LOGLINES & PITCHES for Erin Van Rheenen’s YOU COULD BE HAPPY HERE

1. How far would you go—geographically and emotionally—to find your true home?
2. A California science teacher who’s mourning her mother and battling her sister heads to a remote Costa Rican beach town to track down her long-lost father.
3. When she learns her biological father may be a man from when her family spent childhood summers in Costa Rica, Lucy heads back to that remote beach town, seeking out the truth of her birth and the true meaning of belonging. Is she an invading outsider, or has she finally come home?
4. *You Could Be Happy Here* is Ann Patchett’s *The Dutch House* meets *Lonely Planet Costa Rica*.
5. Travel writer turns to fiction to tell a deeper truth about place.
6. Everyone wants to move abroad these days; author Erin Van Rheenen has done just that more than once. Not coincidently, the protagonist in her novel *You Could Be Happy Here* learns how perilous such a move can be.