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STORY IDEAS/TOPICS

1. The Writing Process: Writing of all kinds can help us process major life events as well as every day thoughts, ideas and questions.
2. The Galveston Setting: The locale is important to me after living on the island in my mid-20s.
3. Not Having It All: Being an author, teacher, mother, wife, daughter and sister means learning how important it is to embrace limits, to say “no” even to good things and to be content with not doing everything.
4. How to Talk to Teens: As a high-school teacher and a writer, I’ve learned about conversing with people of all ages, including the sometimes-elusive teenager.
5. Inspiration for this story: The story of real-life Hannah Upp and her struggle with dissociative identity disorder, as detailed in a *New Yorker* article, inspired this story.

EARLY PRAISE FOR *THE NIGHT SHE WENT MISSING*

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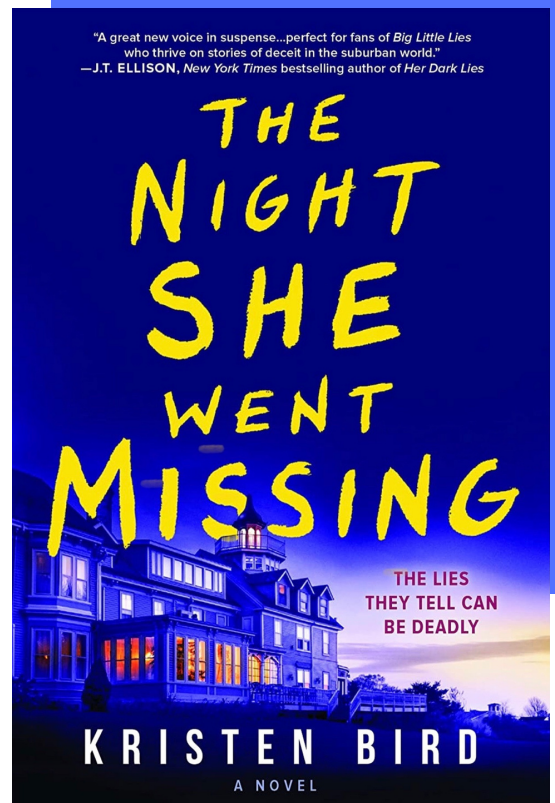
Allison Brennan, *New York Times* bestselling author

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Amber Garza, author of *Where I Left Her*

“A great new voice in suspense, perfect for fans of *Big Little Lies*, who thrive on stories of deceit in the suburban world.”—

J. T. Ellison, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *Her Dark Lies*



***The Night She Went Missing* is a twisty domestic suspense debut for fans of *Big Little Lies* that follows three women who live on Galveston Island in a close-knit upscale community where parents can behave badly. The lies they tell themselves become dangerous when a new girl disappears after spending the night with high school friends.**

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