



### **AUTHOR BIO I**

Valerie Fraser Luesse writes authentic Southern stories with heart and soul, set in singular places she has explored, with compelling characters inspired by the people of the South.

### **AUTHOR BIO II**

Valerie Fraser Luesse writes authentic Southern stories with heart and soul, set in singular places she has explored as a writer for *Southern Living* magazine, with compelling characters inspired by the people of the South. Her first venture into fiction, *Missing Isaac*, won the 2018 Christy Award for best new novel and was followed by *Almost Home* (2019) and *The Key to Everything* (2020). The Alabama native and her husband live in Birmingham.

### **AUTHOR BIO III**

Valerie Fraser Luesse is the author of *Almost Home* and the bestselling, Christy Award–winning *Missing Isaac*. The longtime magazine writer is best known for her feature stories and essays in *Southern Living*, where she is currently the senior travel editor. Specializing in stories about unique pockets of Southern culture, Luesse has published major pieces on the Gulf Coast, the Mississippi Delta, Acadian Louisiana, and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Her editorial section on Hurricane Katrina recovery in Mississippi and Louisiana won the 2009 Writer of the Year award from the Southeast Tourism Society. The Alabama native and her husband live in Birmingham. Luesse is a graduate of Auburn University and Baylor University.