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Meet Merrilee. There is nothing she'd rather do than be belly-up to a paperback romance with Elvis Presley crooning in the background. She's a little soft around the edges, but hopeful in the ways of lovers and life partners. In her stardust dreams, love is simple and glorious – but in real life, love ain't easy. Neither is parenting or keeping a job. A single mother who is tested time and again, she must learn who she is in order to find the love of her dreams and keep it.

From the author of *An Accidental Life* and *Embrace the Whirlwind*, comes this tale full of rare compassion and insight. *Chasing Stardust* is one of the finest fictional explorations of the complexities of family love, a lyrical look at the everyday, ordinary world and the wild, wild ride that is life.

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