

## Praise for *The Last Bridge* by Teri Coyne

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"[A] compelling debut... Coyne's prose effortlessly carries the reader through a thorny history and into possible redemption."

—*Publishers Weekly*



"[Teri] Coyne weaves a compelling and twisting plot...a sophisticated tale of how family members cope with abuse."

—*The Daily Beast*



"Exhilarating...Coyne held me captivated in an anticipation that wouldn't allow me to put [The Last Bridge] down. A-plus. Bravo."

—*The Decatur Daily*



"Thrumming with a desperate, malevolent intensity, Coyne's debut novel is a psychological tour de force, a disturbing yet ultimately redemptive tale of the burden of secrets and the tenacity of love."

—*Booklist*



"Wonderful...stunning...the debut novel of the year...evokes the power of [Joyce Carol] Oates."

—*Huntington News Network*



"Intense, emotionally wrenching."

—*BookPage*



"Coyne's sure-handed debut wrings new insight from the over-exploited topics of incest and domestic violence."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



"Coyne's debut novel [is] a winner."

—*The Free Lance-Star*



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"a worthwhile and compelling examination of the emotional and physical havoc wreaked by abuse and the ways in which that havoc radiates outward and turns inward."

—*Bookreporter*

“a dark, edgy novel filled with intense family secrets.”

—*Duluth Superior Magazine*

“Teri Coyne grabbed me from the first page and never let me go. I read through the night until I came to the last lovely chapter. **THE LAST BRIDGE** is a whirlwind of a book.”

—*Amanda Eyre Ward, **Forgive Me***

“Cat is an unforgettable character, and **THE LAST BRIDGE** is at once searing and authentic. Teri Coyne has created a compelling mystery, a family drama and a literary delight. Read the first page, and you won’t be able to put it down.”

—*Masha Hamilton, author of **The Camel Bookmobile** and **31 Hours***

“Teri Coyne has created a hypnotic portrait of an American family under attack from within, told with such unflinching honesty that you cannot take your eyes off the page. Not since *Bastard Out of Carolina* have we seen the breathtaking courage it takes to survive and triumph after paying the price of dark secrets corroding the heart of a family. Cat stings you with her caustic tongue, makes you laugh out loud with her wild humor, brings you to tears with the revelation of her trials, and finally lifts you to your feet as she fights her way free to love again. This is a tough, rewarding read you’ll never forget.”

—*Jonis Agee, **The River Wife***