



## That Summer She Found Her Voice: A Retro Novel

**Can touring with a  
Swing Band be the  
very thing this young  
woman needs to find  
herself?**

Set in 1978 on Maryland's Eastern Shore and Baltimore's Little Italy, *THAT SUMMER SHE FOUND HER VOICE: A Retro Novel* tells the story of 23-year-old Margie Stevens as she pulls herself out of a heartbreak induced depression and begins a personal journey of discovery.

Clarifying her own views on emerging feminism, social injustice, and personal spirituality – all while touring the country as a singer in King Vido's Swing Band – Margie encounters sexist and moral challenges that cause her to question her future path.

Will she redefine her personal values in order to break away from uncomfortable ways of thinking? Will she find the courage to conquer fears of intimidation from the band leader and others on the tour? And finally, will Margie learn to speak up for herself?

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"...a memorable saga of self-discovery, social transformation, and career-changing paradigms..."

**D. Donovan, Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review**

"...a raw and unvarnished portrait of friendships, dreams, heartbreak, and growth..."

**Kate Danley, USA Today Bestselling Author, Maggie McKay Series**



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