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A NOVEL

In Her Own Backyard

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Every street holds a secret.

New to the neighborhood and reeling from the traumatic birth of her second child, Marlowe Moore is barely holding it together. Battling postpartum depression and anxiety, she's desperate for stability.

But when she learns that a woman who once lived in her family's new home vanished without a trace, Marlowe becomes obsessed. As strange things happen and neighborly smiles feel like veiled threats, Marlowe can't shake the feeling that someone is hiding something.

She spirals further into paranoia, fixated on the abandoned case and determined to seek justice. But how can a woman who feels lost find a missing person?

Juggling the demands of her beloved family and her harrowing mental illness, Marlowe doesn't realize she is caught in a cat-and-mouse game that could cost her everything ... including her life.



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In 2016, she wrote *The Afterglow*, a mindfulness and cognitive behavioral therapy curriculum that supports parents experiencing postpartum depression and anxiety. In 2017, she published *I Gave Birth to My Heart*, a collection of poems about the secret anguishes and innumerable joys of reinventing oneself after postpartum depression. When she isn't counseling clients or volunteering with Postpartum Support International, Ashley loves to experiment in the kitchen and spend as much time outdoors as possible in San Diego, where she lives with her family. *In Her Own Backyard* is her first novel.



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