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THE TURNER HOUSE

by ANGELA FLOURNOY

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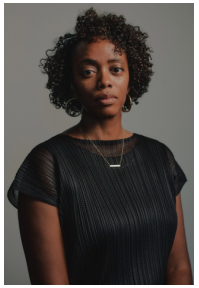
Meet the Turners: a big, complicated, loving, feuding, vibrant American family.

The Turners have lived on Yarrow Street for over fifty years. Their house has seen thirteen children grown and gone – and some returned; it has seen the arrival of grandchildren, the fall of Detroit's East Side, the loss of a father.

The house still stands despite abandoned lots, an embattled city and the inevitable shift outward to the suburbs. But now, as ailing matriarch Viola finds herself forced to leave her home and move in with her eldest son, the family discovers that the house is worth just a tenth of its mortgage. The Turner children are called home to decide its fate and to reckon with how each of their pasts haunt – and shape – their family's future.

***The Turner House* brings us a colourful, complicated brood full of love and pride, sacrifice and unlikely inheritances. It's a striking examination of the price we pay for our dreams and futures, and the ways in which our families bring us home.**

ANGELA FLOURNOY



ANGELA FLOURNOY is a novelist and essayist who lives in New York. Her new novel, *The Wilderness*, was longlisted for National Book Award and the Kirkus Prize in the United States. Her debut novel, *The Turner House*, was a finalist for the National Book Award, and announced her as a major new literary talent. Her nonfiction has appeared in many publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The New Yorker*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Flournoy has taught at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, The New School, Columbia University, Princeton University and UCLA. She has received fellowships from the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the New York Public Library Cullman Center for Writers and Scholars, the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Academy in Berlin. She was raised in Southern California by a mother from Los Angeles and a father from Detroit.

MARKETING & SALES POINTS

Full of lovably flawed characters, complex family relationships and insightful social commentary, Flournoy's acclaimed debut novel follows the thirteen Turner siblings as they're forced to decide the fate of their beloved family home amid their mother's declining health

Perfect for fans of Brit Bennett, Anne Tyler and Ayana Mathis

Originally released in the US in 2015, *The Turner House* was shortlisted for the National Book Award and the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, won the VCU Cabell First Novelist Award and the Paterson Fiction Prize, and was named a book of the year by numerous outlets including Amazon, Kobo, *Time Out* and the *New York Times*

The UK publication of *The Turner House* will follow VERVE's launch of Flournoy's latest novel *The Wilderness* in April 2026. *The Wilderness* has been shortlisted for the National Book Critics Circle Fiction Prize, longlisted for the National Book Award and was recently selected by Barack Obama as one of his favourite books of the year

PRAISE FOR *THE TURNER HOUSE*

'Funny, heartbreaking, with the sort of characters you ll miss like family when you finish' - **Elizabeth McCracken**

'Flournoy is a magician. Here is a story that is charming and funny while being whip-smart and profound' - **Tayari Jones**

'An expansive and ambitious novel that descends through the generations of one family's history to achieve real poignancy and power' - **TC Boyle**

'An engrossing and remarkably mature first novel... There is a trace of Gabriel García Márquez' - ***New York Times***

'An elegant and assured debut' - ***Washington Post***

'Flournoy's finely tuned empathy infuses her characters with a radiant humanity' - ***O Magazine***

'Flournoy's richly wrought prose and intimate, vivid dialogue make this novel feel like settling deeply into the family armchair' - ***Entertainment Weekly***

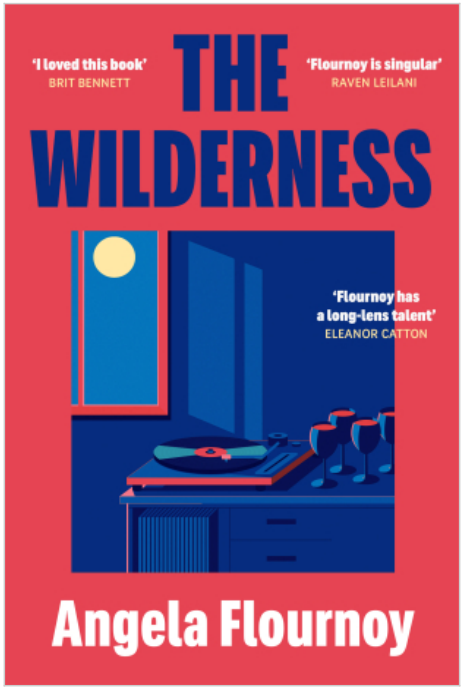
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