

Books

Sing You Home

by Jodi Picoult | ★★★★★

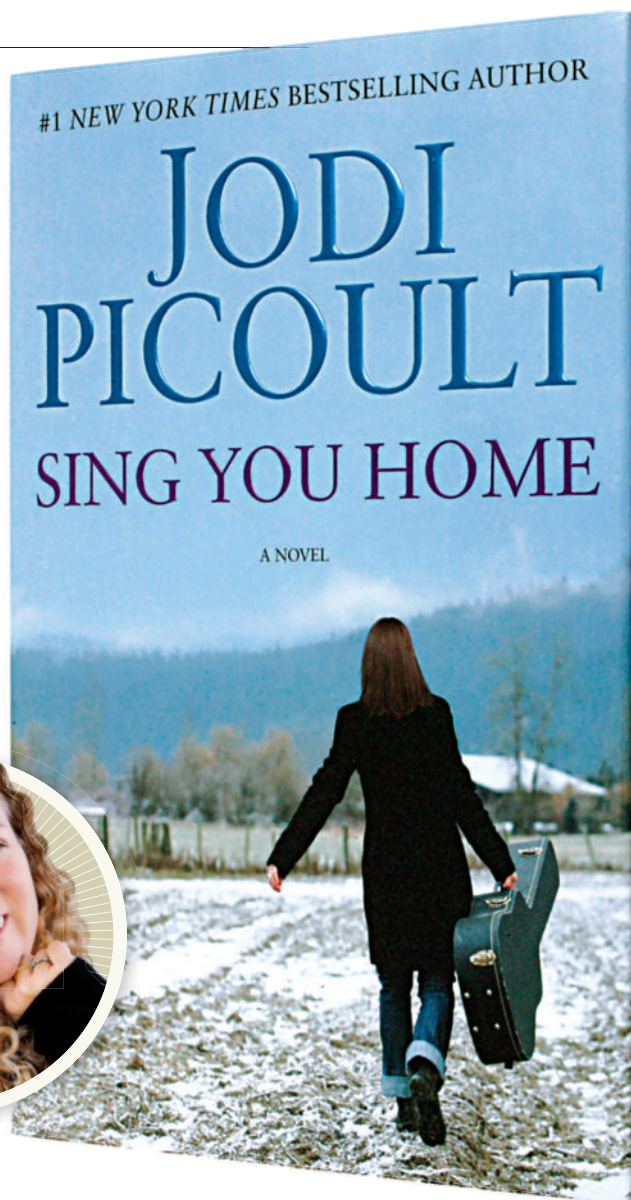
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NOVEL

Picoult, who's created a cottage industry out of family melodrama and medical controversies, has crafted another winner in this story about music therapist Zoe Baxter and her decade-long struggle to become a mother. After a round of IVF ends in the devastating birth of a stillborn son, Zoe is still willing to try again, but she is blindsided when her husband, Max, bails out on their marriage. Divorced, Zoe unexpectedly falls in love with, and marries, a woman. But when the couple seek to use left-over frozen embryos to start their family, Max, now a born-again Christian, seeks advice from his pastor, who has vowed to battle the "homosexual agenda." Before you can say "Heather has two mommies," the former spouses find themselves at odds in a courtroom filled with lawyerly theatrics and witness-stand revelations. As both sides battle it out in court, Picoult cleverly examines the modern world of reproductive science, how best to nurture a child and what, exactly, being a family means.



"Can someone stop loving you because you aren't who they want you to be?"



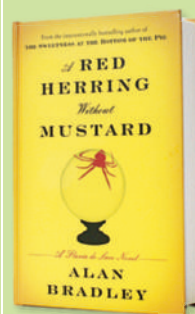
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by Frank Delaney
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THE SHERLOCKIAN
by Graham Moore
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by Alan Bradley
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