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## TALKING POINTS:

- Motherhood and letting go
- Scottish history and Gaelic language
- Long-distance hiking in Scotland
- The relevance of history
- Writing dual-timeline and book club fiction
- The Clearances in Scotland
- Women who fought as men in the Civil War
- The anti-Chinese violence of the 1880s



Kelli Estes is a *USA Today* bestselling author of book club fiction. Her most recent novel, *Smoke on the Wind*, is an Amazon bestseller. Her other books include *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, which has been translated into twelve languages and was the recipient of the Pacific Northwest Writer's Association Nancy Pearl Book Award, the Women's Fiction Writers Association Star Award, and is currently under option for film/TV. Her third novel, *Today We Go Home*, was a nationwide Target Book Club pick. Kelli is passionate about stories that show how history is still relevant to our lives today. Kelli lives in Washington State with her husband and two grown sons.

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# SMOKE *on the* WIND

*In the magnificent Scottish Highlands, two devoted mothers separated by centuries discover a haunting connection in a gripping novel by the USA Today bestselling author of The Girl Who Wrote in Silk.*

Struggling with the tragic end of her marriage, Keaka Denney is on a bittersweet adventure in Scotland with her son, Colin. She's joining him on a weeklong hike along the West Highland Way before he enters university in Glasgow. Soon into the journey, Keaka's disquieting visions begin—a woman from ages past reaching for Colin, a burning cottage, violence.

Scotland, 1801. After Sorcha Chisholm and her son are wrenched from their home in a brutal eviction, they face an arduous trek toward a new beginning. When Sorcha learns she's wanted for a murder she didn't commit, she and her son run for their lives. Then help arrives from the strangest woman in the most unexpected ways.

Centuries apart, Keaka and Sorcha walk the same path—devoted mothers in circumstances beyond their control who'll do anything to keep their sons safe. Defying logic, they find strength in each other. But what does their connection mean? And how far will it go?

Kelli Estes breathes life and wonder into her stories of loss and redemption. Beautifully evocative, *Smoke on the Wind* is a love letter to mothers across time, a journey both emotional and touching.  
~Elizabeth Boyle, *NY Times* bestselling author



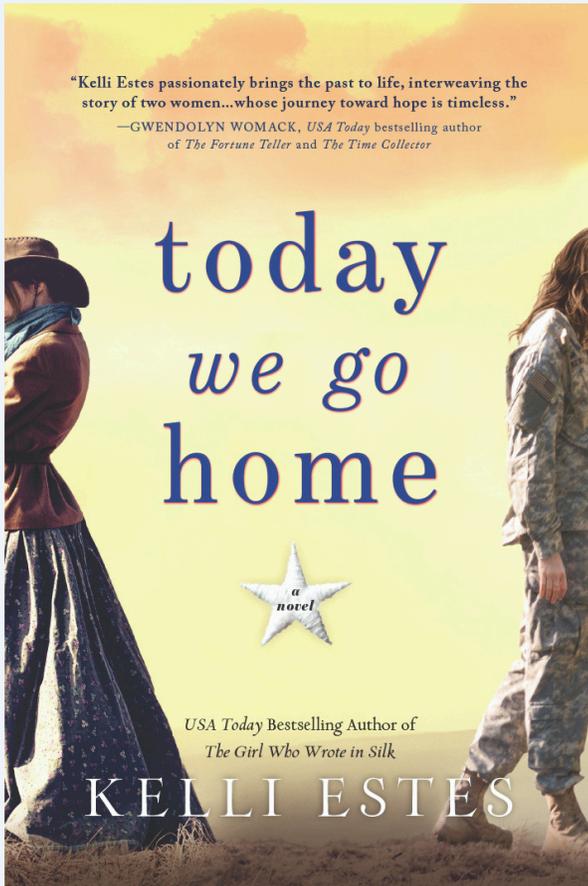
***Smoke on the Wind*** by Kelli Estes

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# Other Works By Kelli Estes



“At its core, *Today We Go Home* is a story that shines a light on the women who didn’t make it into the history books, who offered up their services when no one asked. And, most importantly, it’s a story of breathtaking resilience, honor, and courage in the face of unprecedented challenges. Characters’ struggles quite literally transcend time and generations, offering up connection and hope in a time of need. And, as Larkin comes to understand and say, hope never tasted so sweet.”

~ Booktrib

*Target Book Club Pick*

“*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* is a beautiful story that brought me to tears more than once, and was a testament to the endurance of the human spirit, and the human heart. A powerful debut that proves the threads that interweave our lives can withstand time and any tide, and bind our hearts forever.”

~ Susanna Kearsley, *NYT* Bestselling author

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