

When an auto accident in a Boston suburb leaves 33-year-old model Christine McMurray's face, hands and torso disfigured and one leg with multiple fractures, she must rethink her identity. *A Light in the Heart* is a story of Christine's struggles with a controlling father who pushed her into beauty pageants from early childhood, a soon to be former fiancé and her reluctance to believe a photographer with whom she once had a fling still finds her attractive. This complex novel of loss, betrayal and ultimately rebirth is set in Montana and on Cape Cod.

A LIGHT IN THE HEART is an inspirational story of living through pain and loss to find purpose and love. It touches on many aspects of life including romance, tragedy, betrayal, struggle, triumph--all issues facing women of today.

"Kathy O'Brien is a wise and observant storyteller. "A Light in the Heart" bursts with humanity, exploring the pitfalls of the pursuit of personal perfection, while reminding every reader that a rich life comprises luck, both kinds. Perhaps most poignantly, it is a story that reminds us that the places of our human lives are not scenery and that the uphill roads lead home."

***Jacquelyn Mitchard, best-selling author
The Deep End of the Ocean***

Other readers have called it "inspiring, courageous, a great read." One reader described it, " ... explores the journey of a young woman who, through tragic circumstances, discovers her own inner beauty and strength within the sweeping landscape of Montana."

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