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Editorial Review

From **Booklist**

After her parents die in a car accident on an icy road in Montana, Alma Terrebonne takes her full scholarship and goes to Bryn Mawr. She leaves behind her younger sister, Vicky, who lost a leg in the accident, and all the emotions she can no longer handle. Twelve years later, she is a corporate attorney about to make partner when the call comes that troubled, drug-addled, single-mother Vicky is dead. Alma heads home to identify the body, plan the funeral, and get back to Seattle as quickly as possible. But Vicky's accidental death may not be an accident. Her overbearing Uncle Walt is acting strange, a coal developer is getting just a little too pushy, and Vicky's daughter looks to Alma for safety. On top of that, Chance Murphy, her old boyfriend, won't allow her to tamp down her feelings, for him or for home, anymore. La Seur makes a very assured debut. Her characters are rich and believable; the plot is perfectly paced with mystery and romance enough to keep the reader hooked. And it's all played against a beautifully drawn Montana backdrop. --Elizabeth Dickie

Review

Walloping in suspense, drama, rage, and remorse, this debut is an accomplished literary novel of the new West. (Library Journal)

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La Seur entices readers with impeccable prose imbued with a blend of romance, nostalgia and suspense. (Kirkus Reviews)

Powerfully evocative and page-turning. (Rosamund Lupton, New York Times-bestselling author of SISTER and AFTERWARDS)

Carrie La Seur s debut is a gripping story of family, love and murder. Set against an indelibly drawn Montana landscape, The Home Place explores the intangible ways we are both defined by and in opposition to the people and places we call home. --(Tara Conklin, New York Times-bestselling author of The House Girl)

From the Back Cover

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For a Terrebonne, the home place is the safe haven, the convergence of waters, the place where the beloved dead are as real as the living....

The only Terrebonne who made it out, Alma thought she was done with Montana, with its cruel poverty, bleak winters, and stifling ways. Hard work and steely resolve got her to Yale, and now she's an attorney in a high-profile Seattle law firm, too consumed by her career to think about the past. But an unexpected call from the Montana police takes the successful lawyer back to her provincial hometown and pulls her into the family trouble she thought she'd escaped.

Her lying, party-loving younger sister, Vicky, is dead. The Billings police say that a very drunk Vicky wandered away from a party and died of exposure after a night in the brutal cold. The strong one who fled Billings and saved herself, Alma returns to make Vicky's funeral arrangements and see to her eleven-year-old niece, Brittany. Once she is back in town, Alma discovers that Vicky's death may not have been an accident.

Needing to make her peace with the sister she left behind, Alma sets out to find the truth, an emotional journey that leads her to the home place, her grandmother Maddie's house on the Montana plains that has been the center of the Terrebonne family for generations. She re-encounters Chance, her first love, whose presence reminds her of everything that once was . . . and everything that might be. But before she can face the future, Alma must acknowledge the truth of her own life—the choices that have haunted her and ultimately led her back to this place.

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Users Review

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Tina Brookins:

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