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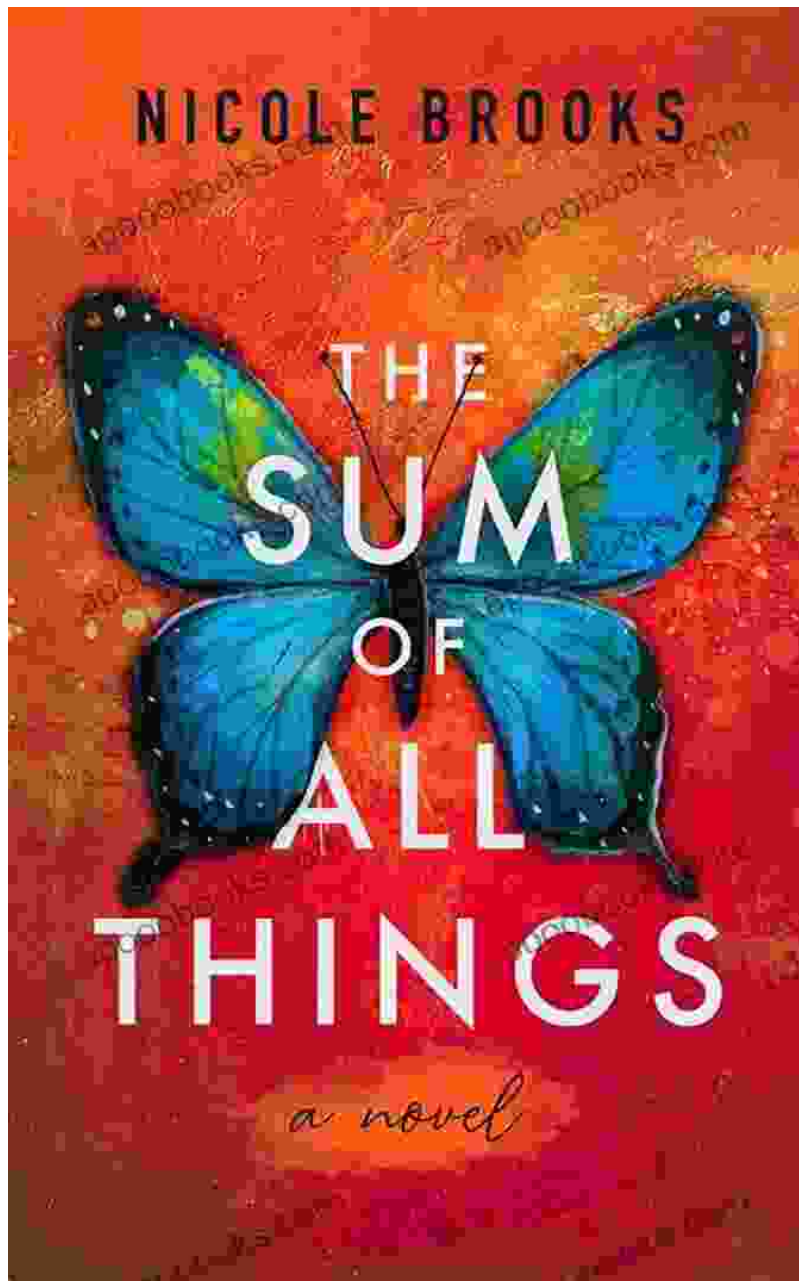
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**"It Looks Like Us" by Alison Ames**

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**From the acclaimed author of "The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina," Alison Ames, comes a powerful and moving novel that delves into the complexities of identity, family, and the search for belonging in a multiracial world.**

The Owens family is a tapestry of different hues and cultures. Matriarch Emira, a Black woman from Barbados, and her white husband, David, have built a loving and supportive home for their four children: Kira, the eldest, who identifies as biracial; Aisha, the middle child, who embraces her Black heritage; Mateo, the adopted son from Colombia; and Sebby, the youngest, who is transgender.

As the children grow and face the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood, they must grapple with their own evolving identities and the expectations of the world around them. Kira struggles with feelings of invisibility and the pressure to conform to societal norms. Aisha faces prejudice and discrimination because of her skin color. Mateo wrestles with the complexities of his adoption and his search for his birth parents. And Sebby must navigate the challenges of coming to terms with his gender identity in a society that often refuses to recognize or accept transgender people.

Through their interwoven stories, "It Looks Like Us" explores the ways in which race, culture, and gender shape our lives. It is a story about the complexities of family, the power of love, and the resilience of the human spirit. With vivid prose and a diverse cast of characters, Alison Ames has crafted a novel that will resonate deeply with readers, sparking important conversations about race, culture, and the search for self-acceptance.

## **About the Author**

**Alison Ames** is the acclaimed author of the novel "The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina," which was a finalist for the National Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. Her writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Atlantic, among other publications. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. She lives in New York City.

## **Reviews**

**"It Looks Like Us" is a powerful and moving novel that explores the complexities of identity, family, and the search for belonging in a multiracial world. Alison Ames has crafted a story that is both timely and timeless, and her characters will stay with you long after you finish reading the book.**" - The New York Times

**"Alison Ames is a master storyteller, and her latest novel is a must-read for anyone interested in the complexities of race, culture, and identity in America today."** - The Washington Post

**"It Looks Like Us" is a beautifully written and thought-provoking novel that will resonate with readers of all backgrounds. Alison Ames is a rising star in American literature, and I highly recommend this book.**" - NPR

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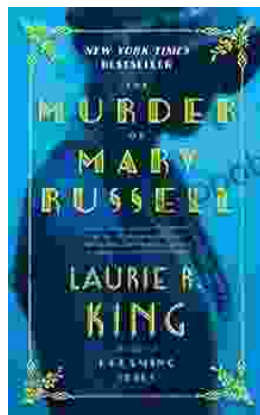
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