

# Sugar and Spice: A Novel



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In Sugar and Spice, fate brings together two remarkable women from different backgrounds, one of them haunted by her past, the other struggling to find her future--both of them women of ambition and hunger, vulnerability and passion. Sweeping from the vast sugar plantations of Argentina to the competitive art and magazine worlds of New York, from the slums of Rio de Janeiro to the

glamorous Paris fashion scene and the nouvelle-greed climate of London in the late 1980s, it is a riveting and dramatic story of love and revenge.

Pandora Doyle, a young Englishwoman, has fled London and the wreckage of her marriage to work at Chic, a slick New York magazine run by her oldest and dearest school friend. Arianne de la Force, a beautiful, fabulously wealthy Latin American widow, fought her way out of the slums of Rio and a life of penury in Paris to become the star model of Balenciaga's last collection, a role that led to her marriage to one of the world's richest men, the largest landholder in Argentina. Although she has learned to run her late husband's business empire as effectively as he once did, and though she moves with self-assurance through the rarefied world she now inhabits, she is constantly menaced by a secret from her past: a long-ago murder in Rio for which she may or may not be responsible. The world's most expensive painting first draws the two women together, at a glittering auction at Christie's in New York. Intrigued by Arianne, Pandora decides to write a profile of her for Chic. As the two women's lives

become entwined, their initial suspicion and mistrust of each other give way to friendship, a bond based on honesty and respect. Pandora begins to formulate a plan that will transform her both personally and professionally--a business proposal for a chain of interior-design stores that becomes a springboard into a different world and makes her a success in her own right. But in the

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