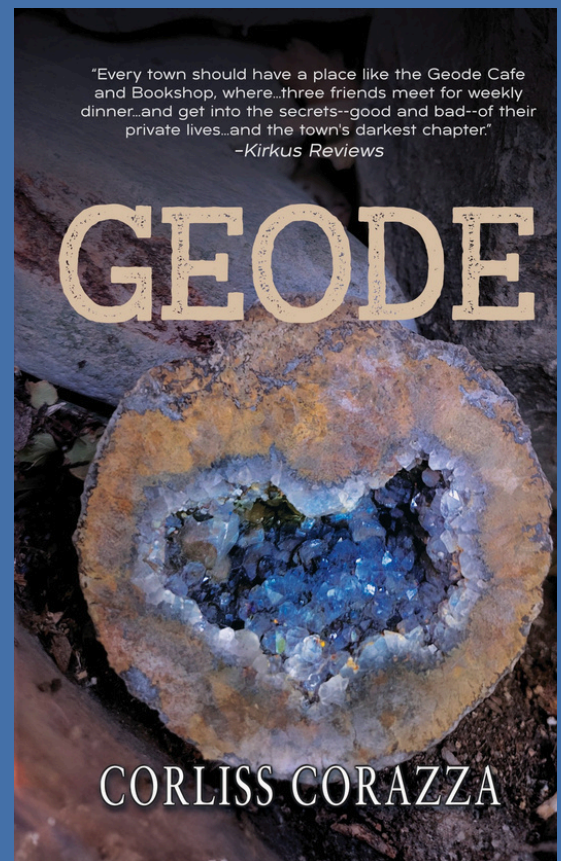


IN UMBRA RIVER, CALIFORNIA, THE CLOSETS ARE FULL OF SKELETONS.

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A cozy novel of friendship and healing
set in an inviting third space.
--Kirkus Reviews



Corliss Corazza's novel *GEODE* explores with skill and grace several difficult topics from U.S. history, which are closely related to our current national dissonance.

--Shirley Miller Kamada, author of No Quiet Water

Unsettled spirits. Missing children. Family secrets.

On Friday nights, Olivia, owner of the Geode Cafe and Bookshop, meets with her two best friends over dinner and wine to try to make sense of their lives, while current events alternately terrorize and mobilize the community. Anna, who owns Besties, a pet rescue and supply store next door, is a psychic animal communicator and non-practicing veterinarian. Emmaline, a young widow, is a trauma survivor trying to find her way and mother to Charlie, a four-year-old with a budding gift for setting trapped spirits free. Woven into the town's history are stories of the mistreatment of 19th century immigrant workers, a forgotten massacre, and generations of unrequited grief.

Stepping into Corliss Corazza's novel, *Geode*, is like stepping into three fresh perspectives, all with wise eyes observing their world in very different ways. History is presented in a manner that is compassionate, but brutal, but also intensely understandable. The three main characters of this novel, Olivia, Anna and Emmaline, will step into your life as they allow you to step into theirs. The book is rich and layered with multiple storylines that will not let you go until the last page. And then . . . you'll return to the first page to have the experience all over again.

--Kathie Giorgio, *Hope Always Rises*, and
Don't Let Me Keep You



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