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**Perfect for fans of Tatiana de Rosnay's *Sarah's Key*, this stunning debut novel brings to life World War II-era and modern-day Greece—and tells the story of a vibrant family and the tragic secret kept hidden for generations.**

Boston, 2000: Calliope Notaris Brown receives a shocking phone call. Her beloved uncle Nestor has passed away, and now Callie must fly to Patras, Greece, to claim her inheritance. Callie's mother, Clio—with whom Callie has always had a difficult relationship—tries to convince her not to make the trip. Unsettled by her mother's strange behavior, and uneasy about her own recent engagement, Callie decides to escape Boston for the city of her childhood summers. After arriving at the heady peak of Carnival, Callie begins to piece together what her mother has been trying to hide. Among Nestor's belongings, she uncovers clues to a long-kept secret that will alter everything she knows about her mother's past and about her own future.

Greece, 1940: Growing up in Patras in a prosperous family, Clio Notaris and her siblings feel immune to the oncoming effects of World War II, yet the Italian occupation throws their privileged lives into turmoil. Summers in the country once spent idling in the clover fields are marked by air-raid drills; the celebration of Carnival, with its elaborate masquerade parties, is observed at home with costumes made from soldiers' leftover silk parachutes. And as the war escalates, the events of one fateful evening will upend Clio's future forever.

A moving novel of the search for identity, the challenges of love, and the shared history that defines a family, *The Clover House* is a powerful debut from a distinctive and talented new writer.

## **Praise for *The Clover House***

"*The Clover House* is a gripping, tender story that spans continents and generations as it delves into the secrets of a Greek American family altered by a long-ago tragedy in World War II. Told with quiet power and authenticity, it's **a reader's treat**."—Kate Alcott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Dressmaker*

"[A] **stunning** debut novel."—*USA Today*

"[An] **insightful** examination of memory and the stories that hold us together—or perhaps tear us apart."—*The Boston Globe*

"A rare treat: an elegantly written debut about a family mystery set during wartime, the slipperiness of memory, and the challenges of forgiveness. Plus, we get to go to Greece! What more could you want from a novel? **Read it, read it!**"—Jenna Blum, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Those Who Save Us*

"A powerful story of family, betrayal, and forgiveness . . . In her first novel, Power melds the stories of mother and daughter into an absorbing tale that **deserves to rank high on the list of women's fiction**."—*Booklist*

"Layered and complex, *The Clover House* is a provocative examination of family secrets and the things we inherit, a powerful search for self that feels both unique and universal. Henriette Lazaridis Power immerses

the reader in a world of tradition and resilience, creating characters who linger long beyond their final pages. This is **one of the best books I've read in a long time.**"—Brunonia Barry, *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *The Lace Reader* and *The Map of True Places*

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