare and her life irrevocably changed. Many years later, reports of the ex-prisoner's selfless act of bravery forces Ruth to confront the events of her past and, ultimately, her own act of forgiveness. A book of rare emotional honesty, *Released* reveals the selfishness of the so-called righteous, the intense cruelty of human beings and their divine capability for real love.

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