Dear reader,

I believe I'd be remiss if I did not, once again, begin with a warning. This book is, simply put, horrendously sad. There *is* joy in this book, as there is within any tragedy. There is also love, and a good dose of hope. The main ingredients, though, are sadness, violence, and a deep dive exploration into the duality of man. As it was with *Obedient*, there is a much shorter list of graphic things that are *NOT* in this book. If you're still here, I commend you. This story matters, I promise.

I hope you brought tissues,

Pearl

This book is a work of fiction.

However, it contains subject matter that may be triggering, including:

- Alcoholism/ Substance Abuse
- Child Abuse/ Disfigurement
- Child Death
- Infant loss/ Miscarriage
- Domestic Violence
- Eugenics
- Graphic Violence/ Gore
- Infertility
- Mental illness
- Profanity
- Sexual Assault/ Sexual Abuse
- Sexually explicit scenes
- Suicide