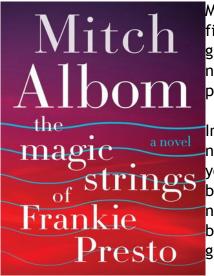
Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom



Mitch Albom creates his most unforgettable fictional character - Frankie Presto, the greatest guitarist to ever walk the earth - in this magical novel about the bands we join in life and the power of talent to change our lives.

In his most stunning novel yet, the voice of Music narrates the tale of its most beloved disciple, young Frankie Presto, a war orphan raised by a blind music teacher in a small Spanish town. At nine years old, Frankie is sent ot America in the bottom of a boat. His only possession is an old guitar and six precious strings.

But Frankie's talent is touched by the gods, and his amazing journey weaves him through the musical landscape of the 20th century, from classical to jazz to rock and roll, with his stunning talent affecting numerous stars along the way, including Hank Williams, Elvis Presley, Carole King, Wynton Marsalis and even KISS.

Frankie becomes a pop star himself. He makes records. He is adored. But his gift is also his burden, as he realizes, through his music, he can actually affect people's futures - with one string turning blue whenever a life is altered.

At the height of his popularity, Frankie Presto vanishes. His legend grows. Only decades later, does he reappear - just before his spectacular death - to change on last life.

With its Forrest Gump-like romp through the music world, The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto is a classic in the making. A lifelong musician himself, Mitch Albom delivers a remarkable novel, infused with the message that "everyone joins a band in this life" and those connections change us all.

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax are reading this book for our next book club meeting. LouAnne Blanchard will host the next meeting on September 16. Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship (and book discussion, too). Please let LouAnne know if you would like to attend.

