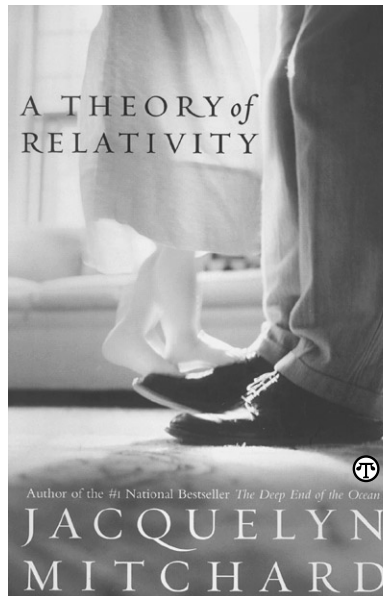


The Ties That Bind Us

(NAPSA)—A gripping new novel by Jacquelyn Mitchard, the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *The Deep End of the Ocean*, is sweeping readers into a world of unusual emotional depth and complexity. Her book, *A Theory of Relativity* (HarperCollins, \$26) dares readers to come with her as she challenges our notions of the ties that bind us.



A compelling and beautifully written novel about the redemptive powers of family love.

At 24, much-loved and carefree Gordon McKenna knows all the answers. When his 26-year-old sister and her husband die in a car accident, leaving behind their one-year-old daughter, he reasons that he and his parents will raise her. It is not until a judge denies Gordon's petitions to adopt his niece on the grounds that he and his sister, both adopted as infants, were not legally, "family" that Gordon's neatly constructed world begins to crack.

Critics say this graceful and compelling novel is Jacquelyn Mitchard at her best. *A Theory of Relativity* is available at bookstores everywhere.