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**A Bustle American Woman Book Club Pick**

**A PopSugar Best Book of the Summer**

**A Refinery29 Best Read of June**

**An Amazon Best YA Book of the Summer**

**An iBooks Best Book of the Month**

**“We can’t overstate how much we LOVED this debut.”** ?iBooks, Best Book of the Month

**“This sharp, complex narrative** is a coming-of-age novel that will feel especially resonant for women in the lens of 2017.”

?Refinery29

**“Sensitive, big hearted, engrossing...packs a big emotional punch.”**

?Publishers Weekly

**“An incredibly honest and empathetic debut.”**

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**“Important subject matter, fierce writing. Pipkin stole my heart with this book.”**

?A.S. King, Printz Honor-winning author of *Still Life with Tornado*

**“With *Aftercare Instructions*, Bonnie Pipkin offers a mighty, innovative, and (often painfully) real debut.** Its construction?the present day in prose, the backstory in screenplay?amps up the ticking clock, making it **nearly impossible to put down. Readers may experience joy, heartache, and everything in between.”**

?David Arnold, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kids of Appetite* and *Mosquitoland*

**“*Aftercare Instructions* is an illuminating, beautiful portrait** of a brave and troubled girl with a brave, brave heart. Moving, authentic, timely.”

?Kathleen Glasgow, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Girl in Pieces*

**“A raw, riveting story of love and family** and the strength to stay standing when both begin to crumble. Bonnie Pipkin never flinches, and the result is **a novel as powerful as it is essential.”**

?Robin Wasserman, critically acclaimed author of *Girls on Fire*

**“Bonnie Pipkin presents more than a novel, but a confident and exciting** writing career.”

?*New York Times* bestselling and three-time Coretta Scott King Award-winning author **Rita Williams-Garcia**

**“With quiet subtle power, Bonnie Pipkin does not shy away from portraying the harsh realities of what can**

happen in the aftermath of a hard decision. *Aftercare Instructions* is **a heart wrenching story** that will touch and resonate with so many young adult readers.”

?Printz Award winner and National Book Award Finalist **An Na**

“Do I have any criticisms? None.”

?Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner **Tim Wynne-Jones**

#### About the Author

Bonnie Pipkin believes in prose, performances, puppet shows, and public displays of affection. Originally from California, Bonnie now lives in Brooklyn. She has an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts, teaches literature courses at Kean University, officiates weddings, and looks after a very cute cat. *Aftercare Instructions* is Bonnie’s first novel.

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