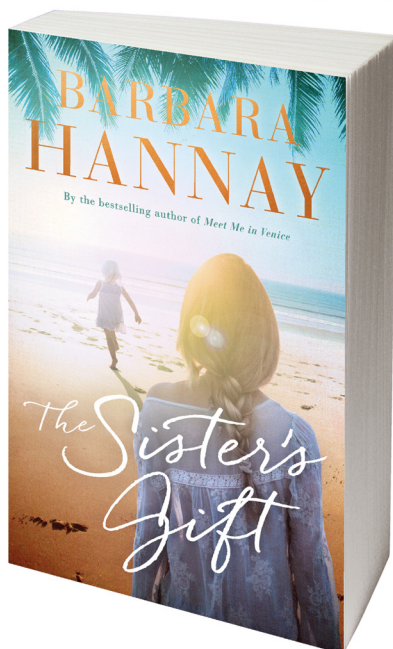


# The Sister's Gift

## BARBARA HANNAY

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### Praise for Barbara Hannay:

***'It's a pleasure to follow an author who gets better with every book'***  
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***'In beautiful, fluid prose, Hannay once again puts together all the ingredients for a real page-turner'***  
- The Chronicle

Twenty-four years ago on Magnetic Island off the coast of Queensland, a young woman named Freya gave birth alone to her sister Pearl's child. This act of selflessness to give the ultimate gift of motherhood through surrogacy came with a heavy price - a deep rift in her relationship with Pearl, and the loss of the man she was going to marry.

In the present day, Freya is in her forties, childless, divorced and has lost her home in a fire. Desperate, she accepts a reluctant job offer from her estranged niece Billie to work at Pearl's bistro on the Magnetic Island while Pearl takes a long awaited holiday with her husband. This arrangement threatens to expose Freya as the surrogate mother to Billie, a secret Freya has kept for over two decades for the sake of sisterhood.

Billie, feeling adrift in life, has never understood the tensions between her mother and Freya. However, having returned from Europe with a broken heart and a secret of her own, Freya is her only source of support. And when Billie is called in to give evidence in court, she meets Detective Dan Dexter, an attractive man with a young daughter of his own, leading to further complications in the matters of her heart.

Meanwhile, Freya's old flame Seb, now a successful artist, returns into her life as the bistro's new chef. He wants to forget their past, she can't stop thinking about it, and they can't deny the old spark that has ignited between them.

Set on the stunning shores of the Coral Sea will these three women be able to finally let the truth set them free, or will it tear them apart forever?

From one of Australia's most acclaimed and award-winning romance authors, Barbara, with her trademark blend of drama and romance, has written a cast of genuine and loveable characters while capturing the beauty of tropical Queensland, the place she calls home.

Moving and utterly poignant, *The Sister's Gift* is a heartfelt Australian family saga about second chances, the unbreakable bonds of family, and the redemptive power of love.

### ABOUT

Barbara Hannay writes women's fiction, with over twelve million books sold worldwide. Her novels set in Australia have been translated into twenty-six languages, and she has won the Romance Writers of America's RITA award and been shortlisted five times. Two of Barbara's novels have also won the Romance Writers of Australia's Romantic Book of the Year award.

Barbara lives in Townsville with her writer husband and enjoys being close to the Coral Sea, the stunning tropical scenery and colourful characters, all of which find their way into her popular stories.



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