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About *Even the Faithful*

Dayton, Ohio, 1946. Lotte Walheim is a lonely housewife in a marriage of convenience, bound not by love but by necessity. Her husband, Albert, manages her father's soap factory, and maintains a long-hidden relationship with his high school sweetheart, James. In a society that's swift to condemn, Albert and Lotte offer each other safety, if not affection.

Then Father Henry Werther arrives, young, devout, and quietly magnetic. Believing he's been called to help her, he offers Lotte kindness and counsel. What begins as a cautious friendship becomes something far more dangerous. In the aftermath of World War II and in the heart of a tightly knit Catholic community, Lotte and Henry risk everything to follow their hearts.

But secrets do not stay hidden for long, and the fragile alliance between love, faith, and duty begins to crack. As Albert, Lotte, and Henry's choices converge, they all must decide between the lives and vocations they were raised to uphold—and the families they have built.

A haunting, emotionally layered novel, Even the Faithful is a story of quiet rebellion and the families we build when the world won't make room for us.



About Sara Thomas

Sara Thomas writes emotionally complex fiction with a vintage flair and a love for moral ambiguity. She has worked in the arts and culture sector, journalism, and digital marketing for more than 15 years. A former Fulbright finalist in Creative Writing, Sara studied Classical Languages at Duquesne University and earned her Master's degree in Art History and Museum Administration from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art, & Planning. Her work has appeared in magazines, anthologies, and lifestyle publications. She lives in Dayton, Ohio with her family.

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