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“Stirring, intricate and full of surprises, this story will propel readers forward through the twists of fortune in the lives of these two women, torn apart yet forever linked, not simply by fate and blood, but by true compassion—and a sprinkling of magic.”

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From the award-winning author of *Lemongrass Hope* comes a new story of unbearable love, loss, and redemption, with a thread of magical realism and a poignant and surprising twist readers will never see coming.

On the eve of the end of the Mayan calendar in 2012, Mari Guarez Roselli—a 9/11 widow who had immigrated to New York City from Guatemala more than 20 years earlier—is keeping secrets from her 23-year-old daughter, Lu, who harbors a painful guilty secret of her own.

Ghosts from the past—including Lu’s firefighter dad, Joe Roselli, and Lu’s twin sister, Rae, who were lost on 9/11—stand between Mari and Lu who are locked in a downward spiral of further disconnect and estrangement until a plane crashes on the corner where the two women live together but apart.

In the aftermath of the ensuing tragedy, Lu embarks on an emotional journey to unravel Mari’s long-held secrets, leading to revelations that rock Lu to her core as she learns that no story’s ending is ever written in stone.



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Amy is a reformed corporate litigator, founder of *SHORTCUTS* Magazine, and award-winning author. Amy’s first novel, *Lemongrass Hope* (Wyatt-MacKenzie 2014) was a 2014 *INDIEFAB* Book-of-the-Year Bronze Winner. A favorite with bloggers and book clubs, *Lemongrass Hope* was named the #1 reviewed book in 2014 by *The Literary Connoisseur*, and topped several bloggers’ “Best of” lists in 2015.

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