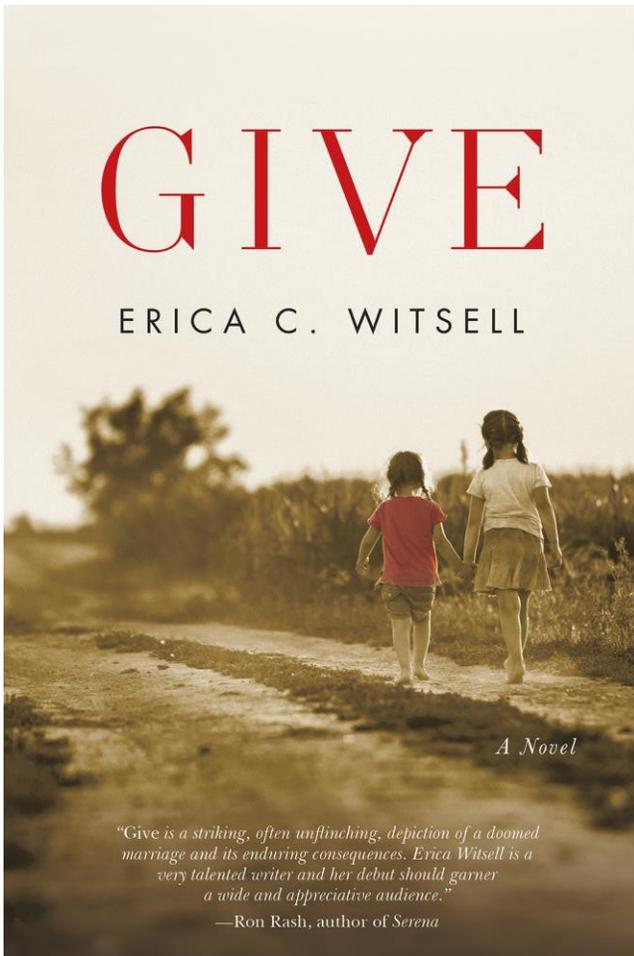


GIVE, A NOVEL

Written by Erica C. Witsell



“Give is a striking, often unflinching, depiction of a doomed marriage and its enduring consequences. Erica Witsell is a very talented writer and her debut should garner a wide and appreciative audience.” – Ron Rash, author of the 2009 PEN/Faulker Finalist and New York Times bestselling novel *Serena*

About the Book

A fractured family leaves two sisters struggling for belonging. One gift could change everything.

Every summer, Jessie and Emma leave their suburban home in the Central Valley of California and fly north to Baymont. Nestled among Mendocino's golden hills, with ponies to love and endless acres to explore, Baymont should be a child's paradise. But Baymont belongs to Laurel, the girls' birth mother, whose heedless parenting and tainted judgement cast a long shadow over the sisters' summers---and their lives.

Caught in a web of allegiances, the girls learn again and again that every loyalty has its price, and that even forgiveness can take unexpected turns. Years later, when Laurel asks her elder daughter for the ultimate gift, Jessie must decide just how much to give in the name of love.

Luminous and poignant, *Give* is the story of one family's troubled quest to redeem the mistakes of the past and a stirring testament to the bonds of sisterhood.

About the Author

Erica Witsell has a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a master's from UC Berkeley. Her writing has appeared in *The Sun Magazine*, and *Brain, Child's* online publication. *Give* is her debut novel.

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