APPENDICES

BIOGRAPHY OF SERÉ PRINCE HALVERSON

Seré Prince Halverson worked for twenty years as a freelance copywriter and creative director while she raised kids and wrote fiction. She is a mom and a stepmom. Her husband and she have four grownup children and live in Northern California. The Underside of Joy is her debut novel. It is published by Dutton (Penguin) on January 12, 2012, and is being translated into a dozen languages.

She become a writer because she loves to write, and she is blessed with an utter lack of any other talent. Such as can not sing, dance, or hit a softball far enough to make it to first base. Sad but true. She read and write stories from an early age. Books open her up and make her feel more connected.
SUMMARY

Ella Benne lives happily in Elbow, North California, with her husband Joe Capozzi and her two stepchildren Annie and Zach Capozzi. Her life is happy by having cute children, store, and vegetables garden for daily life. But the happiness lose from Ella’s life and one by one the problems appear after Joe’s death.

Ella tries to roam to live her new life as a widow of Hendry’s, but she does not know where to go, until she stops in a small town in the North California, it’s Elbow. In that town Joe and Ella meet, and they marry. In that moment, Annie is three years old and Zach is six months. And Paige, Joe’s wife, has leaves him and the children for four months because she gets Schizophrenia that makes her depression. Joe and Ella have married for three years and Ella feel happy with her new family, although she can not birth a baby.

In the beginning of Summer, Joe, goes to the ‘first rock’ to climb the ridge but he slip and he fall down to the sea and does not appear. Suddenly, Frank, Joe’s bestfriend, comes to Joe’s house and inform the bad news to Ella. Ella is panic and she hope her husband will be fine because he is a good swimmer. Ella and Frank come to the beach where the accident happen. They are waiting for the good news about Joe but until night they do not get the information about Joe. Finally, they decide to go home and come back for the next morning. In the next morning, a tourist from Swiss found Joe’s body is floating. It makes Ella is so sad, panic, and unbelievable about it while she know her husband has died. Ella does not know what she should say to her children about their father. She tries to hide the bad news from the children, but finally the children know that their father has gone to the heaven. Annie is so sads and cry hystericaly.

The news about Joe’s death has heard by Paige, Joe’s ex-wife. She come to Joe’s house and give sympathy for that one. Her coming makes Ella surprising and feeling so confused, Ella also sad when she hears that the children call Paige as mama and they call Ella
as mommy. By that event, Paige frequently comes to meet with the children and sometimes
take the children to her house in Las Vegas in a few days. It makes Ella unhappy although
she know that Paige is their birthmother.

A week after Joe’s death, Ella came to the store to look around and check the store. In
Joe’s workshop, she find Paige’s new address, some letters from Paige, and some insurance
bills of the store that has not been paid by Joe. Joe never tell to Ella about the problem of the
store, he always keeps the problem. Finally, Ella calls Frank to explain what actually happen
to the store.

Ella feel more stress after receiving a letter from Paige, it state that Paige as the
birthmother of Annie and Zach and she want the children live with her. Paige want the case is
decided in the court, and Ella can not refuse that. After doing some defences, finally the court
decides that the children will live with Paige and Ella may come to meet with the children
base on the schedule that made by Paige.

Finally, Ella comes to Las Vegas to meet Zach and Annie. But Paige refuse her
because it’s not the time, so she must wait for the time. In Las Vegas, she lives in an
apartment. While she is waiting the agreement from Paige to come to her house, she goes to
Paige’s aunt’s home. There, she ask many questions about Paige. How is young Paige, why
she leaves Joe, and why she never calls the children. Paige’s aunt tells all about Paige to Ella,
and finally Ella know what actually happen to Paige, and why she leave Joe and the children.

Ella is happy when Paige brought the children to her apartment, she miss the children
so much. But Paige just gives one day to Ella to be with the children. After Ella’s time is over
with the children, she takes the children to Paige’s house. And if she wants to meet the
children again, she must wait the time. Ella comes not in the time, she wants to inform Paige
that the children actually want to live together with their mama and mommy. But Paige refuse
that request until an accident happen to Zach that make Paige want to live with Ella and her
two children. That decision makes Annie and Zach are very happy can live together with their Mama and Mommy. And finally, they live happily in Elbow.