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## COME AS YOU ARE

**Can we alter our dreams and stories from the past to create a better future for our children?**

Zane and Skye are two misfit teens drawn together by their love of music and their loneliness, both part of Seattle's grunge scene in the early '90s. They dream of moving to LA together, Zane's music career following the trajectory of Kurt Cobain and Eddie Vedder, and Skye drawing Picasso-esque portraits on the Venice Beach boardwalk. When a tragedy violently catapults them from best friends to lovers, their bond is forever strengthened and their relationship destroyed. Ten years later, they must come together as parents, putting aside abandoned dreams and broken promises. The question is, can they face the truth of who they are and become the parents their daughter needs them to be?

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Jennifer Haupt is the author of the novel *In the Shadow of 10,000 Hills* and editor of the anthology *Alone Together: Love, Grief, and Comfort in the Time of COVID-19*, which has raised over \$40,000 for the Book Industry Charitable Foundation and was awarded the 2021 Washington State Book Award for General Nonfiction. Haupt's essays and articles have been widely published and her popular Psychology Today blog is a collection of essays and interviews by authors for readers.



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