The Vanishing Half
by Brit Bennett

Identical twin sisters grow up together in small town Louisiana before choosing very different lives. Years later, one sister lives with her Black daughter in the same town, while the other secretly passes for white. Even separated by many miles and many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters’ lives intersect?

Why The Vanishing Half?

• Brit Bennett teaches in the Creative Writing and Literature Program at Stony Brook University/Southampton. A bold and skillful storyteller, Brit graduated from Stanford University and earned her MFA in fiction at the University of Michigan.

• The Vanishing Half was an instant NYT bestseller which received starred reviews in Booklist, Publishers Weekly and Kirkus, and was chosen as a Good Morning America Book Club pick. The New York Times noted, “Bennett creates a striking portrait of racial identity in America.”

• The Vanishing Half features a multi-stranded narrative which swoops from the late 1950s to 1988 and back, tracking the radically different lives of the Vignes twins and navigating difficult truths with clarity and grace.

• The Vanishing Half will appeal to readers of all ages who will be transported by this riveting novel which explores the complications of family, race, and the ties that bind.

• The Vanishing Half is available in hardcover, book on CD, Playaway audiobook, large print, and downloadable ebook and audio formats.

• Long Island Reads will honor Brit at an award ceremony on Sunday, April 11, 2021.