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Her choice will follow her in the years to come, to Virginia farmland, Monticello, and even the White House. And as scandal, tragedy, and poverty threaten her family, Patsy must decide how much she will sacrifice to protect her father's reputation, in the process defining not just his political legacy, but that of the nation he founded.

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"Painstakingly researched, beautifully hewn, compulsively readable -- this enlightening literary journey takes us from Monticello to revolutionary Paris to the Jefferson White House, revealing remarkable historical details, dark family secrets, and bringing to life the colorful cast of characters who conceived of our new nation. A must read." (Allison Pataki, New York Times bestselling author of *The Accidental Empress*)

"A delectable and poignant read, carefully paced and plotted with pitch perfect dialogue. It deftly draws on the volatile atmosphere of Jefferson's time, recounting his daughter's little-known story -- a heroine tested to the limit, loaded with grit and determination. All the right chords are struck here. You're going to want to read slow and savor this one. Bravo." (Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author of *The Jefferson Key*)

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"America's First Daughter brings a turbulent era to vivid life. All the conflicts and complexities of the Early Republic are mirrored in Patsy's story. It's breathlessly exciting and heartbreaking by turns--a personal and political page-turner." (Donna Thorland, author of *The Turncoat*)

"Fiction can go boldly where history treads warily. In this compelling, poignant novel, Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie open the door into the heart of Martha Jefferson Randolph, the motherless daughter, long-suffering wife, devoted mother and passionate protector of her famous father's lies, secrets, and silences. A remarkable and insightful achievement." (Virginia Scharff, Distinguished Professor of History, University of New Mexico, author of *The Women Jefferson Loved*)

From the Author

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