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But then a stranger shows up on their doorstep, telling Gen the very thing she's always wanted to hear: that her daughter Beth was not stillborn, but was taken away as a healthy infant and is still out there, somewhere, waiting to be found. It's insane, unbelievable. But why would anyone make that up? A fissure suddenly opens up in Gen's carefully reconstructed life, letting in a flood of unanswerable questions. Where is Beth now? Why is Art so reluctant to get involved? To save his wife from further hurt? Or is it something more sinister? And who can she trust to help her?

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Imagine losing a daughter at childbirth and living your life in a depression, only to have a mysterious stranger inform you years later that the girl is actually alive and well. This is the premise of Sophie McKenzie's new novel, which is skillfully narrated by Marisa Calin in an inspired, emotional performance. Calin's ability to capture the essence of the novel's troubled, ravaged heroine, Geniver Loxley, is extraordinary. Calin's pacing is steady, her tone is simple and understated, and yet her voice possesses a slight tremble during Geniver's dialogue. In this audio edition, McKenzie and Calin—by the power of her performance—force listeners to wonder how they might act in a similar situation. A St. Martin's hardcover. (July)

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Geniver Loxley has never recovered from the stillborn birth of her daughter eight years prior. Her husband, Art, is anxious to have another child and to move on with their lives, but Geniver is still grieving. Then a woman shows up claiming that Gen's baby had been born alive and was taken away by the doctor and given to someone else, and that her husband was in on the scheme. Reeling from the shocking news and unsure of whether she can trust her husband, she turns to free-spirited Lorcan, an old colleague of Art's who is now a successful actor and is extremely empathetic. As the two investigate, they discover some shocking secrets that put their lives in jeopardy. Although this novel is being touted as a read-alike for Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl* (2012), it lacks the complexity and depth of that title; instead, it more closely resembles Elizabeth Haynes' slam-bang suspenser *Into the Darkest Corner* (2012). Nothing, though, will prepare readers for McKenzie's chilling epilogue, a dark and twisted scenario that is the definite high point of her novel. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** A best-selling, award-winning children's and YA author in the UK, McKenzie makes her U.S. debut with a thriller for adults that has a 150,000-copy first printing. --Joanne Wilkinson

Review

"Close My Eyes starts with a parent's worst nightmare and builds from there, twists and twists again, delivering a final punch that will leave you gasping." ?Joseph FINDER, New York Times bestselling author of Buried Secrets and Paranoia

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