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Before The Rains

After serving seventy years in prison for the murder of her sister, Eula, Della Lee has finally returned home to the Texas town of Puerto Pesar. She's free from confinement and ready to tell her secrets before it's too late.

Before The Rains Trailer

She finds a willing audience in journalist Mick Anders, who is reeling after his suspension from a Boston newspaper and in town, reluctantly, to investigate a mysterious portrait of Eula that reportedly sheds tears. He crosses paths with Dr. Paloma Vega, who's visiting Puerto Pesar with her own mission: to take care of her ailing grandmother and to rescue her rebellious younger sister before something terrible happens. Paloma and Mick have their reasons to be in the hot, parched border town whose name translates as "Port of Regret." But they don't anticipate how their lives will be changed forever.

Before The Rain Movie

Moving and engrossing, this dual story alternates between Della's dark ordeals of the 1940s and Paloma and Mick's present-day search for answers about roots, family, love, and what is truly important in life.

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There is much sadness here, but it is ultimately a story of truth, strong beliefs, personal awakenings and new chances to alter the course of their lives. This is, despite the serious overtones, a lighter read than that which I would normally choose, more romance than I usually read. It follows a rather predictable course, though I did enjoy the characters. Della in particular. This is a good read, perfect for summer. There are enough revelations to keep it interesting, and ultimately a feel good novel by books end.

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Before The Rains Movie Review

Della Lee has never spoken about the night of her sister Eula's death. Ruled a homicide, Della was convicted of the crime and has spent the last seventy years in prison. Most of the people associated with the tragedy have passed away, including Della's husband. Released at age ninety, Della has returned to her Texas hometown with few connections to her past.

Mick Anders is a journalist from Boston looking for a fresh story to revive his career. He is in Texas to research the origins of a church painting depicting a "crying girl". Mick meets Paloma Vega who is back in her hometown to help her grandmother recover from a heart attack. A friendship is formed and Mick learns some details of the painting after meeting her family. Mick is also introduced to Della who agrees to provide background information. Della, Mick and Paloma combine their efforts and slowly unlock buried secrets.

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This novel is presented from alternate points of view with details emerging from Della's life in prison. There is a wonderful blending of each story with smooth transitions moving towards the conclusion. This was an engrossing novel by Camille Di Maio.

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In the 1940s Della was charged with murdering her sister and spent many years of her life in jail. Now an old woman, she returns to her family home in Puerto Pesar, Texas, with no family or friends. Around the same time, Paloma returns to the Texas home she grew up in to care for her grandma and reconnect with her teenage sister. In Boston, aggressive journalist Mick, reprimanded for running a story with inaccuracies is sent to Puerto Pesar on a mission for a soft news story about a painting of a girl that appears to be crying. Each chapter reveals more about Della and Paloma, and we get a glimpse into their families histories, revealing how their lives are surprisingly intertwined. Mick is the catalyst to bring Della, the old woman just out of jail who knows about the painting, and Paloma, his new friend together as he learns how asking the right questions and moving at a slower pace can lead to greater results and bring understanding, joy and love.

Through storytelling, author Camille Di Maio brings to light how decisions based on faith can be life changing, offering hope and a reason to live, but also causing one to protect a loved one leading to their own demise. In contrast, always being pragmatic and factual may push one to achieve their goals to reach financial and career success, but relationships and a personal life may suffer and have an emptiness to it. Before the Rain Falls is simultaneously heartbreaking, hopeful, and joyous: a story of complex characters with varied pasts and bright futures. Loved it! ...more

Before The Rain Font

The 30 Best Books of 2017

From the bestselling author, Camille DiMaio of *The Memory of Us*, the smashing debut landing on my Top 50 Books of 2016 returns with another stunning followup, equally as gripping.

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Emotional and intriguing. At the same timeâ€” a timeless love story, reminding us that often in our darkest hour, hope shines a candle to light our way.

Set in humid South Texas (author's hometown San Antonio), a dual storyline (almost three), alternating between Dellaâ€™s dark and horrific experiences of the 1940s; her parents: Herman and Eva, and sister Eula (the beloved songbird); and Paloma (grandmother Abuela) and Mickâ€™s present-day search for answersâ€•paths destined to cross, decades apart.

Two sisters. A death. Two mysterious portraits. One found, another lost. A town in need of hope and much-needed rain.

Told in alternating chapters between the 1940s and present day. A washed-up journalist and a young doctor cross paths while searching for the truth behind the mystery murder decades earlier.

Della Lee and Tomas Trujillo had been married only four hours when it happened, their newly minted future ripped apart by an ivory-handled knife.

Tomas said he understood why sheâ€™d done what she did. But the fairy tales that Della had imagined

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for them ever since that day were over. Someone had attempted to break that bond.

She made a choice that would change her world forever, and alter the path of someone she holds dear.

Texas 1943â€” Eula Lee had been murdered. The tiny border town was devastated for the second time by the Lee family. The daughter everyone cherished. Della Lee Trujillo was convicted. Guilty of murder in the death of her younger sister.

"The drops of rain make a hole in the stone, not by violence, but by oft falling."â€”Lucretius

Alternating from Puerto Pesarâ€”Present Day: Della was back in the place that consumed her memories through seventy years in prison. Now, in her nineties. Tomas had lived in the house for a few years until going off to war, but he had the foresight to take care of all the legal bits that Della never had the chance to consider.

It was not until she returned to her childhood home that phantoms and memories stirred her, making it impossible to rest. There were births, deaths, marriages, joys, sorrows that penetrated these walls.

Did their ghosts mingle, along with those of Herman, Eva, Tomas, and Durlaâ€”all watching her this old woman in this old house? The painting, the shrine, the beloved girl. Where was the second one?

She looked back at her life. The forties â€”when she learned to be a champion, catcher of greased pigs. The fiftiesâ€” when she discovered a love of reading. The sixtiesâ€” when she sabotaged her chance at parole. And yet they seemed like yesterday.

The days in which her sister was no longer the belle of Puerto Pesarâ€” drawing crowds from around the country to the little church on Sunday mornings. The days instead when Eula resided six feet below the parched soil in the churchyard.

These were her Freedom Days. She would walk around without bars to block the view. That was one kind of freedom. It was the freedom in telling your secrets before it was too late. Her guilt over not being a good enough caregiver for her sister.

Della had a story, and she was ready to tell it. This would be the Truth Days.

Present Day: Mick Anders, a reporter for the Daily Talk in Boston, looking for a story to revive his career. He is in Texas to research the origins of a church painting depicting a â€œcrying girlâ€•. He is staying at the La Palma Inn the only lodging in the small border town of Puerto Pesar. He is struggling with his own battles.

His editor wanted him to lie low regarding a fiasco with a senator (backstory here). He had been told to work his magic in this Podunk town and turn the story into a Pulitzer winner. Go to Texas until his other

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deal blew over. Two weeks of leave. His orders were to find a knockout story or he was finished. No per diem of course since this was not a real assignment.

His girlfriend Stephanie had taken the keys to the Lexus and kicked him out of their condo. He was going to get a story and spin straw into gold and return to the newspaper as the prodigal son.

The area had not had rain for one hundred and eighty-two days. The photo had shown rosaries and holy cards outside the church as people begged for salvation from this hell. Would he discover the mysteries of this family before the rain falls? Before the woman dies without telling her story. He wanted to be the one.

It all boiled down to this: A portrait found in a thrift store and was thought to be leaking tears. The image of a young girl about four years old. Eula Lee, whose father owned the fish cannery that had been the town's largest employer at the time. Her sister had murdered her years later. Della Lee had gone to prison and recently returned to the family house after seventy years of incarceration.

However, what was the real story?

The people of the town had enjoyed a regional notoriety for a while. Then the heat, the drought, and skepticism sent people away. Mick had received his Hail Mary pass. "Had one mistake, one reckless grasp at advancement been worth banishment to a Hades what seemed so out of place in a civilized country?"

And could any kind of salvation be found in a convicted nonagenarian and the portrait of a long-dead girl named Eula?

Mick meets Paloma Vega by chance, who is back in her hometown to help her grandmother recover from a heart attack. An unexpected meeting. He does not realize how this girl and her family will change his life.

Present Day: Paloma Vega. She had moved away ten years earlier. She was a bona fide New Yorker now and grew up in Puerto Pesar. She had a restless heart. She graduated from high school and received a letter from her father in Connecticut. There was a trust large enough for her college and grad school. She had to leave her sister Mercedes who was only six at the time. At nineteen she left for a new future.

Now a few months away from thirty, she was a different person. Four years at NYU, four more at Columbia for medical school, and a two-year residency and a job offer for a permanent position. Her dad would be proud.

Her sister, Mercedes was only sixteen. How was she going to communicate or help her? Who was this creature with the dark eyeliner and darker mood? How would she reach her? She is feeling guilty.

Abuela's own mother had been a product of the Depression and learned to hoard items for reuse. She had only made four visits in ten years. Not often enough to visit the intricacies of her sister growing up or her grandmother growing old.

Puerto Pesar. Family. There was something comforting about returning home, even if you dreamed of leaving it. She had done what any girl from a small border would do when her upper-class father offered her a way out; escaped. She had been too young to think twice. Too starry-eyed to feel guilty.

Until recently. The hospital had agreed to hold her new position for a month so she could go home and help Mercedes take care Abuela after her heart attack. This was the woman who had raised her while her own mother flitted in and about town.

Abuela needed her, even if she denied it. So here she was. She could never repay her grandmother for all she had done raising Paloma and then Mercedes while holding down three jobs to do so. Paloma quickly realized the toll her absence had taken on her sister. What could she do about it in the short period of three weeks while here?

Past 1943: The author takes us back to Goree State Farm for Women. Della Lee Trujillo was sentenced to life in prison, with the possibility of parole in twenty years and would live out those days at Goree State Farm in Huntsville. At the prison, there she met the musical group and friends, the Goree Girls. The good, bad and ugly. Not much good.

Tomas had said he would wait for her. She drove him away.

On the way to prison, the driver had something else in mind and pulled over at the motel. She had never been with a man, not even her husband.

Reporters wondered why she killed her sister. To others, she was not a victim help by a captor. She was a convicted murderer being lawfully transported by an agent of the state. She was now helpless. The violation. The humiliation. She could not think about the future ahead of her. No one would listen to a murderer.

While in prison . . . she was consumed with darkness. She feared for her life. She was angry with her mother for leaving, with her father for checking out, with her sister for dying. Eddie for raping her. They had all failed her, and because of them, she failed Tomas.

Everyone thought she was a murderer. It had been her wedding day. In prison, she could not read his letters. She loved him too much to make him sacrifice his happiness for her. She was stubborn. She had to raise a headstrong Eula.

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It was all about Eula. It had always been about her. Della and Eula only two years apart. Essentially, momma and daughter. Eula had an effect, on everyone. She had a fearsome temper. The same look on her mother's face on that last day at the beach with the painter. An unspoken triumph.

However, was she a murderer? Who was she protecting?

Regret. A word she knew intimately. Only three people knew the truth about what happened that day, and two of them resided in this cemetery.

Present day: Paloma and Mick meet, while in town. . . Two East Coasters here for a brief time.

The scandals of the Lee family had been talked about for years. Mick and Paloma discuss speaking with Abuela to find out more about Della Lee. She would know stories to help point him in the right direction. Abuela begins telling what she remembers. She is recently home from the hospital and weak.

Where it all started: She recalls a trip where Eva and the girls and the painter went out of town. Eva packed up and left while Herman was at work and the little girls were in the house alone until he returned. Two young girls, ages six and four. Eva never came back. Herman retreated from everything except his office and the girls had to fend for themselves.

Della Lee was no murderer. Her mother had thought she was innocent. There was no proof and it was complicated by the fact Della pled guilty. However, uncle Tomas was convinced of her innocence.

Tomas came back from service defeated by Della rejection. He volunteered for combat and joined the Marines, and turned down a safe post with the army locally. Was Eula like Eva? Carrying on with the boys' rages. But to everyone else a saint?

DiMaio takes us back to the Lee family when they came to Puerto Pesar around the turn of the century. Herman fell for a local girl Eva. She was troubled, beautiful. Some said she was unfaithful. Herman Lee had money. They had a daughter, Della and a few years later another girl named Eura. The mid-twenties and Herman was a slave to keep Eva happy.

Then along came a vagabond from El Paso. He earned his keep as he went along painting landscapes and portraits. They said his name was Teddy Brown. Eva and Teddy caused quite the scandal. The husband was busy with work, and she would meet him at the coast.

Herman Lee found out something about the painter Teddy Brown, and he died in an airplane crash on his way to Europe. A tragedy. Two young girls left alone. Eula's troubles started when her mother left. The paintings.

Mick is drawn into the story and, Paloma is a real distraction for him. Seeing the painting, and going to her grandmother's house. However, he was here for a reason.

He needed to meet Della Lee, now ninety years old and lived alone. This woman seemed normal. How strange it must be for her at this age reentering the real world. He had come originally to see the portrait of her sister. Santa Bonita. He soon comes to respect this woman. Why had her mother gone away for ten years and then go find her? They lost a mother so young and a father so tragically.

“Things aren’t always as they seem. Don’t assume you know everything you might have read about me is the truth. Only I know the truth. And the only other two who did have long since died.”

An exclusive interview with the woman herself. Incarcerated for seven decades. He needed this knockout story. He felt alive. Difficult to think this woman could have murdered anyone. Mick must learn the mysteries behind Eula. He hoped she could hang on and have enough strength to get it all out.

"Sacrifice is sanctifying." Mick was learning this family was about religion. However, it was cryptic. What drove her to murder her sister if so much had gone into protecting her?

There were also two portraits. One of Eula and one of Della. A story which needed to be told before it could be snatched away, as so many other things in here past. Holding on to things so deeply driving you to do things that seem inexplicable.

So much fun reading about the tales of the Goree Girls All Strings Band! The friendships of these women. The letters from poor Tomas pouring out his heart. A doctor and a journalist pulled into this saga.

Two people from the East Coast, visiting a small border town and transformed into a place that did not even show up on most maps.

At 95% was dying to learn what happened that night. This lady can write folks! She has a knack for tugging at your heart strings and never letting go.

A beautifully told, tragic tale. Women are enduring facing insurmountable hardships. Loved ones separated. Choices and consequences which trickle down through generations. A sacrifice. A strong parallel between the ages.

With memorable characters, and conceptual depth, and heart-pounding tension, DiMaio’s novel is one that merely unputdownable. I love this author! From her first book, I knew this one possessed a God-given talent. A gifted storyteller.

Both timeline stories were equally developed, absorbing, and engaging. The characters jump off the page and you feel their intense pain, agony, and difficult decisions. Both heartbreaking and a very satisfying ending. This saga and its characters will remain with long after the book ends.

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There are also religious tones with both her books regarding Roman Catholicism and its distinctive beliefs including certain doctrines, ideas, and sacraments: Other unique Catholic practices include veneration of saints, use of the crucifix, and the use of rosary beads in prayer.

Through all the pain, loss and tragedy there is hope and life gives us surprises and something beautiful out of tragedy when we least expect. For fans of historical, women's, literary and contemporary fiction as well as romance, suspense, and modern mystery.

Perfect for fans of Nicholas Sparks, Charles Martin (Long Way Gone), Richard Paul Evans, Fredrik Backman, Catherine Ryan Hyde, Karen White, Kristin Hannah, Katherine Hughes (The Secret and The Letter), Sarah Jio, Kate Morton, Lisa Wingate, and Diane Chamberlain.

I adore the author's book trailers: They are powerful, moving, emotional and will immediately draw you into the lives of her characters. Oh, and the stunning cover.

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What a great way to spend a Saturday! Set aside the time—Unputdownable. Spectacular—another smashing hit by Camille DiMaio! Fans, you will want to pre-order BEFORE THE RAIN FALLS, now.

In the meantime, if you have not read *The Memory of Us*, highly recommend. Would love to see both these played out on the wide screen. Movie-worthy!

A special thank you to the author, Lake Union, and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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Looking forward to *The Way of Beauty* Coming May 1, 2018! Add this one to your list. ...more

A compelling, twisty tale you won't want to put down. Di Maio writes appealing characters in heartfelt scenes that are crisp with tension. Highly recommended.

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Before The Rains (In Hindi)

3.5 stars

I snapped this book up especially when I realized that it was the same author that wrote " The Memory of Us." Camille Di Maio infuses a beautiful story of sibling loyalty, sacrifice, and redemption that will certainly tug at the heartstrings of readers.

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Into this story walks Mick Anders, a New York journalist looking for a story that will salvage his reputation. Finally, there is Dr. Paolma Vega, recently returned, taking care of her aging grandmother and her wild teenage sister, Mercedes. All of these characters' lives are about to intersect in ways that they couldn't even imagine.

What I thought:

I enjoyed Before the Rain Falls, but I did find that the story had a habit of dragging things along. Call it reader impatience, but I just wanted to get all of Della's version of events as fast as possible. Despite the fact that I figured out how everything was going to be revealed, it was still a fairly poignant ending. As an aside, can I just add that whoever decides on the covers for Di Maio's books is doing a fine job!

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4.25 stars!

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Such a good book! Such a great story! A young girl goes to prison for killing her sister. After she finally gets out she tells her story! Loved the back and forth ! Very enjoyable read!

Intriguing and heart wrenching, Before the Rain Falls ventures into territory seldom seen in fiction in its portrayal, first, of an elderly woman, and not only that, but one who is recently paroled after having served most of her adult life in prison. Her emotional return to society, to the home place she remembers, is expertly and poignantly depicted through her own eyes as she reviews her life both past and present. Ultimately lives other than her own are altered by her recall of events. As he Intriguing and heart wrenching, Before the Rain Falls ventures into territory seldom seen in fiction in its portrayal, first, of an elderly woman, and not only that, but one who is recently paroled after having served most of her adult life in prison. Her emotional return to society, to the home place she remembers, is expertly and poignantly depicted through her own eyes as she reviews her life both past and present. Ultimately lives other than her own are altered by her recall of events. As her journey evolves, secrets are revealed, and old questions find perhaps what are unexpected answers. This is a book that explores the heart's courage and matters of faith even in the darkest times and through the greatest adversity. Don't miss it! ...more

Before The Rain Soundtrack

Di Maio hits another one out of the park with this dual narrative tale of a crime shrouded in mystery and a present day family navigating their relationships. As the players dig into the truth behind a woman's incarceration in southern Texas in the 1940s and the connection to an old painting of a young girl that is purported to weep real tears, the story unfolds bit by bit until the shocking but ultimately heartwarming conclusion. You're in good hands with Di Maio who handles the switches in time Di Maio hits another one out of the park with this dual narrative tale of a crime shrouded in mystery and a present day family navigating their relationships. As the players dig into the truth behind a woman's incarceration in southern Texas in the 1940s and the connection to an old painting of a young girl that is purported to weep real tears, the story unfolds bit by bit until the shocking but ultimately heartwarming conclusion. You're in good hands with Di Maio who handles the switches in time deftly and describes a dry, parched Texas town so that you feel like you're actually there. ...more

This book is outstanding! So beautifully written with characters that I grew to love and care about that I was sad to say goodbye when it ended. Told in dual time periods from the 1940's where we hear Della Lee's story of growing up in the small border town of Puerto Pesar, Texas and of her time spent in prison serving a life sentence for the murder of her younger sister Eula, and in present day Puerto Pesar where we meet journalist Mick Anders who hopes to meet Della and get her story plus find This book is outstanding! So beautifully written with characters that I grew to love and care about that I was sad to say goodbye when it ended. Told in dual time periods from the 1940's where we hear Della Lee's story of growing up in the small border town of Puerto Pesar, Texas and of her time spent in prison serving a life sentence for the murder of her younger sister Eula, and in present day Puerto Pesar where we meet journalist Mick Anders who hopes to meet Della and get her story plus find out about the painting of Eula hanging in the local church that supposedly sheds tears. My heart hurt for Della for what she went through and the sacrifice she made. I was completely pulled into this story. It's one of those books that you're eager to get to the end and sad when it does end. I wanted it to go on. But that ending!! Didn't see it coming at all. So very well done. I highly recommend this book. It shouldn't be missed!!

Thank you to NetGalley and Lake Union Publishing for an advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. ...more

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Before The Rains Imdb

Loved this Texas story of past and present. Thank you for the chance to review, and thankful for Lone Star Book Blogger Tour!

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"Before the Rain Falls" cast a spell on me with its characters that came alive in the "Port of Regret," past and present. It is not just the story of the purported murderess, Della Lee, but also that of down and out reporter Mick Anders, and newly graduated doctor Paloma Vega, home for a spell to help her ailing grandmother and wayward leaning younger sister.

I was interested with each twist and each POV. In fact, the multiple viewpoints helped me digest what otherwise would have been a hard story, knowing that Della Lee spent all of her life in jail for a crime that she seemed incapable of committing. I was rooting for Mick to figure it out, while he took the time to remember what brought him to reporting in the first place. I was also hoping Paloma would find a way to live her passion, while finding more time for her family.

The stories of Della Lee captured me because the writing made it all unfold before my eyes, as if this were a more serious women's version of "Oh Brother Where Art Thou." And I loved the Texas diversity of the story as much as I loved the characters and the story itself. I'll definitely be reading more of Camille di Miao's writings.

Thank you for allowing me to read and review this book. It's a five star for me. Just needs an Audio!
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Before the Rain is a story of family, heartbreak, and finding out what is truly important in life.

Thank you to NetGalley and Ann-Marie Nieves with Get Red PR for a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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Before The Rains Full Movie

I love the writing! Superb! Overall, the sad events in this book just left me depressed though the end was uplifting and satisfying. Trigger warning: there is a rape scene in the beginning of the book. I skipped it but it's there.

So good! .

Another fine example of first-class storytelling. Engaging characters and a gripping plot grab hold of the reader on page 1 and don't let go.