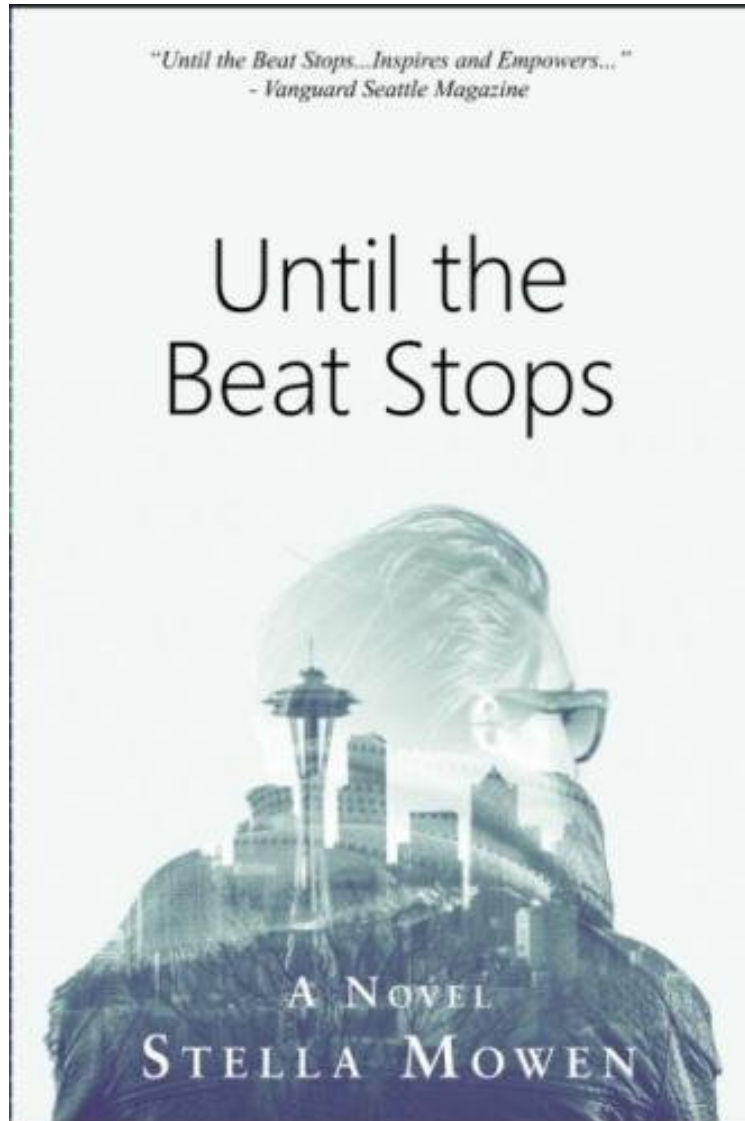


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that is the First Hill. Readers must process the rather beautiful irony that the Founding Five worked tirelessly to create a method for others to cope with uncertainty and loss, but who would emerge to provide the same solution for them? Except that they realize, though not painlessly, that the network was always present inside each of them from the start, but self-activation was null. No road is traveled by one's self, and UNTIL THE BEAT STOPS will make you stop and question not only the level to which you are being an active participant in your own life, but also the intensity with which you are embracing those who make your life more fulfilling. A phenomenal read for family, or anyone who has friends upon whom they rely. Which would mean the vast majority of the population...5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. It is pretty rare and exciting to discover a very talentedBy Bill KelliherIt is pretty rare and exciting to discover a very talented, up and coming writer so early in her career. Stella Mowen has written a truly lovely, inspirational and outstanding book. She has an incredible gift for dialogue and storytelling. Her characters are fully realized human beings with depth, personality and backstories. The story itself is complex because its told in a non-linear fashion and from multiple points of view. Stella manages to balance all of that rather adroitly and also makes the reader care about the characters and their relationships. Having either lived in or travelled to most of the locations, I found myself immersed in fond memories and recollections of some remarkable scenery. We are entering a new era in publishing in which the long established publishing houses will have a diminished role and eBooks will become far more common. The old methods of publicity will give way to social media and viral marketing. Until the Beat Stops is well worth reading and I hope that it will get the attention that it so richly deserves. I expect to see more great works from its author in the future.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Stella is a great writer. This book is brimming with wisdomBy gypsyeyes1984Stella is a great writer. This book is brimming with wisdom, love, sincerity, beauty, passion and human connection. I thoroughly enjoyed the read, and I learned a lot about myself along the way, it's not just a book that you read, it also reads into your soul, as you read into the experiences of the characters. It was a truly beautiful experience.

Seattle's hottest, new, buzzworthy author Stella Mowen delivers an extraordinary and awe-inspiring debut novel that people can't stop talking about. Stella Mowen's critically-acclaimed debut novel UNTIL THE BEAT STOPS has received high praise from readers, dozens of fan letters from around the world, and said to cultivate personal mindful moments - An emotionally gripping, multi-viewpoint narrative that captures the hearts of all ages. An inspirational Seattle-based startup, The First Hill, originally designed to preserve the legacy of terminally ill cancer patients, winds up becoming the go-to digital platform for preserving all important moments in history - past, present, and the future moments to come. Written in a documentary style, the narrator takes you back in time to mindful moments in each Founder's past that inspired them to create, and leave behind, a world-changing legacy. *15% of book proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer foundation.*

"Until the Beat Stops...Inspires and Empowers..." - Vanguard Seattle Magazine "One of Seattle's hottest, new, buzzworthy authors..." - LinkedIn, Pulse "Extraordinary and awe-inspiring..." - Huffington Post "Every now and then I read a book that stays with me forever. Until the Beat Stops is one of them." - Word Menagerie, Book Blog From the Inside Flap A Letter from the Editor: In her debut novel, Until the Beat Stops, Stella Mowen depicts five friends who despite personal struggles are able to create the First Hill--a social media website which connects millions of cancer sufferers and survivors, giving them continual hope and strength during difficult times. Lilac, an elegantly beautiful brunette, is the idealistic founder whose own family struggled fatefully with the disease and tirelessly propels The First Hill team to stay focused and never settle. Strong willed and yet still humble, she finds professional success early on, but her own romantic relationships are at best elusive. James, a British documentarian, adds humor and modesty to the novel as he struggles to interview the team and uncover the truth about the successful startup to establish his own career. Through personal interviews and revelations of many reminiscent memories, we not only learn about the struggles of the start up but also about the personal fears, losses, and successes of each team member as well as James himself. The authentic voices of each character in the novel remind us of our own best friends growing up, while their complicated personal relationships add depth and understanding of the tough choices which face us all when balancing the dynamics of friendship and family. By the end of the novel, Lilac, Mason, Dorian, Benjamin, and Ivy, are not just another bunch of characters, they are the memories of the friends we all shared growing up as we struggled with and embraced adulthood. We don't want the book to end because we know each character has so much more to share with us. Interwoven effortlessly throughout the novel are references to the music, art, and literature we grew up with and are still discovering now, reminding us that our youthful playings shaped each and everyone of us and that new influences still help to guide and inspire us. Shying away from sentimentality, Stella is able to provoke the reader's tears, laughter, romantic excitement, and playful fun with a sincere voice and graceful style, showing her genuine understanding of the human condition. For all who have been graced to know her, Stella's novel is a true reflection of her capacity to love and create beauty despite the hardships we all face. -Jeanette Morrisett, Editor About the Author Author and founder of the nonprofit The First Hill. Originally from the suburbs of Chicago, she now resides in Venice Beach, California, where she spends her days working in the film and TV industry and her nights and

weekends engaged in her favorite pastimes-writing at local coffee shops, listening to records, meditating, and drinking red wine while relishing in each day with old and new friends, who help her understand the past and enjoy every new beginning.