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Turbulence opens this second book in the Elemental Journey Series as Pearl Swinton, now in her twenties, uproots from the Midwest and flies to Tokyo, where she has no job, no friends, and no home, a place where she hopes to lie floating above the culture. But how will she survive with her mystical visions in a country so foreign from everything she knows? Pearl lands at a Jesuit mission and is magnetized to the ethereal missionary Usui. After she is forced to leave, she is thrown unprepared into the complicated world of Japanese culture and must learn to maneuver friendships, understand love, and balance the intensity of working at one of the city's largest newspapers. When she stumbles upon Usui living as a homeless man, a journey begins that draws Pearl deep into Japan's hidden homeless underworld. Having given up any connection to civilization to "find himself," Usui brings Pearl face to face with her own homelessness and challenges her to begin the painful journey of understanding her visions and finding herself. In the end, hope flies on the paper wings of thousands of origami cranes. Pearl is called to her own mysticism, not just for herself, but for a world where the loss of magic may well be the real threat. A fundamentally radical work of art, *Air* tackles core issues facing individuals coming of age in today's world. How can anyone feel safe and at home on a planet threatened by escalating violence and devastating climate change? Where, truly, is home?

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