

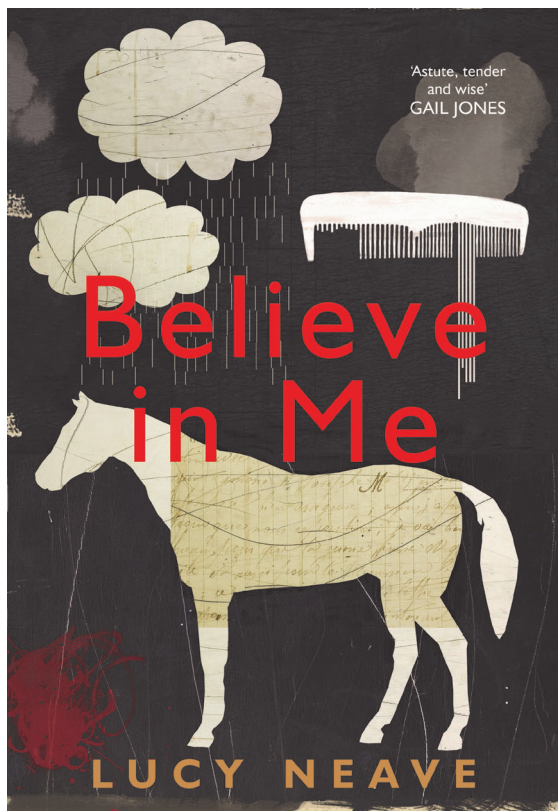
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BELIEVE IN ME

Lucy Neave | Fiction

Praise for *Believe In Me*



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'Astute, tender and wise'
Gail Jones

'A powerful story of mothers and daughters, of love and longing.'
Ashley Hay

'I was spellbound.'
Brenda Walker

'Neave asks: what does it mean to be a woman? Her answer is both subtle and surprising.'
Amanda Lohrey

A moving novel about family, freedom and knowing who you are. Perfect for fans of Ann Patchett, Joan London and Gail Jones.

As a teenager in the 1970s, Sarah is forced to leave her home in upstate New York to accompany a missionary to Idaho. When she falls pregnant, she is dispatched to relatives in Sydney, who place her in a home for unmarried mothers. Years later her daughter, Bet, pieces together her mother's life story, hoping to understand her better. As she learns more about Sarah's past, Bet struggles to come to terms with her own history and identity, yet is determined to make peace with Sarah's choices before it's too late.

Lucy Neave's moving and deeply personal second novel, *Believe in Me*, explores the relationships between mothers and their children across three generations of one family. The book questions what we can ever truly know of our parents' early lives, even as their experiences weave ineffably into our identities and destinies.

Lucy Neave grew up mostly in Australia, although she has lived for short periods in Toronto, London and Kathmandu. For several years she resided in the United States: first as a Fulbright scholar, then teaching English in universities, and in 2019 as a visiting scholar at New York University. Lucy's first novel, *Who We Were*, was shortlisted for the ACT Book of the Year. Her short fiction has been published in a range of Australian and American literary journals and in *Best Australian Stories*, and she was awarded a Griffith Review novella prize in 2018. She teaches creative writing at the Australian National University, where she is Associate Dean, Student Experience. She is the mother of two children. lucyneave.com

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