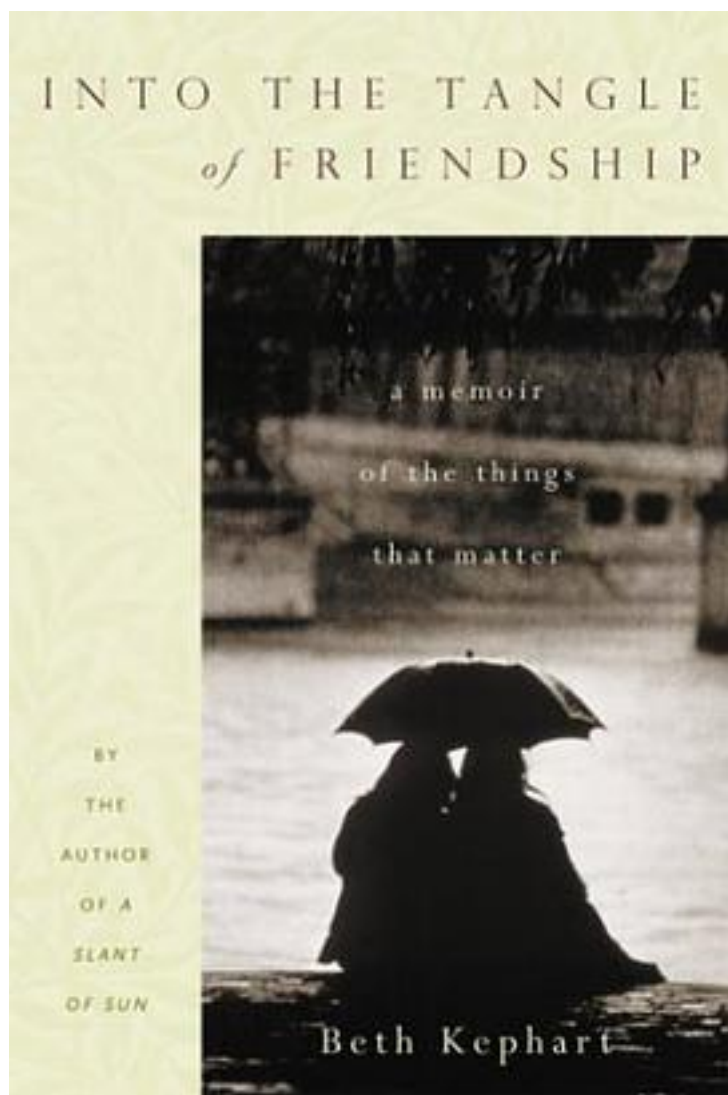


# Into the Tangle of Friendship



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With her first book, *A SLANT OF SUN*, Beth Kephart wrote about parenting and drew us, in the words of the National Book Award jurors, into a world of timeless and universal themes: the art of mothering, the cost of difference, and the difference one individual can make. In her second work of nonfiction, she again explores something we often take for granted: friendship and invites us to see it as if for the first time. Beginning with the rediscovery of a long-lost best friend, *INTO THE TANGLE OF FRIENDSHIP* follows the intertwining stories of a cast of characters for whom friendship is a saving grace. We meet a next-door neighbor facing the death of a spouse, watch two young boys learn what it means to be friends, and feel the heartache of a professional caregiver whose compassion and dedication ultimately come up short. Kephart is concerned with the haphazard ways we find one another, the tragedy, boredom, and sheer carelessness that break us apart, the myriad reasons people stay together and grow. What is friendship, and what is its secret calculus? Telling stories to illuminate this question, she also engages us in an essential dialogue about what it means to be fully alive. Profound, original, and exquisitely written, *INTO THE TANGLE OF FRIENDSHIP* is a hymn to the intimate realities of our lives and what makes those lives not only worth living but magical. It will resonate with anyone who has ever had a friend, or lost one.

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