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In a nation built upon lies, the truth could mean freedom...

or death. Jack knows the truth. Born into Capernica's lowest social tier and not permitted to leave Settlement 56, Jaclyn Holloway refuses to pour out her years in the local fish cannery.

She gambles on the one chance available to her to advance—the high school Exit Exam. In a country that still keenly remembers the horrors of the Provocation, the period of unexplained disappearances that led to revolution, the smartest and strongest are richly rewarded in exchange for military service. Jack is adamant that her best friend, Will Ransom, join her in striving for induction. But if Jack fails to pass the stringent physical standards and Will succeeds, she will not be allowed to see him again until his tour of duty is completed—in twenty years. Meanwhile, the government has been keeping a tight lid on a new string of abductions. Jack's Exam score places her in a position to aid Axis, an underground organization charged with investigating events that threaten national security.

The evidence leads her back forty-seven years, to a series of high-profile cover-ups linked to the Provocation. Blowing the whistle could place her in danger, but holding her silence means history will likely repeat. And

Capernica could never survive a second Provocation.