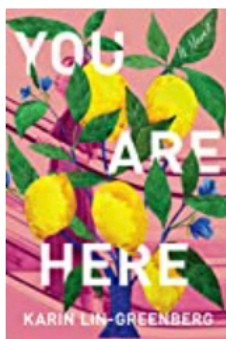


You Are Here

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Lin-Greenberg’s masterful and understated debut novel is an engrossing, character-driven story that will delight fans of Liane Moriarty and Celeste Ng. The story unfolds in a mall that is on the brink of closing. Readers meet a hairdresser with unfulfilled dreams, her precocious yet shy son, a kind and driven teenage girl working in the food court, a bookstore manager in a slump, and a seemingly grumpy elderly woman. These divergent characters don’t appear to share any connections, but their lives are intertwined in unexpected ways that are slowly revealed as the story progresses. As the mall quite literally decays around them, they must grapple with what the future holds while also dealing with the effects of a tragic event in their community. At its heart, this is a story about our ties to and interactions with others and how our communities impact our actions, influence our aspirations, and shape our identities. Lin-Greenberg beautifully translates the lives of an ordinary group of people into an extraordinary, even triumphant novel. *You Are Here* is sure to be a book club favorite.

— *Patricia Smith*