

Woman faces disappearance of fiancé in journey of self-discovery

Charmaine Pauls' emotional romance *Between Yesterday & Tomorrow* demonstrates a woman's struggle to answer questions that have haunted her for years

Charmaine Pauls' *Between Yesterday & Tomorrow* (ISBN 1456598465) tells the story of how a sudden turn of events in a woman's life leads her onto a path of healing after facing her mother's abandonment and her fiancé's disappearance.

Pauls draws upon her own experiences in South Africa and France to paint the backdrop for Marlien Marais' quest to live in the present. Those with an interest in emotional development and travel will appreciate Marlien's narrative, which begins with being abandoned at three months old.

When her mother leaves, baby Marlien is left to the care of her father on a game farm. As she grows up, Marlien's contact with her mother's family in France is non-existent. That is, until her grandmother dies and leaves her the small family chateau. Marlien must now face a family she's never met – and confront the emotions she's kept buried for years.

A series of events forces Marlien to deal with disappearance of her fiancé, Paul van Wyk. After tormenting herself over the loss, she befriends veterinarian Jean-Christophe Fontaine, but is consumed with guilt for even thinking of betraying her missing fiancé.

A love triangle develops after Marlien ends up in the arms of a French gypsy musician, Laurent Regard, during a bull run. The two discover mysterious ties between their families, and even though Jean-Christophe is sure he will win Marlien's heart, Laurent believes his meeting was destiny. Not only is Marlien faced with choosing between the two men, she must also decide whether she will stop living in the past.

Marlien's journey of self-discovery takes her through stages of self-forgiveness and acceptance so that she might finally achieve the happiness she has denied herself for so many years. As she begins to learn some of the unexpected answers to the burning questions she's had her whole life, Marlien demonstrates empowerment and braveness despite her newly found obstacles.

Between Yesterday & Tomorrow is available for sale online at Amazon.com and other channels.

South African born Pauls has completed a communications degree specializing in journalism, and has previously worked in public relations, advertising and brand marketing. Her second novel *Between Fire & Ice* is released by Mélange Books in August. The fulltime author resides in Santiago, Chile with her husband and children.

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