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## BOOK RESUME: PICTURE PERFECT

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

To the outside world, they seem to have it all. Cassie Barrett, a renowned anthropologist, and Alex Rivers, one of Hollywood's hottest actors, met on the set of a motion picture in Africa. They shared childhood tales, toasted the future, and declared their love in a fairy-tale wedding. But when they return to California, something alters the picture of their perfect marriage. A frightening pattern is taking shape—a cycle of hurt, denial, and promises, thinly veiled by glamour. Torn between fear and something that resembles love, Cassie wrestles with questions she never dreamed she would face: How can she leave? Then again, how can she stay?

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Picoult writes with a fine touch, a sharp eye for detail, and a firm grasp of the delicacy and complexity of human relationships."—*The Boston Globe*

"Picoult has become a master—almost a clairvoyant—at targeting hot issues and writing highly readable page-turners about them . . . It is impossible not to be held spellbound by the way she forces us to think, hard, about right and wrong."—*The Washington Post*

"Picoult writes with an all-knowing and piercing eye. Hers is an important book from a talented writer we hope to hear from again and again."—*Library Journal*

### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Discussion Questions](#)
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### RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- ["Author Jodi Picoult denounces book bans after Florida school district pulls 20 of her titles from shelves," ABC News \(2023\)](#)
- ["Jodi Picoult: NH is not Florida. Book ban bill should be defeated." Seacoastonline \(2024\)](#)
- ["Bestselling Author Jodi Picoult Warns Against Book Bans," The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC \(2023\)](#)
- ["Jodi Picoult: 'It's not a badge of honour to be banned,'" BBC \(2024\)](#)
- ["Jodi Picoult Speaks Out Against Iowa Book Ban," iovelibraries \(2023\)](#)
- ["Author of banned book calls out Menomonee Falls School District," WISN \(2023\)](#)

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- [“Judge Blocks Iowa’s Ban on School Library Books That Depict Sex Acts,” \*The New York Times\* \(2023\)](#)

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