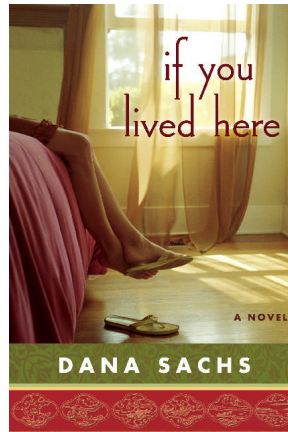


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"It should come as no surprise that, after writing *The House on Dream Street*, one of the best accounts of contemporary Vietnam, Dana Sachs would write *If You Lived Here*, an uncannily moving novel of the Vietnamese experience in America. What is most admirable of all the things Sachs does right is her willingness to show how different cultures can be from one another; her empathy, however, establishes how beside the point such differences ultimately are. Forster said, 'Only connect.' Dana Sachs is a one-woman power grid, her book electric company."

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FROM BOOKSELLERS:

Just wanted you to know I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. It touched me on several levels. My daughter is a world traveler and when she mentioned that she and her husband might visit Vietnam (they loved Thailand) she informed me that her generation doesn't have the same opinion of the country that mine does. I'll admit my familiarity and knowledge of Vietnam was formulated through the headlines we read everyday during my final years of high school. My husband had a low draft number: 69. Isn't it odd that I remember that after all these years? What a wonderful book! I'll be happy to hand sell it. *Debra Belcoff, General Manager, The Reading Room at Mandalay Place, 3930 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 201A, Las Vegas, NV 89119*

I am an employee at Barrington Books in Barrington, R.I. I just finished reading an advance of *If You Lived Here*. What a beautiful book! The story is unlike anything I've read. The setting gave me insight into a culture about which I know embarrassingly little; the characters were wonderfully drawn, and the ending hugely satisfying. Our customers at Barrington Books rely on the staff for recommendations. I will be sure to put *If You Lived Here* on the Staff Favorites shelf in March, and will be delighted to recommend it to our book clubs. *Wendy Lapidés, Barrington Books, Barrington, RI*

What a wonderful book - a beautifully told story of families, loves lost and found, and the strength that is within each of us. I couldn't put this story down! I cannot believe it's Dana's first novel! The characters really speak to the reader - This is one I will definitely recommend to our readers at Skyland Books - I predict it will do very well. Thank you for sharing this with me. *Pam White, Skyland Books, West Jefferson, NC*

Thank you for sending an advance copy of Dana Sach's "If You Lived Here". I loved this beautiful novel and savored the reading of it over several days. Shelly and Xuan Mai are vivid characters who seem like people one might already know; I continue to carry their stories in my mind and have "hand -sold " two copies of the book to customers eagerly awaiting its arrival in February. I intend to read "The House on Dream Street" and will enthusiastically recommend Dana Sachs writing to Toad Hall Bookstore clientele. What a wonderful book this will be for reading group discussions! *Amy Pierson, Manager, Toad Hall Bookstore, Rockport, MA*