



## Right After The Weather Carol Anshaw

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From The New York Times bestselling author of *Carry the One*, a new novel that explores what happens when a group of friends are confronted with their worst fears

### Praise for *Carry The One*:

'Here's passion and addiction, guilt and damage, all the beautiful mess of family life. *Carry the One* will lift readers off their feet and bear them along on its eloquent tide'

Emma Donoghue

'Superb . . . Anshaw sees her characters with startling clarity, an acute alertness to nuance, and no small helping of warmth and humour. A marvellous novel, grown-up, smart and emotionally intelligent'

Patrick Ness, *Guardian*

'A finely crafted novel, full of phrases you want to cut out and keep, and characters you think you know. It is delicate in its touch, yet huge in its reach'

*Observer*

**It's the fall of 2016.** Cate, a set designer in her early forties, lives and works in Chicago's theatre community. She has stayed too long at the fair and knows it's time to get past her prolonged adolescence and stop taking handouts from her parents. She has a firm plan to get solvent and settled in a serious relationship. She has tentatively started something new even as she's haunted by an old, going-nowhere affair. Her ex-husband, recently booted from his most recent marriage, is currently camped out in Cate's spare bedroom, in thrall to online conspiracy theories, and she's not sure how to help him. Her best friend Neale, a yoga instructor, lives nearby with her son and is Cate's model for what serious adulthood looks like.

Only a few blocks away, but in a parallel universe we find Nathan and Irene—casual sociopaths, drug addicts, and small-time criminals. Their world and Cate's intersect the day she comes into Neale's kitchen to find these strangers assaulting her friend. Forced to take fast, spontaneous action, Cate does something she's never even considered. She now also knows the violence she is capable of, as does everyone else in her life, and overnight, their world has changed. Anshaw's flawed, sympathetic, and uncannily familiar characters grapple with their altered relationships and identities against the backdrop of the new Trump presidency and a country waking to a different understanding of itself. Eloquent and moving, *Right After the Weather* is the work of a master of exquisite prose and a wry and compassionate student of the human condition.

*Right After The Weather* explores what happens when two worlds collide in a beautifully observed and compassionate novel about love, trauma and the reverberations of our actions.

**Carol Anshaw** is the author of *Right after the Weather*, *Carry the One*, *Aquamarine*, *Seven Moves*, and *Lucky in the Corner*. She has received the Ferro-Grumley Award, the Carl Sandburg Award, and a National Book Critics Circle Citation for Excellence in Reviewing.

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