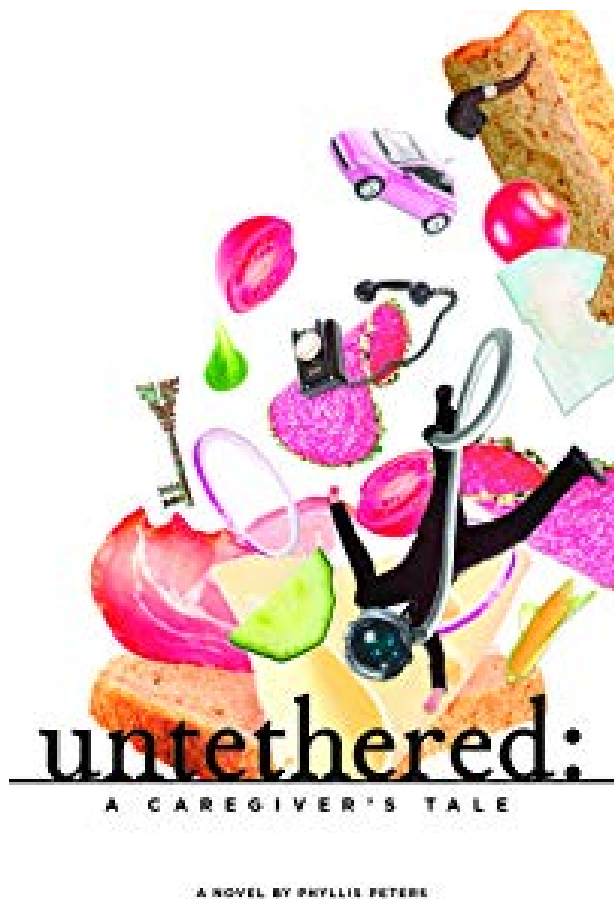


# Untethered: A Caregiver's Tale



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Untethered: A Caregiver's Tale is the story of Tom Conklin, a workaday administrator and proud baby boomer. His recent divorce has just ended in marriage to Mel—a sexy, younger French colleague—as he begins caring for his aging and increasingly difficult parents. When his formerly upstanding dad gets arrested for assault with an old dial phone, Tom tries to persuade his parents to sign over their power of attorney, to stop driving, or to take up a comparatively safe hobby like genital tattooing. Denial, however, becomes Tom's most powerful adversary. With Mel's desire for children proving a game changer, his pot-smoking, French great-grandmother-in-law moving in, and his elderly neighbors challenging his very sense of self, Tom escapes into magical thinking. Buying into local lore sends him searching for real buried treasure, but meaningful, emotional treasure proves much more elusive. Untethered: A Caregiver's Tale fills the need for full-length fiction as comic relief. It celebrates the modern family at its funniest and most vulnerable, offering cathartic fun aimed not at the care-given, but in praise of the caregiver.