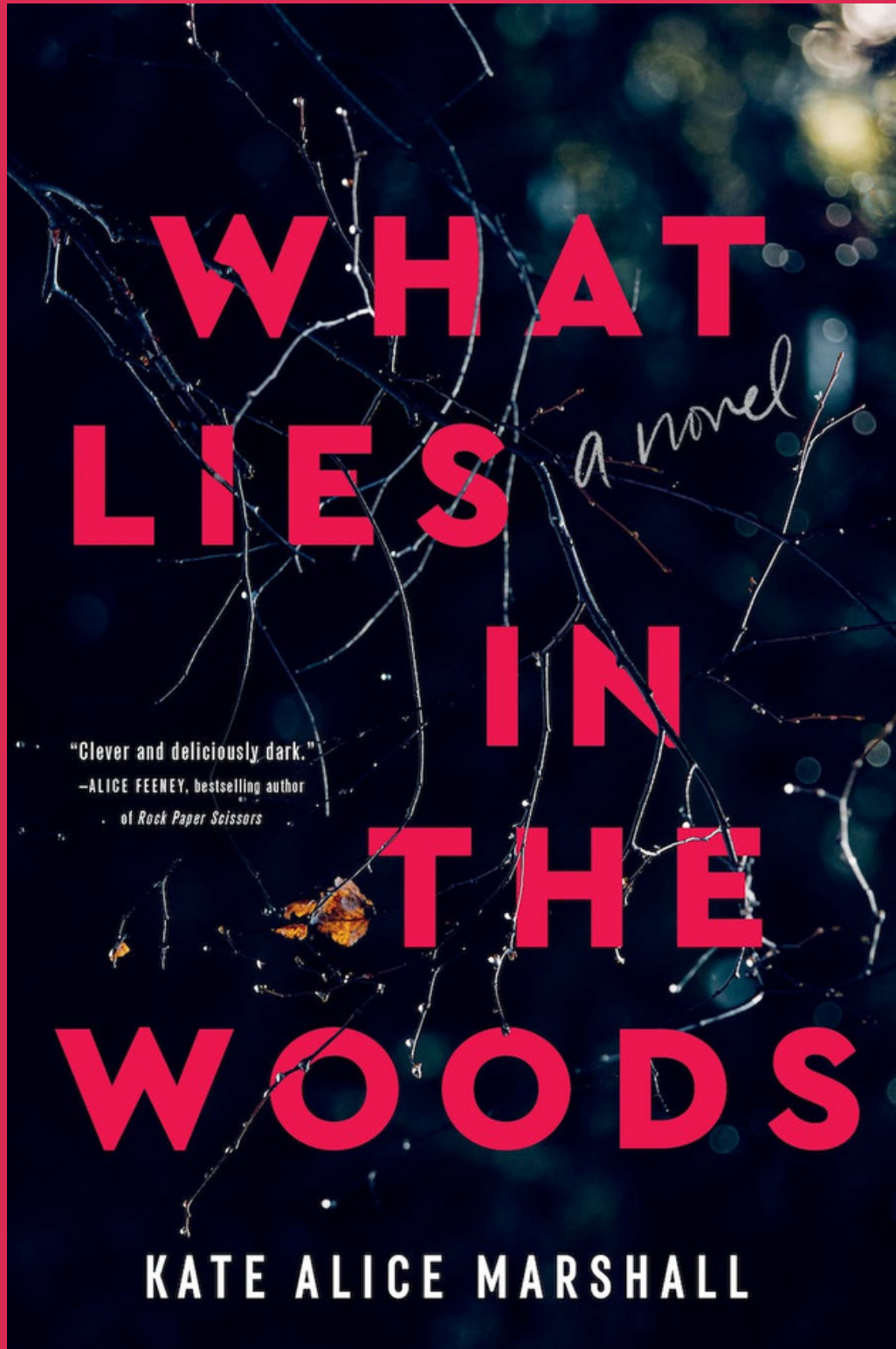


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# about the author

Kate Alice Marshall writes horror and thrillers for all ages, from middle grade to adult. Her books for younger readers include *I Am Still Alive*, which was nominated for the Washington State Book Awards, and *Rules for Vanishing*, which was nominated for the Bram Stoker Awards. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family. *What Lies in the Woods* is her first adult thriller.

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# about the book

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***They were eleven when they sent a killer to prison. They were heroes . . . but they were liars.***

Naomi Shaw used to believe in magic. Twenty-two years ago, she and her two best friends, Cassidy and Olivia, spent the summer roaming the woods, imagining a world of ceremony and wonder. They called it the Goddess Game. The summer ended suddenly when Naomi was attacked. Miraculously, she survived her seventeen stab wounds and lived to identify the man who had hurt her. The girls' testimony put away a serial killer, wanted for murdering six women. They were heroes.

And they were liars.

For decades, the friends have kept a secret worth killing for. But now Olivia wants to tell, and Naomi sets out to find out what really happened in the woods—no matter how dangerous the truth turns out to be.

*Flatiron Books/Macmillan 2022*

# Praise for *What Lies in the Woods*

"Marshall **elevates the novel** with unexpected plot twists, deep psychological perspicacity, and an **endlessly interesting dance between past and present** that evokes the dread and intensity of Gillian Flynn's *Sharp Objects*."

—*NYT Book Review (Editor's Choice)*

"Shines an **incisive light** on the secrets of a small-town community...Elevating this novel beyond the plethora of other thrillers is terrific writing...**Great writing and boldly drawn characters** bring a terrifying tale to all-too-vivid life."

—*Kirkus (Starred Review)*

"A **powerful psychological thriller**... This emotionally involving tale of friendship, betrayal, and redemption **leaves an indelible impression**."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"In a novel filled with **emotional depth** and convincing red herrings, Marshall delivers a **propulsive mystery** about **trust, secrets, and friendships**."

—*Booklist (Starred Review)*

"Already a powerhouse in YA circles, Marshall is more than ready to take on the world of adult fiction with this **unnerving and unforgettable tale** of the power of not just knowing the truth, but owning the telling of it."

—*BookReporter*



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# Praise for *What Lies in the Woods*

"I loved everything about this **beautifully written and impossible-to-put-down** book. I was hooked from the first **clever and deliciously dark** page and couldn't stop reading. Readers will love *What Lies in the Woods*, **an exciting new voice in the genre.**"

—ALICE FEENEY, bestselling author of *DAISY DARKER*

"A **haunting tale** of betrayal, heartbreak, and redemption told in poetic prose with deeply layered characters. Marshall's **master storytelling** is gripping and pulls you in with a magnetic force that **never lets go.**"

—LIV CONSTANTINE, bestselling author of *THE LAST MRS. PARRISH*

"Marshall shows she can't put a foot wrong with this confident debut in the adult thriller genre, spinning an **intricately compelling tale of friendship and magic**, sorrow and betrayal wrapped up in a suspenseful murder mystery. "

— *The Nerd Daily*

"*What Lies in the Woods* is a **gorgeous fever dream of a novel** about the dangers lurking in the hearts and imaginations of little girls. Marshall deftly charts a winding path through her creepy woods, doubling back and changing course to build a **labyrinth of secrets and lies** in which I was delighted to lose myself for hours. Hands down, **it's the best thriller I've read in a long, long time.**"

—CHANDLER BAKER, bestselling author of *THE HUSBANDS*

Utterly riveting. *WHAT LIES IN THE WOODS* is a stunner--dark, unflinching, and as twisty and sharp as a tangle of thorns."

— RILEY SAGER, *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE HOUSE ACROSS THE LAKE*

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