

Praise for
Love Stories in This Town
by
Amanda Eyre Ward

"*Love Stories in this Town* is pure delight, tale by tale, line by line. These are stories you'll read compulsively, every irresistible opening practically a dare: *just try and stop reading*. You'll find it's impossible—deliciously, fascinatingly, gloriously impossible—to put this book down."

—Thisbe Nissen, author of *Out of the Girls' Room and Into the Night* and *Osprey Island*

"No question: Amanda Eyre Ward is the woman you want to see walk into the bar when the lights go down and it's time for serious talk. Wisecracking, whip-smart, and utterly beguiling, *Love Stories in This Town* is one part Chekhov, one part Patsy Cline, all told with a confident, hip-cocking charm that's completely her own. I flat out loved these stories."

—Justin Cronin, author of *The Summer Guest*

"With her dazzling new collection, *Love Stories in This Town*, Amanda Eyre Ward proves once again that she knows just where to strike: the heart, the mind, and the funny bone. Ward tackles the fears of our contemporary collective consciousness—terrorism, war in Iraq—with the same compassion, intelligence, and spot-on insight that she brings to the domestic front—infertility, familial troubles, failed love. The Lola Stories in particular will leave readers hankering for a sequel."

—Michelle Richmond, author of *The Year of Fog* and *No One You Know*

"Ward's powerful first collection (after three novels) travels from Montana to Saudi Arabia, tackling love, terrorism and grave matters of the heart.... The way Ward balances ruefulness and hope is singularly impressive."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"★In her first collection, novelist Ward (*Forgive Me*, 2008, etc.) gently and discreetly invites us into her characters' lives.... Luminous work from a gifted writer."

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"A mesmerizing, read-in-one-sitting foray into the complexities of contemporary love."

—*Booklist*