

# The Hand That First Held Mine



Winner of the 2010 Costa Novel Award and a Sunday Times bestseller, *THE HAND THAT FIRST HELD MINE* by Maggie O'Farrell is a gorgeously written story of love and motherhood from the author of *THIS MUST BE THE PLACE*. When the sophisticated Innes Kent turns up on her doorstep, Lexie Sinclair realises she cannot wait any longer for her life to begin, and leaves for London. There, at the heart of the 1950s Soho art scene, she carves out a new life. In the present day, Elina and Ted are reeling from the difficult birth of their first child. Elina struggles to reconcile the demands of motherhood with her sense of herself as an artist, and Ted is disturbed by memories of his own childhood that don't tally with his parents' version of events. As Ted begins to search for answers, an extraordinary portrait of two women is revealed, separated by fifty years, but connected in ways that neither could ever have expected.

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