A Hold That Won't Let Go

Every so often literary characters take up residency in a reader's psyche as if they've quietly lived there all along, just waiting to be discovered. In "Silver Bottle," a novel by author Joan Spilman, they move in, pull up a chair, and begin to dissect their stories in ways that are compelling and stunning. Spilman's literary gifting is interweaving the vivid stories of four women, connected by blood but separated by purpose, who share their personal and funny narratives of dysfunction, tough choices, sacrifice, and abiding love. Skillfully depicting Appalachia's unique culture, in "Silver Bottle" Spilman also offers an entertaining step back in time with an endearing twist that promises to not disappoint!

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