

The Light Between Oceans

by M.L. Stedman | ★★☆☆

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NOVEL

“On the day of the miracle,” this lyrical novel begins,

“Isabel was kneeling at the cliff’s edge, tending the small, newly made driftwood cross.” The day is April 27, 1926; the cross is for Isabel’s stillborn child; and the cliff is on an Australian island where Isabel lives with her lighthouse-keeper husband. When a baby washes ashore in a boat, Isabel insists on keeping her, but unanticipated consequences result. Stedman’s debut signals a career certain to deliver future treasures.

