

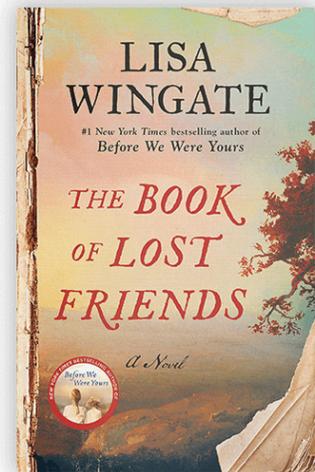
Lisa Wingate	
(AUTHOR)	
The Book of Lost Friends	
(BOOK TITLE)	
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lisa lives in Texas. She is a New York Time Bestselling Author. You probably know her best for her 2017 novel, *Before We Were Yours*, which stayed on the NYT bestseller list for over a year. But Lisa has written 30 books over the years.

ABOUT THE BOOK

New York Times Bestseller, *The Book Of Lost Friends* was inspired by the real-life “Lost Friends” ads, through which families separated during slavery sought to find their lost loved ones in the chaos following the Civil War. A reader and museum volunteer from the Historic New Orleans Collection connected Lisa with HNOC’s vast database of over 2500 Lost Friends ads, which chronicle the heart wrenching and hope-filled searches of separated families, and inspired the story of eighteen-year-old Hannie Gossett in the novel.

SETTING:

- Louisiana in 1875
- Louisiana in 1987

THEMES

- Friendship
- Community
- Education / Teaching / Books
- Slavery
- Survival

MAIN CHARACTERS

- Hannie
- Benny Silva
- Missy Lavinia
- Juneau Jane
- Nathan

MEMORABLE SCENES

- Hannie finding Missy Lavinia and Juneau Jane
- Hannie and Juneau Jane discovering the lost friends ads in the church
- Benny in the principal's office for her school project
- Benny and Nathan's discovery at the end of the book

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How did you feel reading the actual lost friends ads?
- Which character did you relate the most with?
- What moved you the most about this book?
- The ending...what was your favorite part?

QUOTES

- "We die once when the last breath leaves our bodies. We die a second time when the last person speaks our name.' The first death is beyond our control, but the second one we can strive to prevent."
- "The great thing about literature is that it's subjective. No two readers read the same book, because we all see the words through different eyes, filter the story through different life experiences."
- "Just because we're not always happy with what's true doesn't mean we shouldn't know it. It's how we learn. It's how we do better in the future. Hopefully, anyway."