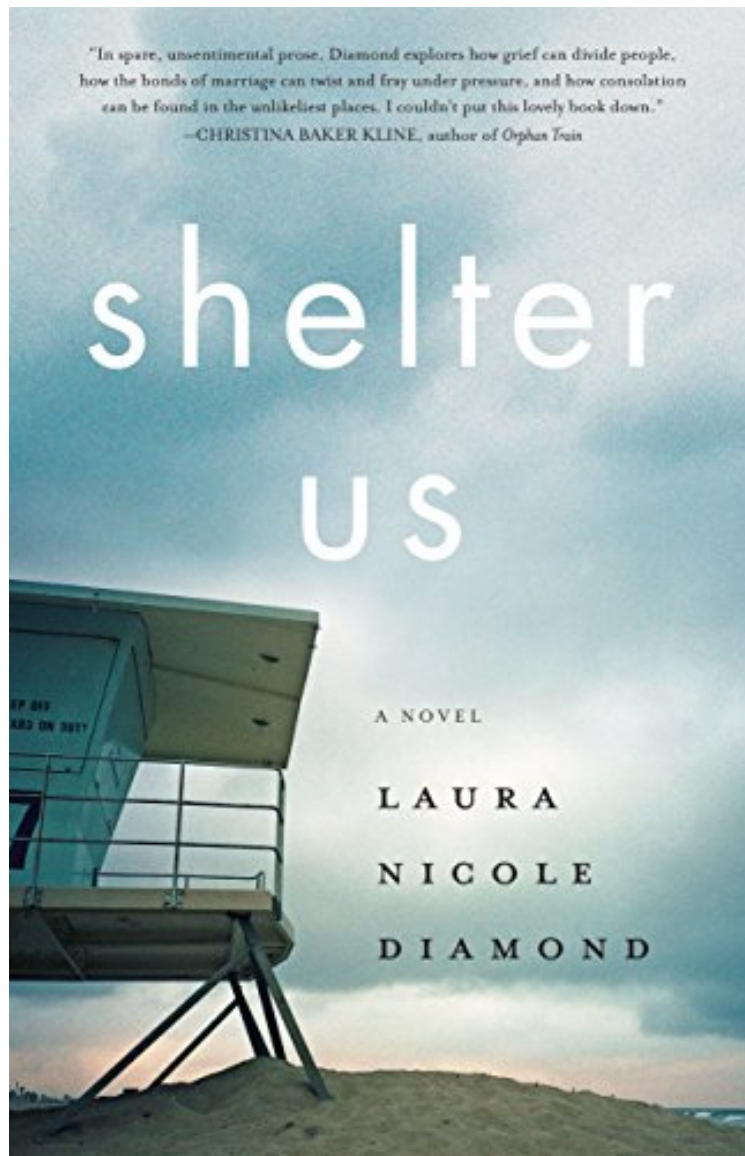


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Shelter Us!Von Brenda"My heart wants to spill out onto the square of sidewalk, flood the street with gratitude for making me feel like I'm not a fool, like what I've done is not nothing, when I know it is."Shelter Us, a novel by Laura Nicole Diamond is thought provoking as the author dives into the depth of the human spirit and does so with rich prose that

touches on your heartstrings. There are moments of such profound grief that I unconsciously found myself holding my breath. I could understand this kind of loss and despair. Sarah's internal voice registers loud and clear. I connected to her uncertainty and vulnerability. I recognized it before I even read the words. Her insecurity, she wears like a glove. I have had a different kind of loss, but the human suffering is similar, relatable and in this case, mesmerizing. "I feel like a boiling pot whose lid has been adjusted to let some steam escape." I know this feeling. I am right there with her. In the moment. During her lowest of lows. Those inner voices, suffocating her, I do understand. Poignant. *Shelter Us* is worth savoring, as I tried not to read so fast, I wanted to take it all in and not miss out on one precious scene that this heartfelt narrative had to offer. Knowing that this was fiction it read like a memoir with a natural flow and realistic happenings. Still, I had to focus on not letting the tears rush down my cheeks. I connected to it and I couldn't help but be emotionally involved. This is a very good story that moved me and lured me in from the onset. A parent's worst nightmare and yet I couldn't look away. Like a bad traffic accident where it's close to impossible not to look. I enjoyed how this was told and could see it playing out in front of my eyes. Very good visual descriptions and great inner details that had me care about someone that I didn't know and doesn't even exist. Also enjoyed that it took place in Los Angeles, my birthplace. I know Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica well and maybe Downtown Los Angeles a bit less but I could see and smell the landscaping. *Shelter Us* feels very authentic and realistic. I languished over every word. Quote ~"I walk into their room and immediately forget that I'm on a sock-finding mission, and instead start picturing where I could set up a portable crib for that homeless baby. There's room in the middle, maybe. Could this house be their haven? This is insane. I have to look for them again. I have to find them. As soon as Joan and the boys leave, that's what I'll do. I feel the hot, sultry relief of giving in to compulsion."

Kurzbeschreibung Lawyer-turned-stay-at-home mom Sarah Shaw is struggling to keep it together for her two young sons and law professor husband. Since the death of their infant daughter, her husband has been buried in his career, her friendships have withered, and Sarah remains lost in a private world of grief. Then one day walking in L.A., Sarah's heart catches at the sight of a young homeless woman pushing a baby in a stroller and saving them becomes her obsessive mission. An unlikely bond grows between Sarah and the young mother, Josie. When tragedy threatens Josie, Sarah discovers that she is capable of deceptions and transgressions she never imagined. Her lies unleash a downward spiral that will threaten her marriage, family and her sanity. *Shelter Us* speaks to the quiet joys and anxieties of parenthood and illuminates a place all parents know: that shadowy space between unconditional love and fear of unbearable loss. **Pressestimmen** A sensitively told exploration of layers of loss, isolation, motherhood, and marriage. Diamond knows there are no easy answers and her portrait of Sarah is drawn by a skillful, compassionate hand. Aimee Bender, author of *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* and *An Invisible Sign of My Own* *Shelter Us* is beautiful novel that strikes every emotional chord hope and fear, love and loss, betrayal and forgiveness. Laura Nicole Diamond is a talent. Her moving story will resonate with anyone who has ever walked past a homeless person and wondered, Could I make a difference? With flawed characters who come alive on the page, Diamond captures her readers with honesty and heart. Lori Nelson Spielman, author of *The Life List* A watercolor portrait of a family at a crossroads, *Shelter Us* is a deftly rendered narrative of the everyday joys and devastating heartbreaks of parenthood, love, and loyalty. Laura Nicole Diamond's is a new voice that rings with an old truth: the only way to survive life is through the grace and kindness of the living. Gina B. Nahai, author of *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.* *Shelter Us* is about characters in search of refuge both literal and metaphorical, seeking comfort, safety, and a sense of belonging. In spare, unsentimental prose, Laura Nicole Diamond explores how grief can divide people, how the bonds of marriage can twist and fray under pressure, and how consolation can be found in the unlikeliest places. I couldn't put this lovely book down. Christina Baker Kline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Orphan Train* Recommended for book groups interested in discussing issues relating to women, the loss of a child, and family relationships. **Library Journal** **Kurzbeschreibung** Lawyer-turned-stay-at-home mom Sarah Shaw is struggling to keep it together for her two young sons and law professor husband. Since the death of their infant daughter, her husband has been buried in his career, her friendships have withered, and Sarah remains lost in a private world of grief. Then one day walking in L.A., Sarah's heart catches at the sight of a young homeless woman pushing a baby in a stroller and saving them becomes her obsessive mission. An unlikely bond grows between Sarah and the young mother, Josie. When tragedy threatens Josie, Sarah discovers that she is capable of deceptions and transgressions she never imagined. Her lies unleash a downward spiral that will threaten her marriage, family and her sanity. *Shelter Us* speaks to the quiet joys and anxieties of parenthood and illuminates a place all parents know: that shadowy space between unconditional love and fear of unbearable loss.