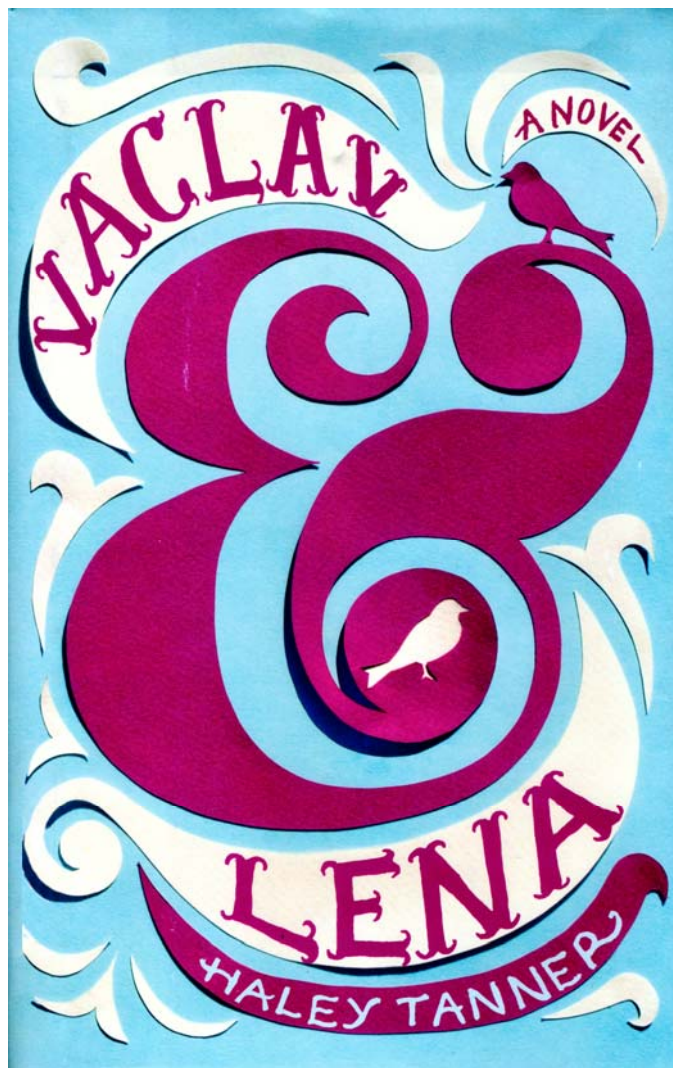


# Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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**Book of the Month  
February 2012**



Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

## **Vaclav & Lena F T1664v**

Vaclav and Lena seemed destined for each other. They meet as children in an ESL class in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. Vaclav is precocious and verbal. Lena, struggling with English, takes comfort in the safety of his adoration, his noisy, loving home, and the care of Rasia, his big-hearted mother.

Vaclav imagines their story unfolding like a fairy tale, or the perfect illusion from his treasured *Magician's Almanac*, but among the many truths to be discovered is that happily ever after is never a foregone conclusion.

One day, Lena does not show up for school. She has disappeared from Vaclav and his family's lives as if by a cruel magic trick. For the next seven years Vaclav says good night to Lena without fail, wondering if she is doing the same somewhere. On the eve of Lena's seventeenth birthday he finds out.

## **Haley Tanner**



Haley Tanner was born in 1982 in the Bronx of New York. She holds an MFA from The New School and a BA from Clark University. During the time she was writing, Tanner worked various jobs such as Police Dispatcher, Parliamentary Assistant, Waitress, Bank Teller and Tutor. She is a young widow who loves dogs, enjoys yoga and running. After a battle of six years with cancer, her husband (Gavin Snow) passed away. She lives in Brooklyn. This is her first novel. Tanner has the originality and verve of a born storyteller and has created two unforgettable young protagonists who evoke the joy, the confusion, and the passion of having a profound, everlasting connection with someone else.

## **RUSSIAN AMERICANS IN FICTION**

The Cosmopolitans / by Nadia Kalman  
F K1452c

Winter Garden / by Kristin Hannah  
F H4232w

The Madonnas of Leningrad / by Debra Dean  
F D2812m

The Russian Debutante's Handbook / by Gary Shteyngart  
F S5616r

Century's Son / by Robert Boswell  
F B747c

## **CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS IN FICTION**

How to Read the Air / by Dinaw Mengestu  
F M544h

Free Food for Millionaires / by Min Jin Lee  
F L4794f

The Saint of Lost Things / by Christopher Castellani  
F C348s

A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian / by Marina Lewycka  
F L678s

Towelhead / by Alicia Erian  
F E682t

## **MAGICIANS IN FICTION**

The Night Circus / by Erin Morgenstern  
F M8514n

Eagle Rising / by David Devereux  
F D4913e

The Art of Disappearing / by Ivy Pochoda  
F P739a

Mr. Sebastian and Henry the Negro Magician / by Daniel Wallace  
F W1883m

Carter Beats the Devil / by Glen David Gold  
F G61822c

## **FIRST LOVES IN FICTION**

The Best of Me / by Nicholas Sparks  
F S7361be

To be Sung Underwater / by Tom McNeal  
F M16962t

The Love of My Youth / by Mary Gordon  
F G6643L

Ghost Light / by Joseph O'Connor  
F O1825g

The Way We Were / by Elizabeth Noble  
F N748w

## **CHILDREN OF ABUSE OR DRUG ADDICTS**

As Long as the Rivers Flow / by James Bartleman  
F B2894a

Lullabies for Little Criminals / by Heather O'Neill  
F O588L

Gemma / by Meg Tilly  
F T579g



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