

# Small Wonder

By Eileen Kelly

**A portrait of a woman trying to find joy and connection in an age of anxiety: how do you raise a child as a single mother and keep a roof over your heads with the future so uncertain?**

Every day, Tina, preschool teacher and single mom, takes a run with her dog, goes to work, looks after her son and her friend/neighbor/landlady's girl, has a few glasses of wine, and, well, that's about it.

Enter Patrick, father of two, including a new boy in Tina's class. The families become friends, and Tina finds Patrick both attractive and interested. Maybe Patrick will work out—a big, happy blended family? If she ignores the sea of waving red flags...

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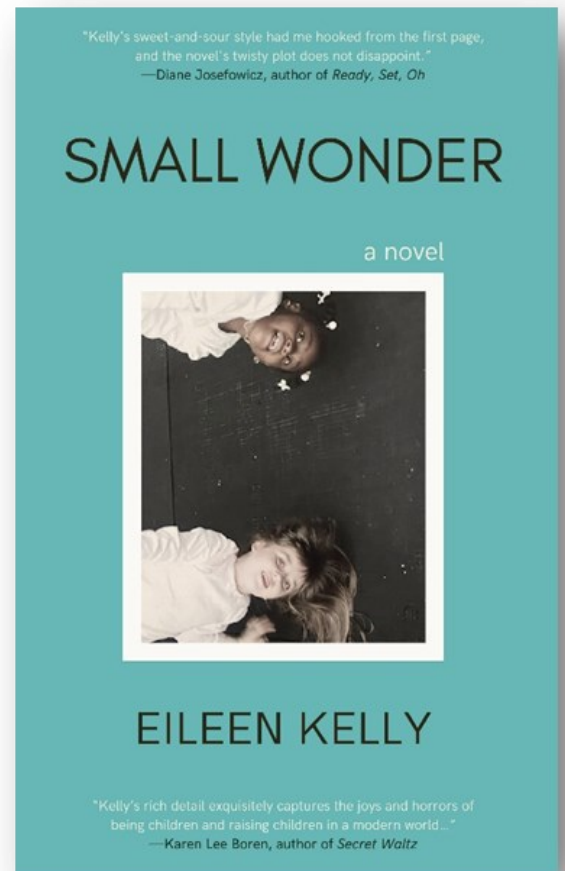
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