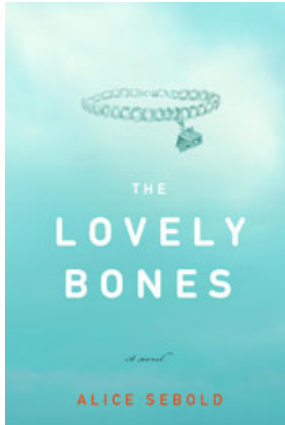




## ***The Lovely Bones* is the Preface Program Choice for 2006**



The *Lovely Bones*, which reached the top of the New York Times bestseller list faster than any debut novel in recent times, is Preface: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program's selection for 2006.

The book is a tale of family, memory, love, and living. Told from Susie Salmon's perspective in heaven, the story reveals the awful events of the 14-year-old's death and shows that hope and joy are possible despite inexplicable loss. Reviewers describe the novel as "full of suspense" and "painfully funny." Patricia Ponce, Preface Director, believes "this beautifully written book will surely find its way into the minds and souls of not just Cal Poly students, but readers of various ages and backgrounds."

The popularity of *The Lovely Bones*, which sold over 2.5 million hardcover copies and has been translated into 34 languages, attests to the redemptive power of literature. SLO City Library branch manager, Judy Rohr enthusiastically endorses the Committee's choice, saying, "The book is a compelling story, beautifully told, with humor and grace in spite of the tragic subject matter."

Preface and SLO County Reads welcome the participation of the entire campus community in this year's events. Author Alice Sebold will be on campus October 12, 2006 for a free public presentation in the Performing Arts Center. Discussion facilitators may sign up to volunteer on the Preface website by clicking on "Volunteers."