

DRIVING IN REVERSE - the life *i* almost missed

Secret Babies

Born in Secret Places

The Shame of Family, Community, and Religion

Imagine being a twenty-five-year-old man with your whole life ahead of you, and the day after your birthday, you watch your father lose his battle with The BIG C.

Imagine, less than two years later, The BIG C takes your mother away from you as well. You know you'll be okay because you are the youngest of seven, and the family will surely come together and coddle you. But they don't. Instead, you become an outsider, no longer part of the family.

Sixteen years pass. Two months of unyielding trauma began busting down your door in March 2003.

You lose your relationship + witness the deaths of five people, including your closest relative, aunt Priscilla.

You are too weak to kick out "*the love of your life*," who is now bringing home booty calls.

You're a fucking mess.

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You decide to escape to Europe. You need a new birth certificate to renew your passport. During the process, you accidentally discover the parents you watched die, and your six siblings aren't who they pretended to be – and you were a secret baby, born in a secret place, the shame of family, community, and religion. The news shatters your existence, causing you to dive deeply into your past to cobble together the truth, to find your identity + find happiness in the face of confusion.

GLUE is a white-knuckled rollercoaster ride riddled with events and experiences. Readers are dropped into a kaleidoscope of emotions ranging from anger, cynicism, dipping past fear and love to peace. Glue gracefully delivers readers into a twist and turns with a dose of sarcastic humour, synonymous with the author's masterful storytelling.

GLUE is a breathtaking meta-memoir, much larger than any one person's life. It deftly tackles some of the crippling social issues of today: adoption, abandonment, identity, sexuality, and health. Author Lindsay Wincherauk struggles with identity.

When life calms, Lindsay witnesses a gay-bashing in the Fountainhead Pub in Vancouver

and is thrust into the media spotlight as a critical witness.

Years later, when the stresses of life ease, he's informed his birth mother is dying. He travels to Calgary to say *hello* and *goodbye* alongside her deathbed.

And when the peace of mind finally arrives, he suffers a catastrophic stroke.

GLUE tackles the subject with originality, refinement, and whip-smart humour.

Much like *Driving in Reverse – The Life I Almost Missed* → *Glue* is an uplifting story that will resonate loudly with every one of us!

I would love to team with **Greystone** to bring this story to life. It would be an honour to join *Greystone's incredible* roster of gifted storytellers!

And I would love the opportunity to work with a Vancouver publisher!