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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Family secrets and fairy lore create a shifting reality in McMahon's unsettling novel about the disappearance of a 12-year-old girl who longed to become Queen of the Fairies. Fifteen years after Lisa goes missing, her younger brother, Sam, gets a strange phone call that leads him and his girlfriend, Phoebe, to discover a book, supposedly written by the King of the Fairies, that Lisa used as her bible to cross over, and which prompts Sam and Phoebe to meet up with Sam's cousin, Evie, to see if they can figure out what happened to Lisa. Nothing is as it seems from that moment on, and Phoebe's longtime fear of a dark man in the shadows seeps back after she discovers, in true woo-woo fashion, that she is pregnant. McMahon (*Promise Not to Tell*) alternates between the past and present with loads of portent and foreshadowing, creating a rural Vermont chiller with a *Rosemary's Baby* vibe, but even after a surprising villainess emerges and more than a few disquieting passages about Lisa are burned through, many readers will remain in the dark. (May)

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Review

“Beautifully written and spooky, *Don't Breathe a Word* wraps around you and pulls you into a dark world of fairies and family secrets.” (Chevy Stevens, New York Times bestselling author of *Still Missing*)

“Jennifer McMahon never flinches and never fails to surprise as her stories twist down unexpected roads. *Don't Breathe a Word* balances love and horror as McMahon weaves a young couple into a perverse fairyland where *Rosemary's Baby* could be at home.” (Randy Susan Meyers, author of *The Murderer's Daughters*)

“Jennifer McMahon's novels are like the perfect winter truffle: dark, rich, earthy, and an absolute, decadent pleasure. *Don't Breathe a Word* is a haunting page-turner that kept me up, spine shivering and enthralled, way past my bedtime.” (Joshilyn Jackson, NYT bestselling author of *Gods in Alabama* and *Backseat Saints*)

“[A] strange and unsettling shocker ... With the tale's outcome utterly unforeseeable even as it races along, “Don't Breathe a Word” leaves you breathless.” (Wall Street Journal)

From the Back Cover

On a soft summer night in Vermont, twelve-year-old Lisa went into the woods behind her house and never came out again. Before she disappeared, she told her little brother, Sam, about a door that led to a magical place where she would meet the King of the Fairies and become his queen.

Fifteen years later, Phoebe is in love with Sam, a practical, sensible man who doesn't fear the dark and doesn't have bad dreams—who, in fact, helps Phoebe ignore her own. But suddenly the couple is faced with a series of eerie, unexplained occurrences that challenge Sam's hardheaded, realistic view of the world. As they question their reality, a terrible promise Sam made years ago is revealed—a promise that could destroy them all.

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