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Unsaid Things explores lives affected by trauma, searching for more

Scheduled to be published June 1, 2021, Unsaid Things is the Prozac Nation for a new generation.

A new short story collection takes the reader through the lives of thirteen directionless young people struggling with meaning in an indifferent world. In the spirit of *Prozac Nation, Generation X,* and *Girl Interrupted, Unsaid Things* is an honest and unflinching look at how some people navigate the things that remain unsaid, such as "I love you" or "I hate you," each in their own way and each with varying degrees of success.

The stories in *Unsaid Things* take place in the clubs, apartments, and often on the dark side of rudderless lives in search of something more. A woman who tells everyone her very much alive ex is dead. A model whose abuse as a girl defines how she sees her role in the world. An art student who is a curator, collecting beauty where she find it. A college student sinking deeper and deeper into a dark hole of drugs and sex. Always real, always unblinking, *Unsaid Things* pulls the reader along as a wing-woman on booze-soaked nights and ill-chosen hookups, all in search of more.

Author Joanna Acevedo is a daring young voice in literary fiction. *Unsaid Things* is her second book. She is the author of the poetry collection *The Pathophysiology of Longing* (Black Centipede Press, 2020). Acevedo lives and works in New York City. She received her BA in Literary Studies from the New School in 2019. She is a Hospitalfield 2020 Interdisciplinary Resident, NYU Goldwater Fellow, Prose Editor at *Inklette Magazine*, and is currently an MFA Candidate at New York University. She currently teaches creative writing and is working on her debut novel.

Early reviews are coming in.

"Joanna Acevedo has many gifts, but the most potent may be: she is a writer who is incapable of being dull. This searing, mesmerizingly entertaining collection will leave you aching for more. She's a great writer, and this is an exhilarating debut." — Darin Strauss, author of numerous books including *Half a Life* and recipient of the National Book Critics Circle Award

"Love isn't safe, love isn't kind. Love is a four letter word in Joanna Acevedo's *Unsaid Things*," — Elisa Sinnett, author of Detroit Fairy Tales (2021).

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