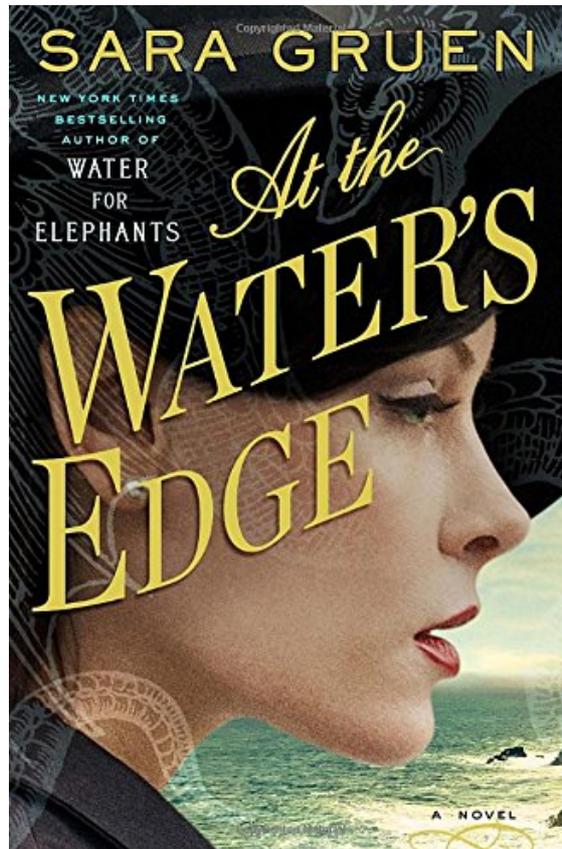


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Description:

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this thrilling new novel from the author of *Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen again demonstrates her talent for creating spellbinding period pieces. *At the Water's Edge* is a gripping and poignant love story about a privileged young woman's awakening as she experiences the devastation of World War II in a tiny village in the Scottish Highlands. After disgracing themselves at a high society New Year's Eve party in Philadelphia in 1944, Madeline Hyde and her husband, Ellis, are cut off financially by his father, a former army colonel who is already ashamed of his son's inability to serve in the war. When Ellis and his best friend, Hank, decide that the only way to regain the Colonel's favor is to succeed where the Colonel very publicly failed—by hunting down the famous Loch Ness monster—Maddie reluctantly

follows them across the Atlantic, leaving her sheltered world behind. The trio find themselves in a remote village in the Scottish Highlands, where the locals have nothing but contempt for the privileged interlopers. Maddie is left on her own at the isolated inn, where food is rationed, fuel is scarce, and a knock from the postman can bring tragic news. Yet she finds herself falling in love with the stark beauty and subtle magic of the Scottish countryside. Gradually she comes to know the villagers, and the friendships she forms with two young women open her up to a larger world than she knew existed. Maddie begins to see that nothing is as it first appears: the values she holds dear prove unsustainable, and monsters lurk where they are least expected. As she embraces a fuller sense of who she might be, Maddie becomes aware not only of the dark forces around her, but of life's beauty and surprising possibilities. Praise for *At the Water's Edge*: "Breathtaking . . . a daring story of adventure, friendship, and love in the shadow of WWII."—*Harper's Bazaar* "A gripping, compelling story . . . Gruen's characters are vividly drawn and her scenes are perfectly paced."—*The Boston Globe* "A page-turner of a novel that rollicks along with crisp historical detail."—*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* "Powerfully evocative."—*USA Today* "Gruen is a master at the period piece—and [this] novel is just another stunning example of that craft."—*Glamour* "A captivating tale."—*Us Weekly* "Compulsively readable . . . a rich, beautiful novel . . . at once a gripping love story, a profound examination of the effects of war on ordinary women, and a compelling portrait of female friendship."—*Kristin Hannah* "Utterly winning."—*The Miami Herald* "A compelling, enthralling read, a novel which captivates and rewards, paying off in a series of emotional and narrative twists . . . comfort reading of the highest order."—*The Globe and Mail* "A super steamy love story."—*Good Housekeeping* "Unique in its setting and scope, this impeccably researched historical fiction is full of the gorgeous prose I've come to expect from this author."—*Jodi Picoult* "[Gruen] conveys the lure of the Scottish Highlands. . . . *At the Water's Edge* captivates with its drama, intrigue and glimpses of both the dark and light of humanity."—*BookPage*

"It seems there's nothing so good or pure it can't be taken without a moment's notice." *At the Water's Edge* is a tale of Maddie, a woman who is married to a well-to-do man who is trying to prove his worth. Essentially, Maddie is forced to go along on a "monster quest" with her husband Ellis and his best friend Hank. They are in search of the Loch Ness Monster because years ago, Ellis's father ruined the family reputation by faking pictures of the creature. While away, Maddie comes to face many monsters, the least of her worries being Nessie. The book is set against a backdrop of World War II, which only enriches and enlivens the text. Gruen seamlessly weaves the war into the story, giving the book an even stronger depth due to the history behind it. The plot of the book doesn't center around the war, but the war certainly supports and highlights the themes of the work. From Ellis's failure to enlist in the war to bombings to mentions of concentration camps, Maddie feels the impacts of this devastating time in history as she suffers her personal battles. I found that I had absolutely nothing in common with Maddie from a social or cultural sense. The setting was far beyond my reach of personal knowledge, and Maddie's presence in an affluent society was also very different from my own life. However, this is what I loved most about the book. Because it was such a different concept with foreign settings, places, and customs, I was entranced by the work. I was fascinated by the inundation of culture in the work, by the foreign places and characters. It made Maddie's self-realizations even stronger because she was finding herself in a new and strange place. I liked watching her change because of the setting. I also liked exploring a different area of the world, a different time period, and a different way of life than what I am used to. The book is told in first person, which also gives the novel a depth that is unmatched in many novels. Maddie's complex emotions about the war, friendships, and her marriage are clearly revealed through the narrative pattern, allowing the reader to struggle along with the emotions of the tale right along with Maddie. This novel isn't just about a monster quest set in the 1940s, the Loch Ness Monster, or marriage. It's about friendship, about moving on past tragedy, and about how we don't have to let the past own us. There are many tragic events in the novel that keep it exciting and fast-paced. Even though it is told from first person point-of-view, it isn't just an emotional look at the events or a psychological, introspective novel. There is a lot of action in the novel and many events that keep the reader intrigued. Gruen has truly created another masterpiece equivalent if not stronger than *Water for Elephants*. Her ability to weave history with fiction while also exploring deep women's issues makes her one of the greatest writers of our time. Lindsay Detwiler, author of *Voice of Innocence*

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