

Elsewhere, California: A Novel - Dana Johnson

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We first met Avery in two of the stories featured in Dana Johnson's award-winning collection *Break Any Woman Down*. As a young girl, she and her family escape the violent streets of Los Angeles to a more gentrified existence in suburban West Covina. This average life, filled with school, trips to 7-Eleven to gawk at *Tiger Beat* magazine, and family outings to Dodger Stadium, is soon interrupted by a past she cannot escape, personified in the guise of her violent cousin Keith. When Keith moves in with her family, he triggers a series of events that will follow Avery throughout her life: to her studies at USC, to her burgeoning career as a painter and artist, and into her relationship with a wealthy Italian who sequesters her in his glass-walled house in the Hollywood Hills. The past will intrude upon Avery's first gallery show, proving her mother's adage: Every goodbye ain't gone. The dual narrative of *Elsewhere, California* illustrates the complicated history of African Americans across the rolling basin of Los Angeles. Author: Johnson, Dana Publisher: Counterpoint Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *Elsewhere, California: A Novel* Pages: 00304 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-06-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781582437842 Category: Fiction : Literary

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