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In The Potomac Shores Series, CAROLYN McBRIDE writes about the places she lives and loves, from South Florida waters to the Potomac and Occoquan Rivers. Like Carolyn, her characters are grandmothers, mothers, wives, daughters, friends, pet lovers, and boat captains. Carolyn is a former editor and columnist for *National Geographic Traveler* and professional copywriter. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, she is completing an MFA in fiction writing at Lindenwood University.

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