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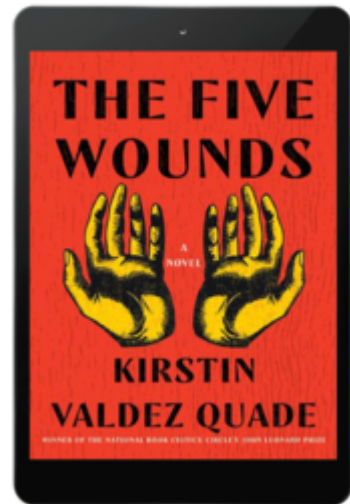
[The Five Wounds](#) by Kirstin Valdez Quade

“From an award-winning storyteller comes a stunning debut novel following a New Mexican family’s extraordinary year of love and sacrifice.”

The Five Wounds will be available for simultaneous use on Bridges between February 7-21.

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Get the word out to your community about Together We Read and *The Five Wounds* with our social media graphics, bookmarks, poster, press release and more. [Download](#) them today!



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Check out our [discussion guide](#) designed to encourage conversation and help people get the most from *The Five Wounds*. And be sure to join the discussion with **#togetherweread** on social media.

Libby updates

Accessibility updates coming in early January 2022:

- **Screen reader and voice control improvements:** We are refining the labels and descriptions of all interactive elements, making it easier for users of assistive technologies to understand and interact with the app.
- **Keyboard focus indicators:** We are making improvements to help users navigate Libby with a keyboard or any other assistive technology that does not have a pointing device, like a mouse or touch controls.
- **New accessibility features** (under Settings > Accessibility Features):
 - **Reduce Color Variation:** By default, Libby adapts to the colors of book covers and the user's active library. A new toggle will allow users to reduce such adaptive changes, favoring neutral colors with good contrast.
 - **Reduce Text Variation:** The app uses a variety of font styles to convey meaning, such as italics for important actions. Users will be able to adjust this setting to simplify text styles.
 - **Reduce Motion:** This setting will reduce most of the transitional motion in the interface. Users can also set this preference in their operating system or browser preferences, and Libby will apply it automatically.

- **Reduce Haptics:** On devices that support subtle vibrations (called haptics), Libby uses these to provide feedback on certain touch interactions. Users can either turn it off at the operating system level or in the new "Accessibility Features" menu.
- **Orientation Locking:** By default, Libby uses a "smart orientation" setting that chooses the device orientation that best suits the content. WCAG guidelines recommend that users should be able to override the default orientation of the app, which will be adjustable in the "Accessibility Features" menu.
- **Full screen menus:** The in-app menu will no longer open from the side of the app. Instead, it will open full screen. This makes keyboard and screen reader navigation more consistent and helps all users concentrate on the task they are trying to perform in the menu.
- **Updated menu icon:** The in-app menu button (currently Libby icon) will be changed to a familiar app menu icon, providing a more intuitive navigation experience for all users.

For more information about accessibility in Libby, visit [Libby Help](#) or [OverDrive's accessibility statement](#).

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