



Small Wonder

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Small Wonder is 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 time passing quickly and the future uncertain?

About Small Wonder:

Tina, 30-year-old preschool teacher and the single mom of ten-year-old Matty, finds herself stuck. Every day she takes her run with her dog, goes to work, looks after her friend/neighbor/landlady's girl, has a few glasses of wine, and, well, that's about it.

Enter a new student in Tina's preschool class, Jonah. He and his ten-year-old sister have just moved with their father Patrick from Colorado, leaving behind painful and muddled memories of their mother's sudden death. Tina finds Patrick an attractive man who endears himself to nearly everyone he meets, and he's available and interested.

Meanwhile, both Tina's housing and her employment are increasingly precarious. What about Patrick? Maybe something will work out there, a big, happy blended family perhaps. If she ignores the sea of waving red flags....

Advance praise for Small Wonder:

"...Pitch-perfect, realistic capture of urban domestic life in our time, it adds a dose of gaslighting drama that would put *Les Diaboliques* to shame."—Madison Smartt Bell, author of *All Souls' Rising*, finalist for the National Book Award

"Kelly's sweet-and-sour style had me hooked from the first page, and the novel's twisty plot does not disappoint."—Diane Josefowicz, author of *Ready, Set, Oh*

Kelly's rich detail exquisitely captures the joys and horrors of being children and raising children in a modern world..."—Karen Lee Boren, author of *Secret Waltz*

"...Clever and dark, humorous and harrowing...hard to put down."—Clifford Thompson, author of What It Is

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