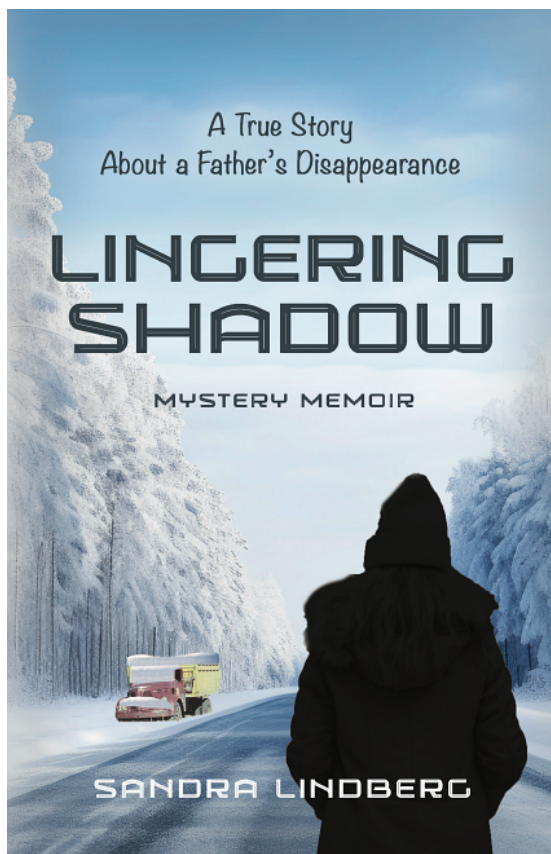




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Anonymous

"Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls your life."

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"Feeling abandoned is a deeply painful experience, but it can also lead to growth, strength, and a better understanding of yourself. You can overcome abandonment, heal, and find peace."

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For many years, Ms. Lindberg has considered writing a book about the mysterious disappearance of her father in 1962, but kept putting it off because it seemed like a daunting task. Authoring a book was on her bucket list and she accomplished that mission by writing *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for people Over 50* published in 2000.

However, after twenty-one years, she decided it was finally time to write the story she thought needed to be told. Ms. Lindberg wants her family to know the truth and to, perhaps, help others facing the same challenges and trauma of abandonment, caused by death, adoption, divorce, separations, or the disappearance of a loved one.

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Chapter 1:

A Wisconsin Snow Storm

The snow was falling heavily on February 26, 1962, in the small town of Withee. That wasn't unusual; Wisconsin winters were long, bitterly cold, and endlessly snowy. I had often enjoyed peaceful evening walks on the powdery snow, glittering flakes tumbling gently from the night sky. Our long driveway, lined with tall, bare oak trees, stood like silent sentinels under the galaxy of stars. On still nights, the snow sparkled like a field of fireflies, whispering secrets only I could hear. Sometimes, those walks felt almost spiritual.

But on this night, the snow was different. It fell harder, faster, driven by a wind that seemed to have purpose.

By late evening, the gentle fall had turned to near-blizzard conditions. The wind howled and raged like a runaway freight train. Dad had planned to drive to Zumbrota, Minnesota, early the next morning to pick up a load of corn for the local feed mill. Winter weather never deterred him, and at 2:00 a.m., he and Mom got up so she could drive him into town for his truck and trailer.

That plan didn't last long. Overnight, deep snowdrifts had swallowed our driveway. The old 1950 Ford station wagon didn't stand a chance.

I was warm under my quilts, halfway lost in mischievous dreams, when Dad's voice broke through the haze. "Sandy! Get up. We need you to help push the car. Your mom's stuck in a snowbank."

"Geez! You've got to be kidding. I'm sleeping — and it's cold," I groaned.

"Nope. Get dressed. Your brother's coming too. Terry, get out of bed!"

"I'm coming, I'm coming," Terry muttered as he crawled out from under the warm covers.

We pulled on yesterday's clothes, stumbled downstairs, grabbed our coats, and jammed our feet into our boots. Outside, the cold hit like a slap. Snow was up to the car's floorboards. This was not going to be fun.

Mom stayed behind the wheel while the three of us braced ourselves and pushed. It took several tries, but eventually the car lurched forward. We kept pushing until it reached the plowed road, shoving it over the mound of packed snow left by the town plow.

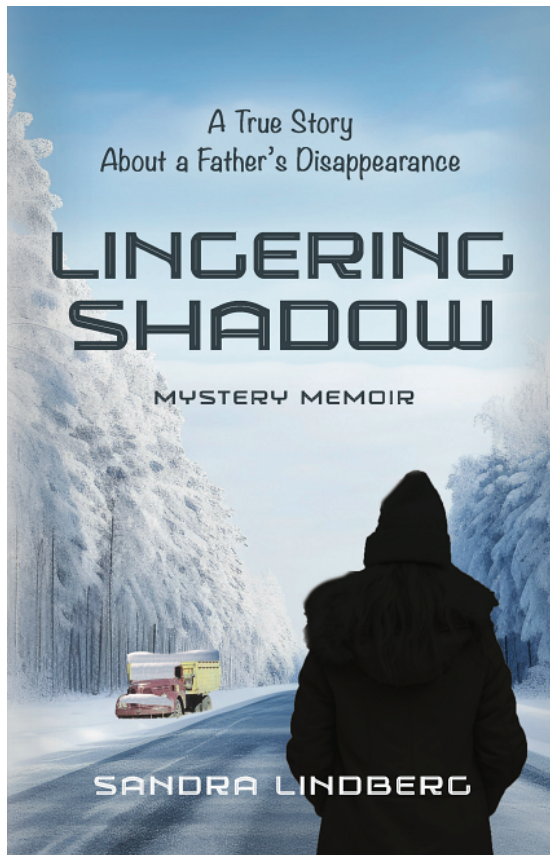
"There — that wasn't so bad, was it?" Dad chuckled, heading toward the car. "Now go back to bed. Thanks for the help."

"Thanks, you two!" Mom called out from the open window. "I'll be back shortly." Off they drove.

Inside, we shed our coats, boots, hats, and mittens in a heap by the kitchen chairs and clomped upstairs. In moments, my flannels replaced the cold, damp clothes, and I was back under my heavy quilts. Dad must have wanted an early start so he could be home by nightfall. Still, even at thirteen, I thought it risky — dangerous

roads, blizzard conditions, and a semi-truck? But work had been slow, and he was never one to turn down a haul.

Sleep pulled me back, but the storm's howl lingered in my mind. I didn't know it then, but that morning's bitter wind would carry with it a change I could never undo — a lifetime of questions and suspicions.



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