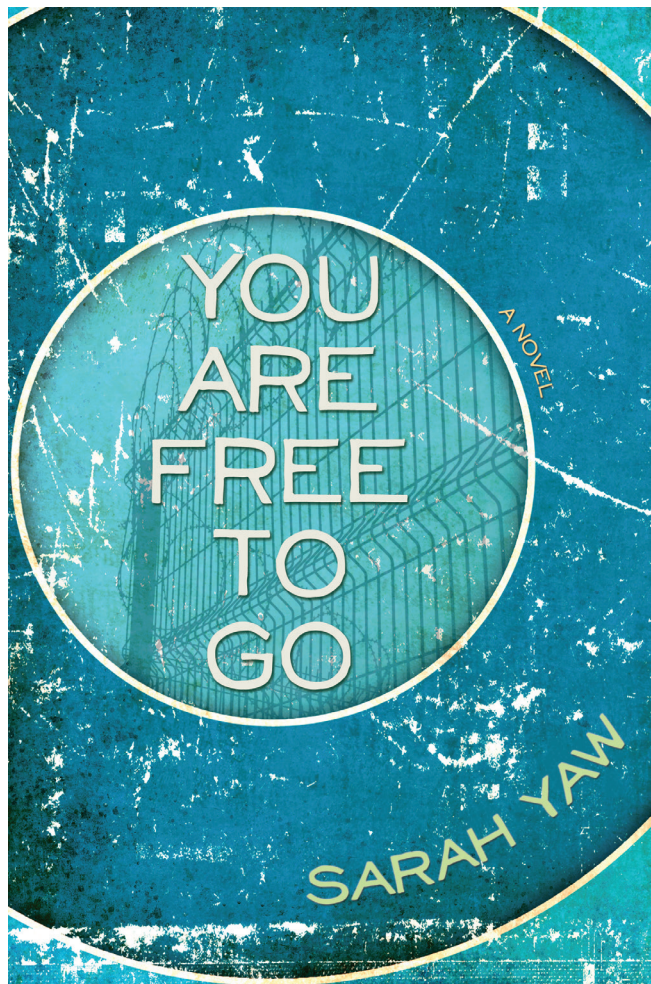


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Jorge throws the blanket off his lap, looks at Moses with the veined eyes of a madman and asks, "Moses, is Gina mi hija or is she the girl that I strangled?" Even though he saw Gina with his own eyes at Christmas five months ago, Jorge has started to worry again that maybe Gina really was murdered by those boys. Moses blames it mostly on this place. The lack of a horizon line, or maybe it's the constant color of cement, or it could be the half-rotten beef they've been eating for what seems like months...

In a snowstorm in New York something miraculous happened: Ellen turned and turned, looking for a beacon, something recognizable in the snowshrouded skyline and right when she gave up hope and looked down, there in the foreground stood Gina. The next day they called around and found Shell in a basement apartment in Cobble Hill. They discovered something remarkable: an unexpected levity at finally being in the comfort of others who had known what each knew. They didn't exhume Ronnie; he remained in their past.

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