SET IN LATE 1990S MIAMI—WHERE THE THREAT OF DEPORTATION SHADOWS EVERY WRONG TURN—DEPORTADOS FOLLOWS THREE UNLIKELY LIVES CAUGHT IN A SYSTEM BUILT TO DISCARD THEM. BEN ARNOLD, A MIDWESTERN TRANSPLANT WHOSE NAME CARRIES THE WEIGHT OF BETRAYAL, KEEPS EVERYONE AT ARM'S LENGTH. BUT WHEN HE MEETS SUYAPA CASTRO, A HONDURAN MIGRANT UNAWARE OF HIS PAST, HER UNFILTERED ACCEPTANCE ALLOWS HIM TO LOWER HIS GUARD FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN A CITY DEFINED BY ITS IMMIGRANT HEARTBEAT AND CONSTANT FEAR OF REMOVAL, THEIR CONNECTION BECOMES BOTH REFUGE AND RISK.

BUT WHEN A VIOLENT NIGHT LEAVES BEN BLEEDING AND SUYAPA IN CUSTODY, THEIR FRAGILE WORLD SHATTERS. ROSA, THE SHARP-TONGUED TRANSGENDER SUPERINTENDENT OF BEN'S BUILDING, BECOMES HIS UNEXPECTED GUIDE—OFFERING WISDOM, GRIT, AND A MIRROR TO THE MAN HE'S TRYING TO BECOME. AS THE SYSTEM TEARS THEM APART, BEN MUST GIVE UP THE LIFE HE THOUGHT HE WANTED TO FIGHT FOR THE ONLY PLACE EITHER OF THEM HAS EVER TRULY BEEN SAFE: TOGETHER.