

# Featherstone



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Kirsty Gunn's first novel, *Rain*, was praised by the New York Times as "exquisitely written . . . every page expresses familiar feelings in ways that are unsentimental and entirely original"; "spellbinding," raved the Boston Globe. That same resonant magnetism and emotional depth infuse her new novel. *Featherstone* is the story of the mysterious disappearance from an isolated town in Scotland of a young woman whose absence still reverberates in the lives of everyone whose life she touched. When Sonny Johanssen looks up from his flower bed, he is sure that he has just seen the impossible. And yet he feels her: his niece, Francie, has come home. He's not the only one who senses her presence. Across town, Ray Weldon, Francie's long-suffering high school sweetheart, is anxiously scouring their old haunts, convinced that she has finally returned. But has she really come home, or is her presence some kind of resurrection in the minds of those who love her? It soon becomes clear that *Featherstone* is not a traditional tale of small-town life, but that the enigmatic Francie

is a catalyst for a different, deeper story. Her homecoming disturbs the inhabitants of this community, unraveling a sense of security and stability and turning inward people's hopes and dreams -- with dangerous but ultimately regenerative consequences.

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