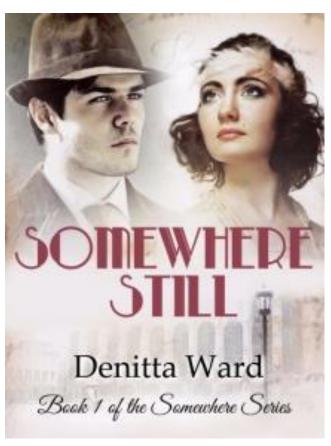


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SOMEWHERE STILL

BOOK INFORMATION



Historical fiction book explores the Roaring Twenties through the eyes of a young woman coming of age in Kansas City.

Somewhere Still, by Denitta Ward, offers a unique window into the history and culture of Kansas City at a turning point in its development and blends history and fiction to tell the coming-of-age story of one young woman's transformative journey of love, betrayal, and redemption.

Denitta Ward uses historical sites and real events to explore Jean's transformation from an innocent young girl to a self-assured woman, making her way in a society in transition.

Somewhere Still aims to give insight into 1920s Kansas City, a city on the cusp of significant change. During this time, the city's society women united to urge social and cultural advances, the jazz culture was born, baseball's famous Negro League was formed, the city had a burgeoning Prohibition bootleg trade, and a young woman was finding

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which many lived in the Roaring Twenties and we witness the power of love and its ability to heal and mend divides. *Somewhere Still* is written with tenderness as it demonstrates the transformative power of the human spirit to build bridges and extend a helping hand.

Written as a gift to her own mother, the author tells of a society in transition which serves as a backdrop for this story of the price of love, the hurts that are slowest to heal, and a certain kind of infinite redemption found when women band together across race and class. Come on this wonderful journey into *Somewhere Still*. Featured

locations include the Emery Bird Thayer Dry Goods Company, the Savoy Grill, the prestigious Wentworth Military Academy, and the city's many beautiful fountains.

SYNOPSIS

From the day Jean Ball lands a job at the elegant Empire hotel, she quickly learns the secrets of the entitled class. Dazzled by a Roaring Twenties society on the cusp of radical change, this naive and innocent young woman finds herself dancing, bobbing her hair, and falling for Elden Whitcomb, the handsome son of the wealthy hotel owner. The stakes rise when the Whitcombs' powerful secrets are revealed and loving Elden comes at a price – one that may be too high for Jean to pay.

Shattered and alone, Jean's in the battle of her life in a city alive with romance, smoky speakeasies, jazz music and scandal, but divided by race and class. With the help and encouragement of influential women, Jean may find what she has always needed, though her choices could echo through generations. But will the man she trusted and so fiercely loves redeem himself?



AUTHOR BIO

Denitta Ward, a Kansas native and author of the Somewhere series, writes historical fiction from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains featuring young women discovering their own resilience in times of transition. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law and obtained her undergraduate degree in Women's Studies and Political Science from the University of Kansas. She is a member of the Women's Fiction Writers Association, the Historical Novel Society, and Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers.

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