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RISKING IT ALL

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Darton brings us a modern-day story that addresses the issue of infertility with grace and raw honesty. With a poignancy in her storytelling, Darton creates a heart-wrenching plot filled with aching tension and searing emotion. The use of multiple perspectives highlights the individual character struggles and will cause readers to get swept up into the story as a whole. Marcia is a strong-willed, determined heroine who drives the action of the story, and Jeff and Danny are vividly authentic and will appeal to readers. Darton's latest will leave a lasting impact long after the last page is read.

Marcia is dying to have a child. With all other methods of fertility exhausted, the only option left is surrogacy. Her husband, Jeff, is not totally on board with getting a surrogate, but agrees to it for Marcia. Things go smoothly with the surrogacy until unexpected tragedy strikes, thrusting Marcia into an unthinkable situation. In her determined way, and bearing the weight of the sudden tragedy, Marcia pushes on and makes a decision that sharply impacts her marriage. In her new role of motherhood, Marcia faces struggles that she didn't foresee, struggles that threaten to put her marriage at risk, causing her to wonder if this path she chose was worth it. (ST. MARTIN'S, Sep., 400 pp., \$16.99)

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