

BOOK DESCRIPTION

A taut and lyrical coming-of-age debut about a young American woman navigating class, lies, and love amid London's jet-set elite. I would arrive, blank like a sheet of notebook paper, and write myself new. Anna first fell in love with London at her hometown library—its Jane Austen balls a far cry from her life of food stamps and hand-me-downs. But when she finally arrives after college, the real London is a moldy flat and the same paycheck-to-paycheck grind—that fairy-tale life still out of reach. Then Anna meets the Wilders, who fly her to Saint-Tropez to tutor their teenage daughter. Swept up by the sphinxlike elder sister, Anna soon finds herself plunged into a heady whirlpool of parties and excess, a place where confidence is a birthright. There she meets two handsome young men—one who wants to whisk her into his world in a chauffeured car, the other who sees through Anna's struggle to outrun her past. It's like she's stepped into the pages of a glittering new novel, but what will it cost her to play the part? Sparkling with intelligence and insight, *All That Life Can Afford* peels back the glossy layers of class and privilege, exploring what it means to create a new life for yourself that still honors the one you've left behind.

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