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WHEN BABY MAX IS KIDNAPPED, THEIR MARRIAGE IS HELD HOSTAGE

10+ Million Copies In, NYT Best-seller Young Delivers Emotion-Packed Romantic Suspense

(Nashville, Tenn.) Mardi Gras - a place for revelry and indulgence. Extravagant parades, enticing individuals. It took just a few seconds of 16-year-old Melanie's diverted attention for someone to snatch baby Max from his stroller. Another hour for police to present Max's mom, Jane, with all that the kidnapper left behind...one tiny shoe.

Jane's disbelief morphs into determination. She *will* find Max. She will *not* blame her step-daughter. Her marriage to Kyle *will* be strong enough to get through this. But reality isn't listening to this mother who endured years of inability to conceive before finally being blessed with little Max.

At sixteen, Melanie hasn't yet learned the skills to cope with guilt and heartache. Is it her fault Max was taken? What if she'd spent three less seconds with the guys on that float? The plot she hatches to make her wrong right, though, brings even more heartache to the family.

Kyle doesn't know who to comfort first and, even if he could determine whether his wife or his daughter needed him most, he

can't put aside his own anguish to figure out how to help. For all he knows, someone he put in prison is responsible for this. He and Jane accepted the enemies they made as attorneys, but now they silently wonder, did their jobs introduce a monster into their childrens' lives?



With the deftness her millions of fans expect, best-seller Karen Young delivers an emotion-packed drama of a family flailing in choppy waters, desperately trying to swim, even while they're *MISSING MAX*.



KAREN YOUNG

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