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Editorial Review

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Straub's collection of short stories is a resplendent debut, arriving in a whirl of buzz, thanks to her appearances in *Tin House*, the *Paris Review*, and *Slate*. Heir to Ann Beattie and Lorrie Moore, Straub evinces marvelous literary confidence in her deadpan hilarity, eye for redolent details, and acute psychological insights. She also excels at the art of sudden reversals as she takes measure of the unbridgeable gaps that divide us and the leaps that save us. The deeply involving title story is one of several featuring magnetic Franny Gold, whose entanglements cause equal degrees of bliss and anguish. Elsewhere, three young college English professors share a tiny office, and two very different sisters make the mistake of vacationing together. In the standout, Abraham's Enchanted Forest, a teenage daughter assesses her life with her hippie parents, who run a funky roadside attraction. In the wistful, funny, and unnerving Fly-Over State, a New Yorker comes undone in Wisconsin. Straub's stories glow and pulse and, like sea anemones, are far more complex and dangerous than their bright and beckoning appearances suggest. --Donna Seaman

Review

"*Other People We Married* is a revelation."

—Lorrie Moore, author of *Birds of America* and *A Gate at the Stairs*

"Emma Straub is worthy of our adoration. These stories are wise, surprising, hilarious, and unforgettable."

—Karen Russell, author of *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves* and *Swamplandia!*

"Emma Straub is a wry, witty, incisively observant writer."

—Dan Chaon, author of *Await Your Reply*

"Emma Straub's stories mean that there are fewer lonely people in the world; they are the best kind of company. I'm giddy about their very existence, the way you get giddy when you meet someone you'd like to know for a long, long time. I look forward to knowing Emma Straub's fiction for a long, long time."

—Thisbe Nissen, author of *The Good People of New York* and *Osprey Island*

"Razor sharp and tenderhearted, funny and wrenching. Emma Straub's stories take place in all the messy, fascinating, uncanny corners of contemporary relationships."

—Kelly Link, author of *Stranger Things Happen* and *Magic for Beginners*

"Emma Straub has such a graceful, brittle, subversive voice that it takes a moment after you surface from her stories, drugged with pleasure and ringing with sharp insight, to realize how deeply she loves and understands humanity. *Other People We Married* is a terrific collection of stories, and Emma Straub is a joyous marvel of a writer."

—Lauren Groff, author of *The Monsters of Templeton* and *Delicate Edible Birds*

"The smarts and humor of a Lorrie Moore or a Laurie Colwin or a Laurie Anderson—any number of Lauries."

—Kevin Brockmeier, author of *The Brief History of the Dead*, for the *Oxford American*

About the Author

Emma Straub is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Modern Lovers*, *The Vacationers*, and *Laura Lamont's Life in Pictures*. Her fiction and nonfiction have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Wall*

Street Journal, Vogue, Elle, and Condé Nast Traveler, and she is a contributing writer for *Rookie*. Straub's work has been published in fifteen countries.

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