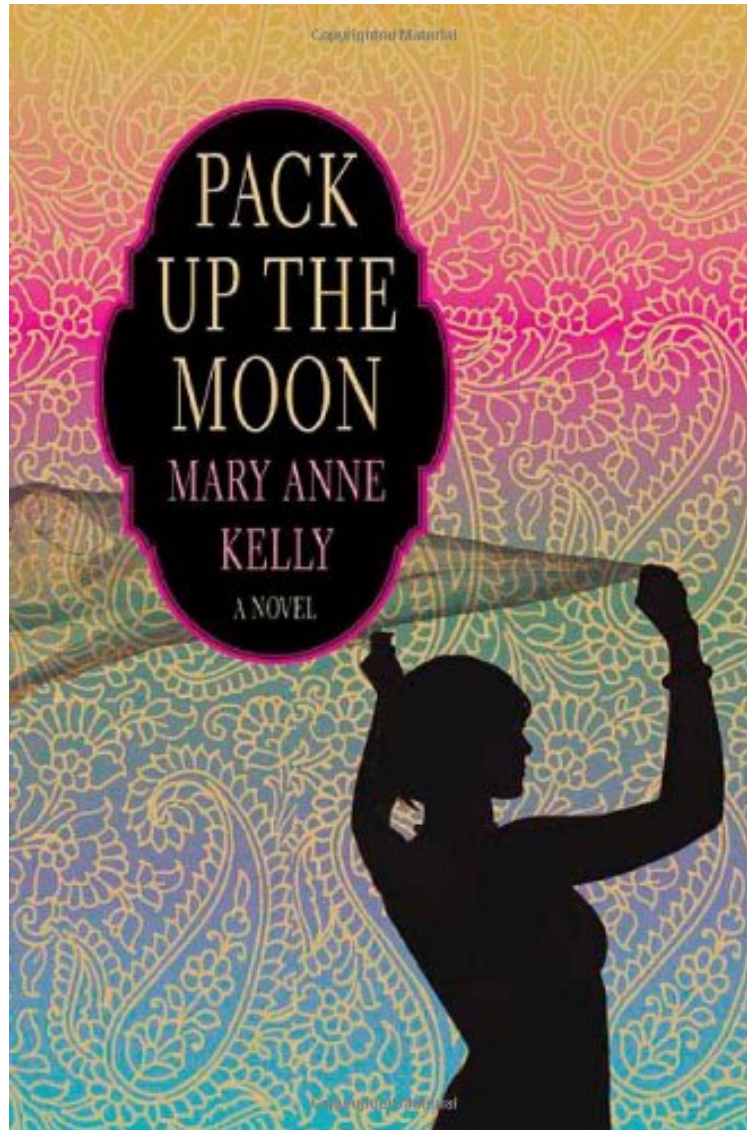


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and what it is we desire out of life. I got to know Claire in such a way that I feel like I want to get to know her better (which I will do by getting the previous novels Mary Anne has written). Mary Anne takes us to wonderful and exciting countries with the ability to vividly describe the environment. You must get this book, and all of her others! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a great book! By Darla J. Shine I picked this up because I thought the title seemed interesting. I found myself in Borders reading page 32. I figured I should buy it. I came home, got the kids in bed, made myself a cup of tea and cuddled up with this book. I was up all night. I went on a great adventure living life through the main character Claire. She goes on a soul searching mission to India and I can tell you, she has quite the time meeting new men, having relationships and yes girls there is plenty of passion in these pages. I love the author's style of writing. I am now on ordering a few of Mary Anne Kelly's mysteries. She is my new favorite author.

After five extraordinarily moving mysteries, Mary Anne Kelly turns to a touching and charming novel filled with true-to-life characters and deep emotion.

From Publishers Weekly Kelly breaks out of the mystery mold with an early view of heroine Claire Breslinsky in this middling prequel to *Foxglove*, *The Cordelia Squad* and the other Breslinsky novels. Barely 20 and short on cash, Claire finds modeling work in Germany in 1972 after disappointing stints in Paris and Milan. She makes friends with Isolde, a lovably wicked older model who introduces Claire to European eccentrics and socialites. One evening's tipsy dinner party conversation inspires an ambitious overland expedition to India. Among the travelers are the charming Dr. Blacky von Osterwald and Tupelo Honig, the glamorous actress who vies with Claire for Blacky's affection as the caravan drives through Germany, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan and meets with the danger and beauty of the Middle East before arriving in India. Kelly paints a vivid portrait of 1970s India, but overripe prose ("And what had taught me to be so expert at an art of which I knew nothing?"), clunky dialogue and a listless plot limit potential. (Dec.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Kelly continues the story of Claire Breslinsky, following *The Cordelia Squad* (2003), taking readers back to the 1970s, when Claire was a young fashion model traipsing through Europe, looking for work and desperately trying to forget her twin brother's death. She lands in Germany, where a glamorous, seasoned model takes Claire under her wing and exposes her to an eclectic group of people. At an impromptu dinner party, and after many bottles of wine, the party decides to make a documentary chronicling their caravan-style trip to India. What follows is a peek at the indulgent whims of the rich, the moody temperaments of artists, and the lure of the strange and exotic. Claire's adventures include a same-sex liaison, a run-in with a violent nomadic tribe, a trip to a leper colony, and lots of hashish; however, throughout the journey she seems out of place among the quirky, wealthy group. The wonderful family dynamic of the previous novels is missing here, yet this tale definitely belongs with the other Claire Breslinsky novels. Carolyn Kubisz Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Mary Anne Kelly lives in Rockville Centre, New York.