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The stunning new novel from the bestselling author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Honor Bright is a sheltered Quaker who has rarely ventured out of 1850s Dorset when she impulsively emigrates to America. Opposed to the slavery that defines and divides the country, she finds her principles tested to the limit when a runaway slave appears at the farm of her new family. In this tough, unsentimental place, where whisky bottles sit alongside quilts, Honor befriends two spirited women who will teach her how to turn ideas into actions.

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"Chevalier admirably weaves historical figures and actual events into a compelling narrative."

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"Evokes entire landscapes...a master of voices."

—*New York Times Book Review* (on *Falling Angels*)

"Chevalier's signature talent lies in bringing alive the ordinary day-to-dayness of the past...lovingly evoked."

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"Absorbing...[Chevalier] creates a world reminiscent of a Vermeer interior: suspended in a particular moment, it transcends its time and place."

—*The New Yorker* (on *Girl With a Pearl Earring*)

"Chevalier's ringing prose is as radiantly efficient as well-tended silver."

—*Entertainment Weekly* (on *Falling Angels*)

**Présentation de l'éditeur  
New York Times bestselling author of *Girl With a Pearl Earring* Tracy Chevalier makes her first fictional foray into the American past in *The Last Runaway*, bringing to life the Underground Railroad and illuminating the principles, passions and realities that fueled this extraordinary freedom movement.**

In *New York Times* bestselling author Tracy Chevalier's newest historical saga, she introduces Honor Bright, a modest English Quaker who moves to Ohio in 1850, only to find herself alienated and alone in a strange land. Sick from the moment she leaves England, and fleeing personal disappointment, she is forced by family tragedy to rely on strangers in a harsh, unfamiliar landscape.

Nineteenth-century America is practical, precarious, and unsentimental, and scarred by the continuing injustice of slavery. In her new home Honor discovers that principles count for little, even within a religious community meant to be committed to human equality.

However, drawn into the clandestine activities of the Underground Railroad, a network helping runaway slaves escape to freedom, Honor befriends two surprising women who embody the remarkable power of defiance. Eventually she must decide if she too can act on what she believes in, whatever the personal costs.

A powerful journey brimming with color and drama, *The Last Runaway* is Tracy Chevalier's vivid engagement with an iconic part of American history.

Biographie de l'auteur  
Tracy Chevalier is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six previous novels, including *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which has been translated into thirty-nine languages and made into an Oscar-nominated film. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., she lives in London with her husband and son.

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