

the woods at barlow bend

a novel by JODIE CAIN SMITH

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Because **Jodie Cain Smith** is such a skilled storyteller, her teenage narrator, Hattie, will wrap around your heart and settle in to stay."

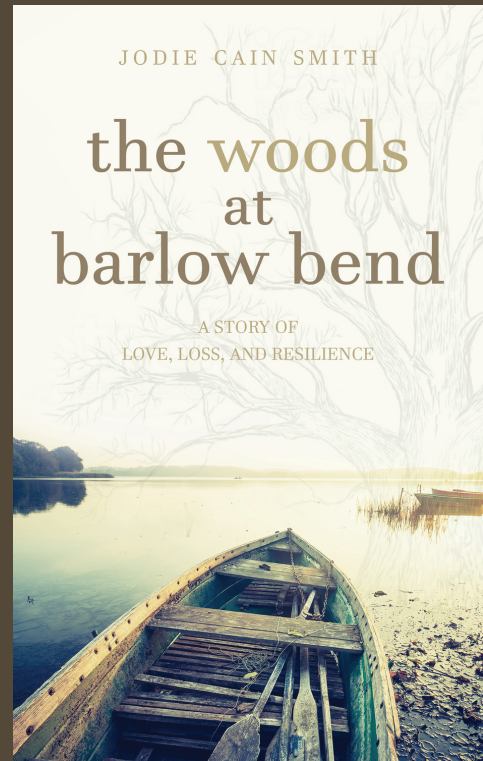
—**Kathleen Rodgers**, author of *The Flying Cutterbuck*, *Seven Wings to Glory*, and *Johnnie Come Lately*

Based on the true story of a teenage girl who must forge her own life once the secrets of her parents are revealed.

One shot fired deep in the pine forests of her youth was all it took to change Hattie's life forever. At the age of fourteen, Hattie learns that her mother, Addie, is dead, and her father, Hubbard, stands accused of Addie's murder, along with countless other shocking betrayals. Overnight, Hattie becomes mother to her three siblings while still very much a child herself. The life she had dreamt of now seems impossible to achieve.

Jodie Cain Smith is the author of *Bayou Cresting: The Wanting Women of Huet Pointe* (Crowsnest Books, 2021). Her short works have appeared in *Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul*, *Petigru Review*, and *Pieces Anthology*. Jodie resides in Mobile and is the founder of the Mobile Literary Festival.

Jodie Cain Smith is available for interviews & events in support of *The Woods at Barlow Bend*.



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