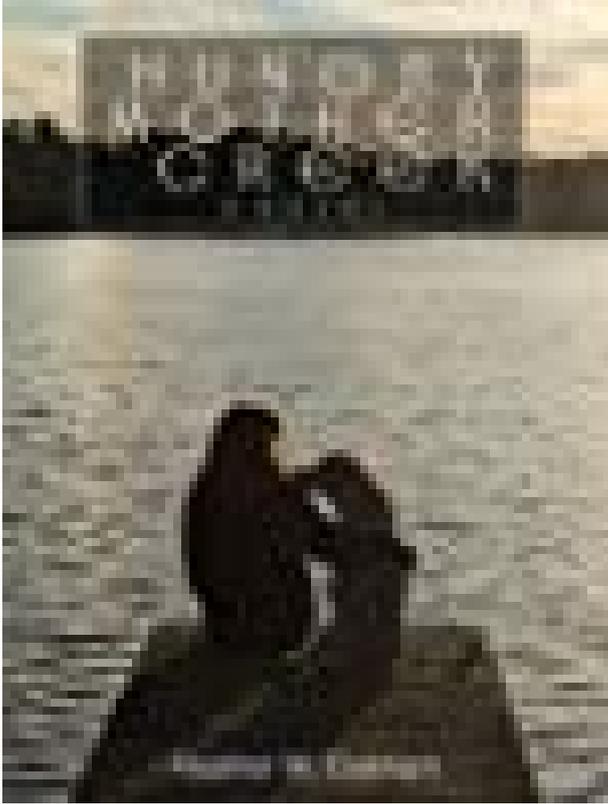


# Hungry Mother Creek



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Inspired by the idyllic setting of Oriental, North Carolina, *Hungry Mother Creek* is a story of love, loss, and the healing power of speaking your truth. To the outside world it looks like Maya Somers lost everything in Hurricane Katrina: her husband, the bungalow they shared and her job. But inside, Maya knows Katrina gave her the gift of a fresh start. She and her yellow lab, Doodle Bug, leave the destruction of the Gulf Coast for North Carolina and settle in Oriental, a quaint fishing village on the Pamlico Sound.

In her new home by the water, Maya begins to rebuild her life. She knows she needs to heal from her abusive marriage and the trauma of Hurricane Katrina, but isn't sure where to start. It isn't long before teachers appear to help her: Hazel, her elderly but spirited neighbor who has secrets of her own; Travis, a handsome kayak guide to whom she immediately feels a strong attraction; Buster, a crusty old fisherman who always seems to show up just when she needs him; and Bay Witherspoon, the much younger wife of a wealthy attorney who becomes a close friend despite their initial differences. Maya finds the most profound help when she is welcomed into a women's circle that meets on the banks of Hungry Mother Creek. Gathered with these women, Maya learns that becoming vulnerable and sharing her pain with others is the first step of her healing journey. What is the second step? Maya isn't sure, but with the help of her loyal yellow lab, her new friends and the peace of living by the water, she stays the course.

Ultimately, Maya finds the healing journey to be messy, tangled and unpredictable.

The result is nothing she could have ever imagined.