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**\*Starred Review\*** Any woman who has ever longed to shake off her life and embark on a road trip with female companions will love *Tapestry of Fortunes*. Cecilia Ross, a motivational speaker who teaches others to live their truth, is unable to follow her own advice. When she receives a postcard out of the blue from the one man she never got over, she realizes it's time to turn her regrets around. She seeks guidance from the fortune-telling devices that she stores in a box in the bedroom closet. Acting on their messages, Cece puts her house on the market, moves in with three women who are equally restless, and takes off with this newfound pack of friends, each on a mission to find the people and opportunities they missed. This book has all the ingredients for a highly satisfying read: a backroads journey, a testament to the power of female friendships, and the possibility of second chances. Berg strips her writing down to what is essential and takes an unflinching look at lifelong regrets. The characters are so completely realized, even the bit players will settle in your heart. **High-Demand Backstory:** The latest from the best-selling Berg, the author of more than 20 novels, will receive the full array of marketing support from the publisher. --Diane Holcomb

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“Berg could be creating a new genre. . . . [She] is especially wonderful at depicting the small revealing moments of women’s friendships, the offhand sharing of secrets in the grocery store.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Berg’s impeccable prose gives voice to that element in our psyche that enables us to cope with the impossible. . . . Berg writes on a higher plane.”—*Booklist*

“One of the most life-affirming writers around.”—*The Miami Herald*

“Berg has a gift for capturing the small, often sweet details of ordinary life.”—*Newsday*

*From the Hardcover edition.*

#### About the Author

**Elizabeth Berg** is the author of many bestselling novels, including *The Last Time I Saw You*, *Home Safe*, *The Year of Pleasures*, and *Dream When You’re Feeling Blue*, as well as two collections of short stories and two works of nonfiction. *Open House* was an Oprah’s Book Club selection, *Durable Goods* and *Joy School* were selected as ALA Best Books of the Year, *Talk Before Sleep* was short-listed for an Abby Award, and *The Pull of the Moon* was adapted into a play. Berg has been honored by both the Boston Public Library and the Chicago Public Library and is a popular speaker at venues around the country. Her work has been translated into twenty-seven languages. She lives near Chicago.

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