



Heart of Palm

Laura Lee Smith

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Heart of Palm

Laura Lee Smith

Heart of Palm Laura Lee Smith

“Intelligence, heart, wit . . . Laura Lee Smith has all the tools and *Heart of Palm* is a very impressive first novel.”—Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Empire Falls*

Utina, Florida, is a small, down-at-heels southern town. Once enlivened by the trade in Palm Sunday palms and moonshine, Utina hasn't seen economic growth in decades, and no family is more emblematic of the local reality than the Bravos. Deserted by the patriarch years ago, the Bravos are held together in equal measure by love, unspoken blame, and tenuously brokered truces.

The story opens on a sweltering July day, as Frank Bravo, dutiful middle son, is awakened by a distress call. Frank dreams of escaping to cool mountain rivers, but he's only made it ten minutes from the family restaurant he manages every day and the decrepit, Spanish-moss-draped house he was raised in, and where his strong-willed mother and spitfire sister—both towering redheads, equally matched in stubbornness—are fighting another battle royale. Little do any of them know that Utina is about to meet the tide of development that has already engulfed the rest of Northeast Florida. When opportunity knocks, tempers ignite, secrets are unearthed, and each of the Bravos is forced to confront the tragedies of their shared past.

Reminiscent of Kaye Gibbons, Lee Smith, Anne Tyler, and Fannie Flagg, *Heart of Palm* introduces Laura Lee Smith as a captivating new voice in American fiction.

"Like a sandspur, *Heart of Palm* sticks with you, drawing blood."--Rita Mae Brown, author of *The Sand Castle*

“Laura Lee Smith masterfully creates a deep, compassionate, and often heartbreakingly funny portrait of a wild, complex Southern family on the brink of massive change . . . Smith is a brilliant writer, and *Heart of Palm* brims with lush vitality, loss, and desire.”—Julianna Baggott, author of *Pure* and *The Prince of Fenway Park*

“[An] incandescent debut novel . . . I can't get the astonishing and benighted Bravos out of my head. And I don't want to. What an extravagantly and engagingly flawed family this is! Smith is an enchanter casting her spell with lyrical prose, evocative details, and spellbinding characters. She explores familial chaos, reckless behavior, and hopeless love with grace, intelligence, and tenderness. She gives me what I long for in fiction: compassion and provocation. What talent, what nerve, what a wondrous and spellbinding story. Trust me, these Bravos will haunt your dreams.”—John Dufresne, author of *Requiem, Mass.* and *Louisiana Power and Light*

 [Download Heart of Palm ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Heart of Palm ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Heart of Palm Laura Lee Smith

From reader reviews:

Viola Waters:

Book is actually written, printed, or outlined for everything. You can recognize everything you want by a publication. Book has a different type. As we know that book is important factor to bring us around the world. Adjacent to that you can your reading talent was fluently. A e-book Heart of Palm will make you to possibly be smarter. You can feel more confidence if you can know about every thing. But some of you think in which open or reading any book make you bored. It is not make you fun. Why they might be thought like that? Have you in search of best book or appropriate book with you?

John Dumas:

Nowadays reading books be a little more than want or need but also get a life style. This reading routine give you lot of advantages. Advantages you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book in which improve your knowledge and information. The information you get based on what kind of e-book you read, if you want have more knowledge just go with training books but if you want experience happy read one with theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. The actual Heart of Palm is kind of reserve which is giving the reader erratic experience.

Megan Jordan:

Information is provisions for folks to get better life, information these days can get by anyone in everywhere. The information can be a knowledge or any news even a concern. What people must be consider any time those information which is within the former life are difficult to be find than now could be taking seriously which one is acceptable to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you have the unstable resource then you get it as your main information you will have huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen inside you if you take Heart of Palm as the daily resource information.

Shirley Drago:

Reading a guide make you to get more knowledge from this. You can take knowledge and information from a book. Book is written or printed or created from each source that will filled update of news. With this modern era like at this point, many ways to get information are available for a person. From media social including newspaper, magazines, science e-book, encyclopedia, reference book, fresh and comic. You can add your understanding by that book. Are you ready to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just trying to find the Heart of Palm when you necessary it?

**Download and Read Online Heart of Palm Laura Lee Smith
#TAQX5OSHPDC**

Read Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith for online ebook

Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith books to read online.

Online Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith ebook PDF download

Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith Doc

Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith Mobipocket

Heart of Palm by Laura Lee Smith EPub