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about illness. His sixteen year old daughter has spent her life dosed up on every treatment going while he and his wife Carol feed their youngest daughter sugar pills so she won't feel left out. But then Jackson undergoes a medical procedure of his own which has devastating consequences So Much For That is a deeply affecting novel, told with Lionel Shriver's trademark originality, intelligence and acute perception of the human condition. *Revue de presse* The rare novel that will shake and change you. With these wholly realistic and sympathetic characters, [Shriver] makes us consider the most existential questions of our lives and the dreadful calculus of modern health care in this country. Its a bitter pill, indeed, but take it if you can.

(Ron Charles, Washington Post) A visceral and deeply affecting story, a story about how illness affects peoples relationships, and how their efforts to grapple with mortality reshape the arcs of their lives. [Shrivers] understanding of her people is so intimate, so unsentimental it lofts these characters permanently into the readers imagination. (Michiko Kakutani, New York Times) A delicious novel. . . . So Much for That, Lionel Shriver's improbably feel-good black comedy, is the rare book that can make suicide, near-bankruptcy and terminal cancer so engaging you cant wait to turn the page. . . . Provocative, entertaining-and so very timely. (Jocelyn McClurg, USA Today) Shriver writes in precise, dynamic prose. If anyones going to perk up the often-limp niceness of the womens novel its Shriver, who has no use for earth mothers or noble victims.

The climax offers more fun, vengeful satisfaction and pure tenderness than any treatise on the future of healthcare. (Ella Taylor, Los Angeles Times) [An] immaculate, hilarious, and authentically dark new novel. . . . A cast of characters as absurd and entertaining as they are real. (Cathi Hanauer, Elle) Brave, bold. . . . A page turner. . . . Brilliantly funny and a superb plotter, Shriver is a master of the misanthrope. . . . [A] viciously smart writer. (Mary Pols, Time) [A] shrewd, ambitious novel. . . . Shriver's prose is frank and often beautiful . . . nuanced and persuasive. (The New Yorker) Neither stingy with subplots nor shy about taking on timely, complex issues, [Shriver] tosses plenty of both into the pot with real daring and brio. (Leah Hager Cohen, New York Times Book) Harrowing yet riveting.... Wisely, Shriver doesnt make her characters all saints.... [They] come alive with visceral abandon.... Clever, convincing...stubbornly real-and chillingly personal. (Julia Keller, Chicago Tribune) [Shriver] certainly has her finger on national nerves. (Birmingham Post) *Présentation de l'auteur* An extraordinary novel from the Orange Prize winning author of *We Need to Talk About Kevin*. What do you pack for the rest of your life? Shepherd Knacker is bored with his humdrum existence. He's sold his successful handy-man business for a million dollars and is now ready to embark on his 'Afterlife' - a one way ticket to a small island off the coast of Africa. He tries to convince his wife Glynis to come with him, but she laughs off the idea as preposterous. There's no way she'll let Shepherd uproot the family to some far-flung African island. When Glynis is diagnosed with an extremely rare and aggressive form of cancer, Shepherd's dreams of an exotic adventure are firmly put on hold. He devotes himself to caring for his sick wife, watching her fade before his eyes. Shepherd's best friend Jackson knows all too well about illness. His sixteen year old daughter has spent her life dosed up on every treatment going while he and his wife Carol feed their youngest daughter sugar pills so she won't feel left out. But then Jackson undergoes a medical procedure of his own which has devastating consequences So Much For That is a deeply affecting novel, told with Lionel Shriver's trademark originality, intelligence and acute perception of the human condition.