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Aislinn has big dreams for her summer vacation, like dating Mike Mancinello and going to her first boy-girl party. However, staying home and watching her four younger siblings and trying to avoid her drunk father teach her that dreams, both big and small, have to be fought for. She devises a plan to write her dreams on stickers and wear them on her shirtsleeves. They slowly start coming true, but can "dreamsleeves" help with her biggest dream of all? Paratore, author of the *Wedding Planner's Daughter* series, has created a story in which many can find hope. The 1960s setting adds an element of charm, but this is primarily about Aislinn and her father as she copes with the guilt and worry that plague many children whose parents struggle with alcoholism. Readers, especially those who may deal with similar problems, will find this a pertinent message wrapped in an emotional, realistic story. Grades 7-9. --Bethany Fort

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#### Praise for *Dreamsleeves*

"Aislinn is sympathetic, selfless, and strong, and her intimate narration carries this story about the difference between hoping for change and making it happen." -*Publishers Weekly*

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"The characters and sense of place in this book are well developed; the reader is fully immersed in Aislinn's world. The plot is compelling and will have young readers anxiously awaiting each reveal...This is an uplifting read for those who enjoy proactive heroines." -*VOYA*

#### About the Author

Coleen Murtagh Paratore is the author of the popular *THE WEDDING PLANNER'S DAUGHTER* series, which includes most recently, *FORGET ME NOT*, *WISH I MIGHT*, and *FROM WILLA, WITH LOVE*. She is also the author of *SUNNY HOLIDAY* and *SWEET AND SUNNY*. The mother of three teenage sons, she lives in upstate New York and on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Visit Coleen online at [www.coleenparatore.com](http://www.coleenparatore.com).

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