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The Favorite Daughter.

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Ten years ago, just before her wedding, Colleen Donohue found her younger sister making out with the groom, so she left her South Carolina hometown and made a career for herself as a New York-based travel writer. When news of her father's early-onset Alzheimer's reaches her, Colleen returns home to face her family. Colleen's brother Shane has taken over the family's Irish pub, which is in financial trouble, and her sister Hallie is angry that Colleen never heard her side of the story about the wedding incident. The siblings are forced to work together, and as they do, a long-buried secret about the Donohue family comes to light. Henry's latest (after *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*, 2018) packs an emotional wallop, delving into the bonds and tragedies that make a family. Colleen's inability to trust is a key component of the plot, and as she opens up to the people around her, her life—and her understanding of what “home” means—is transformed. Readers of thoughtful family dramas will be drawn to the travails of the Donohue clan.

— *Nanette Donohue*