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Katy's mom, Carol Silver, was her whole world. So, when she dies, Katy is bereft. Then, the tickets that she bought for their trip to Italy arrive and Eric, Katy's husband, urges her to go. Katy tells Eric that she doesn't know what is left for them as a couple anymore. Katy leaves for her trip to Positano. While she is in Italy, she meets a woman, Carol, and Katy recognizes her as her own ([read more](#))

After her mother dies, Katie decides to take the trip to Italy that they were suppressed to take together. The relationship between mothers and daughters is so complicated and this book reflects that. Katie's codependency was exhausting at times, but I loved seeing her begin to understand her mother as a woman, not just a parent. No one else can make you happy. Figuring out who you are as ([read more](#))

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