



THE SURPRISING POWER OF THE DWELLINGS THAT SHAPE OUR LIVES

DREAM HOUSE
A NOVEL BY CATHERINE ARMSDEN

With an architect's eye and a poet's gift for language, Armsden confronts the very idea of home: what it means to have one, lose one and, ultimately, to make one of our own choosing. —Anita Amirrezvani, author of *The Blood of Flowers* and *Equal of the Sun*

How are we shaped by the houses we live in? When we reshape a house are the memories and secrets held within its walls changed, too—or simply lost?

Architect and writer Catherine Armsden explores these questions in her lush and riveting debut novel, *Dream House*, about family misunderstandings, love and searching for "home." When her parents die in a car accident, San Francisco architect Gina Gilbert travels to her childhood home in Maine to put family affairs in order. As she and her sister pack up the house, Gina struggles with toxic memories permeating its rooms, memories she's tried to escape by building her life on the West Coast.

Room by room, *Dream House* reveals the psychologically complex drama of Gina's family, whose broken dreams and altercations over lost historical treasures have left them with decades-old suspicions and resentments. With an architect's precision, Gina discovers how both the structure and the power of a house can uncover hidden truths and help heal the wounds of the past.

Catherine Armsden's fascination with architecture was ignited during her childhood growing up among the weather-beaten houses of coastal Maine. Educated in New England, she moved in 1983 with her husband, Lewis Butler, to San Francisco, where they co-founded Butler Armsden Architects. *DREAM HOUSE* is her debut novel.

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