

The Pilgrim Soul in You is the poignant narrative of Will Merrin, a bright college graduate from the East who moves to San Francisco in the early '90s to pursue his MBA. There he meets Laura McFerrin, a beautiful, young law student from a prominent Northern California family. The two are drawn to one another by a similar end result in their past and their connection fosters a relationship that blossoms into affection and commitment. Love proves to be the "miracle of sudden intimacy" he tells her not long after they meet.

Will's job at a conservative hedge-fund firm on Montgomery Street, and Laura's work at a liberal, environmental conservation non-profit, reveal a complex and challenging world beyond their academic lives. Surrounded by questionable business practices in the go-go era of high-flying tech company IPOs during the Reagan administration, they dedicate themselves to impeccable ideals because of their caring and unwavering devotion to one another. Laura and Will help organize an AIDS benefit, move in together in the Tenderloin, and deal head-on with her brother's drug and alcohol addiction.

The romantic notion of an inherent goodness in people, and the redemptive nature of life's inescapable justice, seemed real and palpable. Everything in their lives is amazing until a phone call devastates this belief.

Will the intense bond they've forged enough over this adversity?

Can love really be fleeting when two people are so in love?

Will Merrin's story is both his unique journey and the timeless telling of universal themes of love, loss, and the insatiable search for inner peace. Early on, his life experiences provide him with an awareness of the untapped potential in people which produces an innate, nurturing influence towards helping others achieve their dreams. Despite this kindness, he is not without personal anguish when he suffers his own heartache, but through that journey he discovers the friends he has helped along the way are in fact his path to redemption—that despite its changing nature and composition, family is the most important element of life.

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