

LISA HALL BROWNELL

VEE'S BRACELET

A NOVEL

At the beginning of the Great Depression, Vee Haines, daughter of a Midwest banker, steals her father's luxury automobile on a fateful road trip westward. Stranded on the edge of the Dust Bowl in northern New Mexico, she fights to survive — and raise a son alone — in a place called Starve-Out that is not on any map. Decades later, in the 2010s, her family discovers that a silver bracelet Vee has worn for most her life holds the key to her deepest love and darkest secret. Now it's up to her grandson to find the truth.

"An engaging family tale where past and present get intricately bound together in surprising ways. ... Brownell's writing is apt and evocative ... Her characters are relatable and memorable."

— **KIRKUS REVIEWS**

"Through one woman's story of survival, *Vee's Bracelet* is a testament to the human spirit, the impact of family secrets, and the transcendent power of storytelling. Spanning seventy years from a Dust Bowl era Denver shantytown to a senior living community in modern day Connecticut, *Vee's Bracelet* illuminates what the heart remembers, even when the mind forgets."

— **MEREDITH JAEGER**, *USA Today* bestselling author, *The Incorrigibles* and *The Dressmaker's Dowry*

"*Vee's Bracelet* reveals Lisa Hall Brownell to be a master storyteller. It is a brilliant book, showing that love need never grow old so long as hope remains." — **MAURA CASEY**, Author of *Saving Ellen: A Memoir of Hope and Recovery*; on Substack as Casey's Catch

PAST PRAISE (for the novel *Gallows Road*):
"I felt a near-magnetic pull into the pages of this humane, character-driven novel. I suspect you will, too." — **WALLY LAMB**, author of six *N.Y. Times* bestselling novels and three Oprah Book Club selections including *River is Waiting* and *I Know This Much is True*

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