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IN THE DARK: A COZY SUSPENSE NOVEL BLENDING MYSTERY, FAMILY, AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON

New York, September 2025– Author Lu Gonzalez invites readers into a world of secrets, family, and suspense in their upcoming novel, *In The Dark*, releasing October 20, 2025.



Set against the backdrop of Thanksgiving and Christmas in New Jersey, *In The Dark* follows Toni, a determined college student whose life is turned upside down when her best friend, Nikki, dies under suspicious circumstances. While the holidays should be filled with warmth and tradition, Toni finds herself searching for answers—navigating grief, unraveling hidden truths, and questioning the people she thought she could trust.

At the heart of the story is a balance of cozy family traditions, Cuban-Italian dinners, laughter around the table, and holiday rituals—woven tightly with the gripping tension of a mystery that refuses to stay buried. As Toni investigates, she's joined by a close-knit group of friends, an unexpected romantic spark, and the haunting question: How well do we really know the people we love?



Readers can expect:

- Cozy Suspense Atmosphere: Holiday lights, warm kitchens, and dark secrets.
- Beloved Tropes: Found family, grumpy-sunshine dynamics, a small-town holiday setting, and a slow-burn mystery romance.
- Emotional Depth: A story of friendship, grief, resilience, and the power of truth.

“I wanted to write a suspense novel that doesn’t just keep you guessing,” Gonzalez says. “It also wraps you in the warmth of family and friendship, reminding us that even in the darkest seasons, love and faith shine through.”

In The Dark will be available in ebook and paperback on October 20, 2025. Preorders are now open.

For updates, teasers, and exclusive behind-the-scenes content, follow Lu Gonzalez on TikTok @[_lutheauthor](#)

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