

Secrets Behind the Door: A Novel

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Shivering, Molly Montgomery peers through the branches of her secret place, watching as the lamp in her bedroom window flickers on, then off. Seconds later, a fluorescent glow appears through slatted shutters of the adjacent room. Five-year-old Molly shudders. Only she can interpret the signal. Jeremy, her older brother, is on the hunt. She is his prey.

Secrets Behind the Door exposes the truth of incest, bringing the problem into focus through a family living in an affluent Chicago suburb. Real-estate maven Babs Montgomery heads the household—a role happily abdicated by her husband, Jameson. Their daughters barely register on their radar. Most-favored status goes to Jeremy, whose parents are blind to his faults—even when they stare at them in the form of purple bruises on Molly’s arm.

Shamed by the experience that forces her into an emotional deep freeze, Molly stays silent. People are dangerous. Isolation is safe.

Only one person breaks through her armor: Kate Johnson, a whimsical redhead who becomes Molly’s lifelong friend. Through Kate and her family, Molly experiences her initial encounters with the living God and begins a healing journey that transforms her life.