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Self-deprecating and bitingly smart, Delia, a recovering addict, forges her own brand of hard won wisdom on her journey in sobriety. When Delia entered treatment for drug and alcohol addiction at seventeen, her life changed forever. She believed she could make it through anything without backsliding--until she receives a phone call from her best friend, Timothy, whom she met in rehab.

Fulfilling a pact they made a decade earlier, she leaves her husband and child in Seattle to care for him as he dies. While in Los Angeles, Delia sorts through her memories--and as her past catches up with her present, she sees she has not merely survived her losses and mistakes, but has been made better because of them.

- "A tender, terrifying chronicle of the wages of modern-day sin and the hope of the world to come. . . . A story that rings with grief and triumph."
- -- Jacquelyn Mitchard, author, The Deep End of the Ocean and Still Summer
- "Delicately portraying friendship and loss, temptation and redemption, the turmoil of addiction and the hard-won gifts of recovery, *Beachglass* is highly recommended for every reader--and required reading for all those in recovery."
- -- Martha O'Connor, author of The Bitch Posse
- "A vibrant, engaging, and utterly honest book...this is a novel which seems to be about recovery but is really about so much more: friendship, chosen families, and the transformative power of human love."
- -- Nicole Mones, author of Lost in Translation
- "Set in a glittering, gritty, late-80s Los Angeles, *Beachglass* is a beautifully written novel, which, at its heart, is about friendship... Though this story made me weep, it helped me see?through my tears?just how messy and miraculous the human condition can be."
- Rebecca Agiewich, author of *BreakupBabe*

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