

SYNOPSIS

She doesn't need a man, but she does want a family.

Tori Matheny comes from a family of strong women who are all close and happily single. She plans to live the same way—an occasional fling, but never settling down. What's the need? She is, however, curious about her birth family despite her adoptive mom and aunts strongly discouraging her search. Tori's always known she was adopted and has never been able to shake her lifelong curiosity. When she runs into a childhood friend with plenty of time on his hands, he seems like the ideal candidate to help with her search.

After a nomadic lifestyle serving for years in the Veterinarians Without Borders program, Ethan Borden is permanently home and finally ready to settle down—buy a home, marry, and have children. He's always had a crush on Tori, so when she asks him for help, he's hopeful it's the beginning of so much more. Ethan is happy to help Tori find her birth family, but when Tori learns Ethan is hiding a deep family secret, can their budding relationship survive the generational betrayals?

DETAILS

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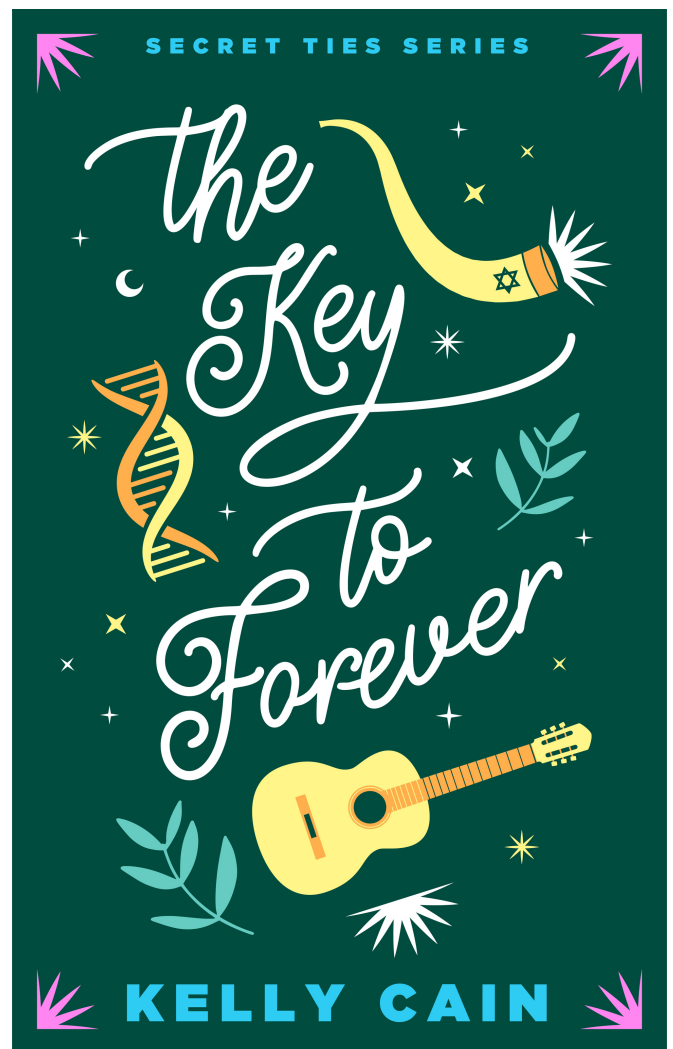
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EXCERPT

There was a knock on the door right on time. As much as people liked to whisper Tori was flighty, she had a great work ethic and was always on time. Ethan could really appreciate that about her. He looked around one more time to ensure he had everything then opened the door and his mouth nearly dropped to the floor.

Tori was a vision in flowing white. Wide-legged pants and an asymmetrical wrap covered a blouse with an artful plunging neckline. Plenty was left to the imagination and Ethan was doing everything in his power not to use that imagination right then and there.

"Uh, Ethan, you ready?"

He blinked rapidly several times then nodded, not trusting his voice. He stepped onto the porch and locked the door, putting the keys in the pocket of his jeans. When he turned back to her, he was somewhat composed. "You look incredible."

"Why, thank you. You clean up pretty well yourself." She smiled at him, and Ethan's insides melted.



ABOUT ME

Kelly Cain is a native Northern Californian but has spent the last couple of decades in Texas. Consequently, most of her books are set somewhere between those two locations. She writes Black, Blewish, and multicultural romance with determined women directing their own fates, and the swoon-worthy men who adore them. She loves reading most genres but please don't ask her to pick just one. When she isn't reading or writing, Kelly is most likely using a genealogy site to research her extended family, where she found out about her own adoption and Jewish roots. Or cooking/baking something delightful. She has two adult daughters, and a granddaughter.

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