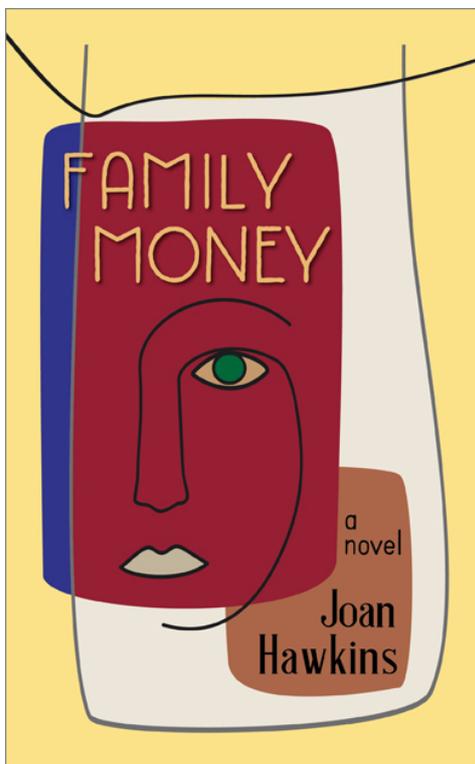


# FAMILY MONEY

by Joan Hawkins

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A family drama with a difference set in 1970s New York



Manhattan, 1970s. Janet Sproule lives in an affluent downtown neighbourhood. Her privileged life is suddenly turned upside down when her sister is kidnapped and held for ransom by a group of terrorists. Her parents' reaction to the crisis causes Janet to question everything she has taken for granted.

While she has a rich family life, a handsome, ambitious husband and two great kids, she is aware that her life falls short of her own original ambitions.

Then, little by little, secrets come to light. In denial about her husband's infidelity and her father's questionable business practices, Janet is awakened into the reality of her situation by a new force in her life. Mimi Girard, an old friend who shows up out of the blue, symbolises freedom, integrity and an alternative lifestyle that Janet comes to realise may be what is missing. As Janet begins to shake off the crushing self-deprecation that has held her back from her own potential, a whole new world opens up to her.

*Family Money* is the final, and perhaps finest title from Joan Hawkins, author of four previous novels – *Underwater* (2014), *Bailey* (2012), *Trespass* (2013), *Rematch* (2021). Set, as always, in New York, it's a stunning set piece encompassing a world now rarely seen. An old-world family drowning in a wave of new corporate greed, with its unlikely wayward daughter seeking redemption in lifestyle alternatives.

Published posthumously as the final title in this author's extraordinary quintet of works, it is the one at the end of which we glimpse an ambivalent, but tangible message of hope.

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