

# The Book of Lost Things: A Novel

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Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled into an imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. By the author of *The Black Angel*. 75,000 first printing.

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[www.johnconnolly.co.uk](http://www.johnconnolly.co.uk). Steven Crossley's soothing, precise voice leads us gently into the life of young David, whose dying mother tells him that stories are alive. David remembers this after her death when his father remarries and they move into his stepmother's home. There the strange books in his room begin to murmur, and he's lured into a dark fairy tale world by his dead mother's voice. Crossley's characterizations provide the believability needed to convey us into this frightening fantasy. The Woodsman, whom David meets first, has a voice that's gruff and rough--but, like David, we trust him. Crossley's ferocious reading makes us fear the evil half-human half-wolf, Leroi Loup. We hope that David learns enough to escape the gruesome story he's somehow helped to create. S.W. AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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*The Saints of Lost Things*, Louisiana, 1965, and an unlikely, inevitable couple. Sammy Teague and Betsy Duplechain have grown up right next door to each other, but in different worlds, with expectations and circumstances that have always kept them separate. Now, as a powerful September hurricane bears down on the Louisiana coast, those worlds will come face to face. The choices they make will send them on an odyssey north and into the fall of 1965, as the brutal and envious sheriff Percy Parris pursues them. Along the way they meet an unusual and eclectic series of people who help them become more than what they were. As fall turns to winter, their lives will change forever in the wake of a storm named Betsy. *The Saints of Lost Things* is a story of love, hope, and perseverance, and envy and bitterness. And the remarkable power of kindness.

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