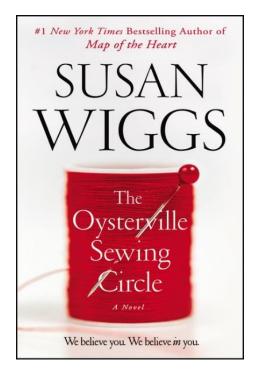


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But the Oysterville she left behind has changed. So, Caroline turns to the place she feels most at home; the sewing shop owned by a woman who inspired her and taught her to sew. There she discovers that even in an idyllic beach town, there are women living with the deepest of secrets. Inspired by this knowledge, and still grieving for the friend she lost, Caroline launches the *Oysterville Sewing Circle*—a weekly all-female group where women can talk about their lives without judgment and help each other through the troubles they keep hidden from the rest of the world. As word of the Sewing Circle spreads, Caroline regains her creativity and fighting spirit, but an unexpected challenge tests her courage and her heart.

The Oysterville Sewing Circle is an emotionally charged story that tugs at the heartstrings in the best possible way; with an irresistible ensemble cast and deeply felt truths about coming home, women's friendships, and finding your way in the world.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan Wiggs is the author of more than fifty novels, including the beloved Lakeshore Chronicles series and the instant *New York Times* bestseller *Family Tree*. Her award-winning books have been translated into two dozen languages. She lives with her husband on an island in Washington State's Puget Sound.

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