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Claire is only seven years old when her college-age sister, Alison, disappears on the last night of their family vacation at a resort on the Caribbean island of Saint X. Several days later, Alison’s body is found in a rotary pool on the property. The events are a mystery, and the two sisters’ complex relationship is a new line of inquiry. The story takes us into a mysterious island, a bloody mystery that will get unravelled. For Claire and her parents, there is only the instant horror of broken lives. Years later, Claire is living and working in New York City, where a brief but fateful encounter brings her together with Clive Richardson, one of the men originally suspected of murdering her sister. It is a moment that sets Claire on an obsessive pursuit of the truth only to find out what happened the night of Alison’s death but also to examine the darker question: Who exactly was her sister? At seven, Claire had been barely old enough to know her; a beautiful, changeable, provocative girl of eighteen at a turbulent moment of identity formation. As Claire doggedly shadows Clive, hoping to gain the truth, waiting for the slip that will reveal the truth, an unlikely attachment develops between them, two people whose lives were forever marked by the same tragedy. For readers of Kristan Higgins’s The Girls and Lauren Groff’s Fates and Furies, Saint X is a beautifully drawn and deeply moving story that subverts its race generously to satisfy.