



**Title:** Leaving Haven

**Author:** Kathleen McCleary

**Description:**

Georgia Bing and Alice Kinnaird have always been there for each other. Eager to help her best friend have another baby after several miscarriages, Alice donates one of her eggs. When Georgia learns she's going to have the baby boy she's always wanted, she's thrilled until a devastating discovery destroys her dreams.

While Alice is happy to help her friend get pregnant, she also feels a twinge of disappointment that her own life is missing something she deeply craves. On the surface, Alice has everything: a busy social life, a great job, a faithful husband, an amazing teenage daughter. But her well-ordered world is knocked of its axis when she's tempted by a forbidden passion that threatens the bonds of friendship, marriage, and motherhood that sustain her.

As the safety of their past is shattered, Georgia and Alice must embark on journeys of self-discovery: odysseys filled with surprising challenges that will test them and force them to confront the truth about their lives and the choices they've made.

**Reviews**

**[Jenn's Bookshelves:](#)**

Absolutely heart-wrenching story...perfect for book clubs.

**[Bookreporter.com:](#)**

A unique twist on infidelity plots, *Leaving Haven* is a compelling look at just how complicated friendships, marriage and family can be, and how happiness and contentment sometimes require sacrifice and work. Both Georgia and Alice are forced to confront truths, not just about each other, but also about their husbands and themselves. There are no easy or clichéd answers here; the novel is realistically unresolved in several key aspects, which actually makes for a more satisfying read. Readers can trust that they will find a well-told and fascinating story in *Leaving Haven*.

**Randy Susan Meyers, author of international bestsellers *The Comfort of Lies* and *The Murderers Daughters*:**

*Leaving Haven* is a beautifully crafted portrayal of men and women who make shocking choices and appear doomed to remain in awful places. I raced to reach the resolution of this seemingly irresolvable story, caring very much about the fate of all the playerseven when they made the worst of choices. This tangled web of deception in marriage and friendship will haunt readers.

#### **Book-alicious Mama:**

How do I sum up a book that left me in tears and still in shock that it's over To be honest, Im nervous I won't do Kathleen McCleary justice. McCleary is a born storyteller.

#### **Cerebral Girl in a Redneck World:**

This story was fresh and original. Like a bread crumb trail, it shares little tidbits, allowing the story to slowly build incrementally. Absorbing and emotional, I loved this one! It was able to reach deep within me on occasion and touch someplace precious, but perhaps more importantly, it was able to surprise me. That is something even more special. This is one of those books bound to be a favorite of 2013!

#### **Kritters Ramblings:**

The way this story was told was fantastic. The first part had Georgia and Alice each telling their stories in their own chapters, but one was going back in time and one started later and was going forward. They eventually converged on a monumental date and the second part had them both moving forward from that dateit was awesome!

There is quite a plot point that isn't in the synopsis (thank goodness) that takes this story to the next level. All I can say is, I will now read anything that Kathleen McCleary comes out with, without reading the synopsis! Rating: absolutely loved it and want a sequel.

#### **Bloggin' 'bout Books:**

It's difficult not to be drawn into *Leaving Haven*, an intense new family drama by Kathleen McCleary. The characters are well-drawn, so much so that it's hard not to feel empathy for all of them. The conflict at the heart of the story gives the novel enough tension and drama to keep the reader interested. I cared about the characters, the plot kept me guessing and the prose didn't make me want to scratch my eyeballs out with a toothpick. That equals a decent read in my book.

#### **Cupcake's Book Cupboard:**

Oh, faithful readers. I really liked this book, and I'm still a bit annoyed that it ended.