



Orchid Blooming

A Novel

By Carol Van Den Hende

A childhood tragedy followed her into adult life. Will she ever claim real happiness again?

Kind and generous, twenty-seven-year-old Orchid Paige will never forget that day. Living as best she can after witnessing her parents' fatal accident, the beauty industry marketer yearns to win a promotion to China to connect to her mom's ancestry. But with competition fierce, she despairs she'll never make the grade... until she meets an encouraging man who makes her feel safe despite her usual distrust.

After Orchid convinces the handsome entrepreneur to let her gain experience at his nonprofit project, she's determined to keep their relationship professional and ignore their powerful attraction. But when working on his military ad campaign for veterans triggers her own unresolved PTSD, she fears her confident mentor may be too good to be true even if she could trust him with her heart.

Can she conquer her vulnerabilities before she loses her chance at forever?

Orchid Blooming is the captivating first book in the Goodbye, Orchid contemporary fiction series, and can be read as a standalone. If you like complex characters overcoming trauma, heart-warming stories, and compassionate connections, then you'll adore award-winning author Carol Van Den Hende's emotionally satisfying page-turner.

Overview:

- Capable beauty executive feels lucky to meet the entrepreneur who can help her win a coveted job assignment, until the work with veterans triggers her own unresolved PTSD
- Award-winning BIPOC voice with fresh multicultural contemporary fiction made for book clubs
- Perfect for fans of *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- International Book Awards Finalist Multicultural Fiction and Women's Fiction

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Advanced Praise:

“Tension and compelling chemistry that will leave you breathless.”

—**Barbara Conrey, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Nowhere Near Goodbye***

“A love story for our times, *Orchid Blooming* reminds us of the power of empathy and will stay with you long after the last page.”

—**Lainey Cameron, award-winning author and host of *The Best of Women's Fiction* podcast**

“Precise and alluring command of language. *Orchid Blooming's* compelling imagery kept me reading. Another gold medal is on the horizon!”

—**SSGT Aaron Michael Grant, author of *TAKING BAGHDAD: Victory in Iraq With the US Marines***

“Rich with strong characters and a powerful sense of place, Orchid and Phoenix’s story has an important message about the enduring power of love and forgiveness.”

—**Susan Cushman, author of *Pilgrim Interrupted* and *John and Mary Margaret***

“Five-stars for *Orchid Blooming*! This page-turning novel is modern, ambitious, tempestuous, and ultimately gut wrenching.”

—**Rebecca Rosenberg, award-winning author of *Champagne Widows***

About the Author:



CAROL VAN DEN HENDE is an award-winning author who pens stories of resilience and hope. Her *Goodbye, Orchid* series is inspired by wounded veterans. Her debut novel won 16 literary awards, including the American Fiction Award, IAN Outstanding Fiction First Novel Award, and 2020 Royal Dragonfly for Disability Awareness.

Buzzfeed, Parade, and Travel+Leisure named “heartwarming, heartbreaking” *Goodbye, Orchid* a most anticipated read. Glamour Magazine recommended this “modern, important take on the power of love.” The International Pulpwood Queens selected *Goodbye, Orchid* as a 2022 Bonus Book-of-the-Month.

Carol’s mission is unlocking optimism as a writer, speaker, global marketer, digital strategist, Board Trustee and Climate Reality Leader. One secret to her good fortune? Her humorous husband and twins, who prove that love really does conquer all.

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