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Even when you're running away, you might be running toward something. Beth Standish comes to San Francisco from Los Angeles to run a half-marathon. The run is symbolic of Beth's running away from the pain she is experiencing from a breakup.

In a chance happening, Beth ends up rooming in an old Victorian instead of booking into a hotel as she had planned to do. However, everything happens for a reason, and during her stay, she meets the popular and attractive Mary Watson, a firefighter in the City by the Bay. Beth is both wildly attracted and put off by Mary at the same time. Her painful breakup also adds to her confusion about her feelings for Mary, who is also a runner.

In an on-again, off-again relationship over a few days leading up to the run, the two women must come to terms about what they feel for each other and the direction in which their lives are going. Beth would rather run in the marathon, then run home to LA. Mary seems to be running in circles with her life and the demands made by friends. Somehow, the two must decide if they want to run into each other's arms.

Interesting characters live in the old Victorian, and the owner of the house, a woman named Alder, takes a particular interest in Beth and seems to know more about her and her needs than Beth herself does.

The women of Run to Me are multi-dimensional and the running metaphor is well placed throughout this tale. Girolami has given us an entertaining story that makes us think—about relationships, about running away, and about what we want to run to in our lives.

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