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APPENDIX 1

SYNOPSIS MEGG SHAFFER'S *THE WISHING GAME*

The Wishing Game is a novel of hope, mystery, and love that tells the story of Lucy Hart, a kindergarten assistant teacher whose life is filled with financial constraints and past wounds. Despite her modest life, Lucy has one big wish: to adopt Christopher, an orphan whom she loves as her own. However, her wish is thwarted by an adoption system that demands financial stability and a decent hometwo things Lucy does not yet have.

Everything changes when Jack Masterson, a legendary children's author whom Lucy greatly admires, announces a mysterious contest on Clock Island. The prize is a copy of Jack's latest, unpublished book, worth millions of dollars and one wish that can be granted to the winner. Along with several other contestants, Lucy must compete in a series of high-stakes puzzles and games designed by Jack.

Throughout the competition, Lucy faces not only physical and intellectual challenges, but also the shadows of her past, emotional wounds, and fear of failure. But in the process, she discovers new strengths within herself as a mother, a fighter, and a woman who dares to dream.

The Wishing Game is a story about a family chosen by heart, not blood, and about the power of hope to change lives. Through a plot that combines the magic of fairy tales with the realities of life, Meg Shaffer conveys the message that love, determination, and courage can make the most impossible dreams come true.

APPENDIX II

BIOGRAPHY OF MEGG SHAFFER

Meg Shaffer is an American author known for her debut novel *The Wishing Game*, published in 2023 by Ballantine Books, an imprint of Random House. Shaffer is known for her imaginative and emotionally rich writing style, as well as her ability to build compelling and meaningful fictional worlds. Before writing novels, Meg Shaffer had a background in scriptwriting and media production, which helped shape her skills in building strong narratives. Her work often addresses themes of healing inner wounds, the importance of the found family, childhood trauma, and the power of story in shaping self-identity.

The novel *The Wishing Game* has received positive appreciation from readers and critics for its ability to present a nostalgic feel like classic children's literature, while remaining relevant to adult psychological problems. Shaffer creates fictional worlds like *Clock Island* that symbolize the transformation process and emotional resilience of her characters. Currently living in the United States, Meg Shaffer continues to write and engage with readers through her inspiring and heartfelt works.



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