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“Delinsky effortlessly brings the components together—romance, career shifts, changes in parent-child relationships... A likable beach read with just a touch of gravitas.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Delinsky’s moving story is filled with love, loss, betrayal and passion. Readers will share the highs and lows experienced by the characters. This is a story for mothers and daughters everywhere.”

—*RT Book Reviews*

Blueprints

A Novel

by **BARBARA DELINSKY**

The newest summer read from beloved *New York Times* bestselling author Barbara Delinsky is a perfect read for mothers, daughters, and HGTV junkies alike. **BLUEPRINTS (St. Martin's Press; June 9, 2015)** is the story of two strong women: Caroline MacAfee, a skilled carpenter, and her daughter Jamie, a talented architect. Caroline and Jamie are not only mother and daughter, but best friends and also colleagues. Together they've grown a popular home makeover show "*Gut It!*" with Caroline at the helm. Broadcast on local public television in Boston, the show has not only made Caroline a beloved local celebrity, but promotes the family owned business, MacAfee Homes.

But the day after her 56th birthday, Caroline is told the network wants Jamie to replace her as the host on *Gut It!*. Caroline has always thought that the best think about growing older

is growing, but the network honchos don't agree. They think a twenty-something host would attract a younger audience. Caroline feels betrayed and blindsided, and the resulting rift couldn't come at a worse time. For Jamie, life changes overnight when, soon after learning of the host shift, her father and his new wife die in a car accident that orphans their two-year-old son. Accustomed to a packed work calendar and an immaculate home, she is now grappling with a toddler who misses his parents, a fiancé who doesn't want the child, and a staggering new attraction. To top it off, she is faced with a work challenge that, if botched, could undermine the future of MacAfee Homes, *Gut It!*, and most importantly, her relationship with her mother.

For Caroline, hosting *Gut It!* is part of her identity. Facing its loss, she feels betrayed by her daughter and old in the eyes of the world. And then there's Dean, a long-time friend, whose efforts to seduce her awaken desires that have been dormant for so long that she feels foreign to herself. Both Jamie and Caroline are forced to reconcile their long held beliefs about themselves, their visions for the future, and how they relate to each other.

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About the author:

Barbara Delinsky is a *New York Times* bestselling author with more than thirty million copies of her books in print. She has been published in twenty-eight languages worldwide. A lifelong New Englander, Delinsky earned a B.A. in psychology at Tufts University and an M.A. in sociology at Boston College. She lives in Needham, Massachusetts.

BLUEPRINTS: A Novel

By Barbara Delinsky

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Outstanding Praise for Barbara Delinsky and *Sweet Salt Air*

"With grace and dignity *Sweet Salt Air* reveals the fragility of human nature while intimating at the healing powers of forgiveness."

—*New York Review of Books*

"Delinsky's latest won't disappoint her fans. Friendship, romance, and her trademark New England setting--this time, an island off the coast of Maine--are all present and accounted for."

—*Booklist*

"If the title alone doesn't put you in a summer mood, the setting will. The latest from Needham-based bestselling author Barbara Delinsky, this book reunites two friends who once spent summers together on Quinipeague, a (fictional) island off Maine's coast."

—*Boston Magazine*

"Delinsky captures the magic of coastal Maine in this beautifully written book about friendship and redemption. The characters are engaging and their various plights believable. The drama of betrayal, the tension of risk and the triumph of friendship play out in a setting that is a character in itself. [*Sweet Salt Air* is] a fantastic summer read!"

—*RT Book Reviews, "Top Pick"*

"The story of Nicole and Charlotte and their separate secrets drew me in. What kept me turning the pages, though, was the rich details around the food, the herbs and the scenery. I've never liked clam chowder, but after reading this book, I feel like I could eat bowls of it. Delinsky's description of the area, the ocean, and the people of the island of Quinipeague will make you feel like you are right there with them...an excellent summer beach read."

—*Cedar Rapids Gazette*

More Praise for Barbara Delinsky

"Delinsky combines her understanding of human nature with absorbing, unpredictable storytelling--a winning combination."

—*Publishers Weekly (starred) on *The Secrets Between Us**

"Delinsky has a knack for exploring the battlefields of contemporary life."

—*Kirkus Reviews on *Not My Daughter**

"Delinsky does a wonderful and realistic job portraying family dynamics."

—*Library Journal on *While My Sister Sleeps**

"A writer who continues to earn her bestseller status."

—*Bookreporter.com on *Escape**

"Delinsky never fails to entertain."

—*RT Book Reviews on *The Summer I Dared**