



Josie and Vic, a novel by Debra Thomas Sarton Award winner for *Luz*

A STORY OF LOVE, LOSS, AND FORGIVENESS, *JOSIE AND VIC* CONVEYS HOPE—EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES.

When Josie Serafini’s brother Vic loses his wife and children in a tragic accident, Josie leaves her home and beloved horses in Upstate New York to join him in Los Angeles. While helping Vic pick up the pieces of his shattered life, Josie confronts broken relationships with her estranged father and rebellious, singer-songwriter daughter. Josie and Vic each struggle to find where they belong in their changing worlds. Josie finds comfort in nature and in a budding, long-distance relationship with the empathetic equine veterinarian caring for her horses back home. Vic battles depression as he seeks purpose in his life. Josie’s three horses and a Siberian husky help open hearts to tenderness and healing—but it’s an unexpected journey to the US-Mexico border that offers this fragmented family a chance to reconnect.

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"Debra Thomas is a magician. Her artistry and empathy and gentle humor allow *Josie and Vic*, a novel grounded in the deepest of grief, to shine with hope, with compassion, with the reminder that connection and service offer us paths toward healing. An unforgettable, heart-filled, heart-filling novel." --**Gayle Brandeis, author of *The Book of Dead Birds*, winner of Barbara Kingsolver’s Bellwether Prize**

“Debra Thomas is a master at creating complex and believable characters who deal with abandonment issues, tragedy, starting over when all seems lost—and the soul connection between animals and humans. ~ **Kathleen M. Rodgers, author of *The Flying Cutterbucks*, a 2021 WILLA Literary Award Finalist**

“Dealing with layers of anxiety, grief, and loss, *Josie* shows us that sometimes the longest road home teaches us the most about ourselves. For fans of Ann Patchett, Joyce Carol Oates, and Barbara Kingsolver. A lovely book.” --**Ashley E. Sweeney, New Mexico-Arizona Book Award winner of *Answer Creek***



Originally from Binghamton, New York, Debra Thomas has lived in Southern California most of her adult life. After working a decade as a registered nurse, Debra returned to college to pursue her passion for literature and writing. She is a former English teacher at a Los Angeles public high school, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor to adults from all over the world. Her experiences as an immigrant rights advocate influence much of her writing. She currently lives with her husband and little dog in Simi Valley, California, just minutes away from her two horses.