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"This stunningly powerful novel, an intimate investigation, asks essential questions: how do we live after committing or suffering the irreparable? What do we really know of those we love?"

This novel retraces the journeys of several characters with but one thing in common: secret lives. On one hand, members of the far-left extremist group Action Directe who, between 1979 and 1987, unapologetically claimed responsibility for dozens of terrorist attacks. On the other, Monica Sabolo, raised in an upper middle-class home ruled by secrets and lies, in the shadow of a father who was involved in occult activities and died without a word. As Sabolo probes further, she must face ghosts and the unspoken. From the Italy of the Red Brigades to 1980s France, this novel gracefully explores the infinite complexity of human beings, the issue of violence, and the possibility of forgiveness.
