

# SHADES OF SILENCE

*a novel* BY LIZ LAZARUS



**Julianna Sandoval** is living in limbo. Her husband's plane has vanished over the Atlantic Ocean and although the Coast Guard has suspended the search, she clings to hope that he'll still be found alive. Three months later, a young woman appears after hours at Julianna's Ormond Beach restaurant, declaring, "He's not who you think he is." Before the stranger can say anything else, a gunshot through the window kills her instantly.

Seasoned detective **Paul Grant** is assigned to investigate the girl's murder. He senses that the shooting was not random but doesn't know the connection to his only witness. Was the girl referring to Julianna's presumed dead husband, her lazy stepson, her shady bar manager, or someone else?

As Grant methodically gathers evidence and challenges alibis, Julianna's faith in her friends and family is tested. The investigation leaves her wondering who she can trust and culminates with an eerie link to the past that no one sees coming.

## SYNOPSIS

*A thriller that depicts the resilience of a woman faced with devastating loss, the unexpected friendship forged from tragedy and the recurring societal themes that confront every generation*

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