

JAN ELLISON

A SMALL INDISCRETION *a novel*

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**“Rich with suspense...What at first seems a straightforward account of a young innocent abroad quickly morphs (flavorfully, artfully) into a sort of sexual whodunit...Lovely writing guides us through.”**

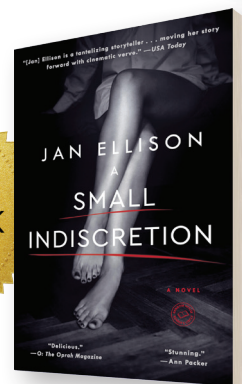
—*San Francisco Chronicle (Book Club Pick)*

With psychological suspense, emotional depth and hypnotic prose, O. Henry Prize winner Jan Ellison has delivered a brilliantly paced, beautifully written debut novel about one woman's reckoning with a youthful mistake.

At nineteen, Annie Black trades a bleak future in a washed out California town for a London winter of drinking and abandon. Twenty years later, she is a San Francisco lighting designer and happily married mother of three who has put her reckless youth behind her. Then a photo from that distant winter in Europe arrives inexplicably in her mailbox, and an old obsession is awakened. Past and present collide, Annie's marriage falters, and her son takes a car ride that ends with his life hanging in the balance. Now Annie must confront her own transgressions and fight for her family by untangling the mysteries of the turbulent winter that drew an invisible map of her future. Gripping, insightful and lyrical, *A Small Indiscretion* announces the arrival of major new voice in literary suspense as it unfolds a story of denial, passion, forgiveness—and the redemptive power of love.

- **A USA TODAY Bestseller**
- **A *San Francisco Chronicle* Best Book of the Year**
- ***Tournament of Books* Long List for Finest Fiction of 2015**
- ***O. The Oprah Magazine* Editor's Pick**
- **A USA Today Weekend Pick**
- **A 2015 *San Francisco Chronicle* Book Club Pick**

- **A FlavorWire Staff Pick**
- **One of *Cosmopolitan's* 50 Things to do in January 2015**
- ***Huffington Post's* 10 Must-Reads for Spring**
- ***The Reading Room's* 12 Debut Authors Worth Reading**
- ***Stylecaster's* Smart Girls Guide to Summer Reading**



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**“Delicious.”**

—*O: The Oprah Magazine*

**“Tantalizing.”**

—*USA Today*

**“Stunning.”**

—*Ann Packer*

**“A thought-provoking read.”**

—*The Huffington Post*

**“Engrossing.”**

—*Emma Donoghue*

**“Skillfully plotted.”**

—*The Rumpus*

