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FIVE FASCINATING WOMEN  
WHO INHABIT THE SAME HISTORIC HOME OVER THE  
COURSE OF A CENTURY – BRAIDED STORIES OF LOVE,  
HEARTBREAK AND COURAGE CONNECT THE WOMEN  
EVEN ACROSS GENERATIONS.

–*ROOT, PETAL, THORN* by Ella Joy Olsen releases September 2016–

**Advance Praise for Root, Petal, Thorn**

"Five women. Five complicated lives. One house where they all live over a period of one hundred years. In this story, the walls talk. Wonderful, compelling saga."

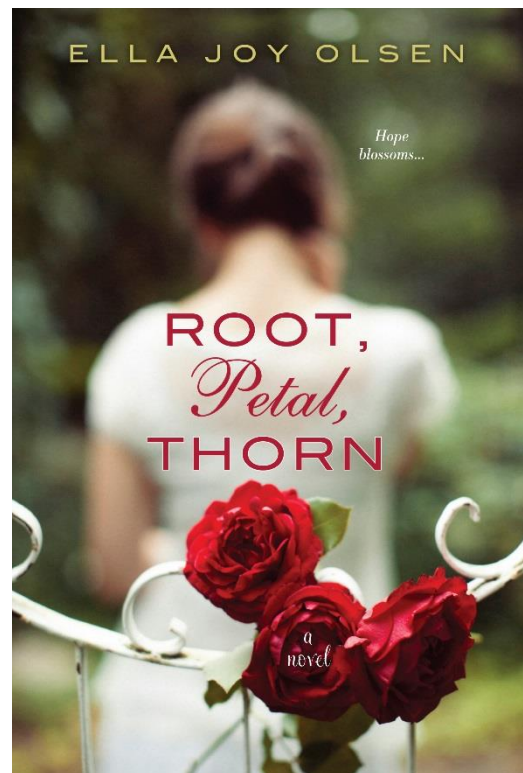
–**Cathy Lamb**, author of *My Very Best Friend*

"*Root, Petal, Thorn* is the perfect addition to a librarian's toolkit of recommended reads for book clubs looking for a lively discussion."

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Ivy Baygren has two great loves in her life: her husband, Adam, and the bungalow they buy together in one of the oldest neighborhoods in Salt Lake City, Utah. From the moment she and Adam lay eyes on the home, Ivy is captivated by its quaint details—the old porch swing, ornate tiles, and especially an heirloom rose bush bursting with snowy white blossoms. Called the Emmeline Rose for the home's original owner, it seems yet another sign that this place will

be Ivy's happily-ever-after...Until her dreams are shattered by Adam's unexpected death.

Striving to be strong for her two children, Ivy decides to tackle the home-improvement projects she and Adam once planned. Day by day, as she attempts to rebuild her house and her resolve, she uncovers clues about previous inhabitants, from a half-embroidered sampler to buried wine bottles. And as Ivy learns about the women who came before her—the young Mormon torn between her heart and anti-polygamist beliefs, the Greek immigrant during World War II, a troubled single mother in the 1960s—she begins to uncover the lessons of her own journey. For every story has its sadness, but there is also the possibility of blooming again, even stronger and more resilient than before...



### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Ella Joy Olsen** lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, in a century old brick bungalow with her husband and three children. She spent nearly a decade on the Board of Directors for the Salt Lake City Public Library system (and even more years browsing the stacks), and is a member of Women's Fiction Writers and the best book club ever, (SLC Bibliophiles).

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