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## The Fragile World

By Paula Treick DeBoard

Mira. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 432 pages. Dimensions: 8.2in. x 5.3in. x 1.3in. From the author of stunning debut *The Mourning Hours* comes a powerful new novel that explores every parent's worst nightmare. The Kaufmans have always considered themselves a normal, happy family. Curtis is a physics teacher at a local high school. His wife, Kathleen, restores furniture for upscale boutiques. Daniel is away at college on a prestigious music scholarship, and twelve-year-old Olivia is a happy-go-lucky kid whose biggest concern is passing her next math test. And then comes the middle-of-the-night phone call that changes everything. Daniel has been killed in what the police are calling a freak road accident, and the remaining Kaufmans are left to flounder in their grief. The anguish of Daniel's death is isolating, and it's not long before this once-perfect family finds itself falling apart. As time passes and the wound refuses to heal, Curtis becomes obsessed with the idea of revenge, a growing mania that leads him to pack up his life and his anxious teenage daughter and set out on a collision course to right a wrong. An emotionally charged novel, *The Fragile World* is a journey through America's heartland and a family's...



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