

TRUE TO FORM

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The year is 1961 and thirteen year old army brat Katie Nash is still mourning the death of her mother two years prior. Her emotionally distant and borderline abusive father has re-married and the family is now stationed in Missouri.

Katie would like to take a part-time job as a lifeguard for the summer, but her father has a different plan. He has lined up two babysitting jobs – one for three troublesome boys, the other for a bed-ridden elderly woman. The highlight of Katie's summer is a trip to Texas to visit her former best-friend, Cherylanne, and to catch a final glimpse of the home she once shared with her beloved mother. The low point is a betrayal that forces Katie to take a hard look in the mirror.

Elizabeth Berg spins magic with her pitch-perfect delivery – she seems to channel her heroine – allowing the reader to develop an intimate relationship with Katie. Equally heartbreaking and heartwarming, 'True to Form' is a satisfying trip to a simpler time.

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