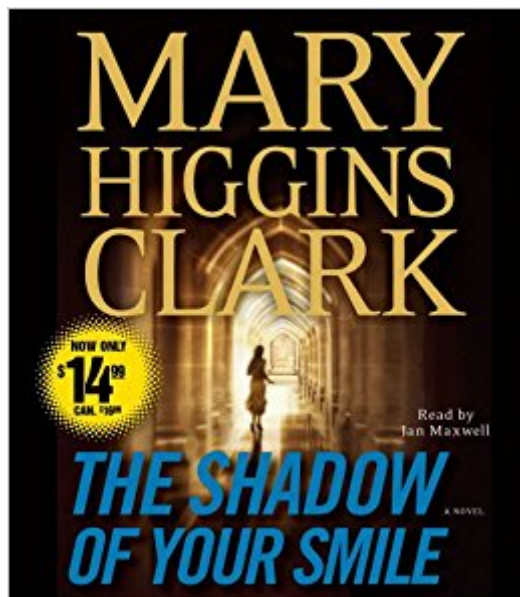


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Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling author Mary Higgins Clark's *The Shadow of Your Smile* is now available for only \$14.99! At age eighty-two and in failing health, Olivia Morrow knows she has little time left. The last of her line, she faces a momentous choice: expose a long-held family secret, or take it with her to her grave. Olivia has in her possession letters from her deceased cousin Catherine, a nun, now being considered for beatification by the Catholic Church—the final step before sainthood. In her lifetime, Sister Catherine had founded seven hospitals for disabled children. Now the cure of a four-year-old boy dying of brain cancer is being attributed to her. After his case was pronounced medically hopeless, the boy's desperate mother had organized a prayer crusade to Sister Catherine, leading to his miraculous recovery. The letters Olivia holds are the evidence that Catherine gave birth at age seventeen to a child, a son, and gave him up for adoption. Olivia knows the identity of the young man who fathered Catherine's child: Alex Gannon, who went on to become a world-famous doctor, scientist, and inventor holding medical patents. Now, two generations later, thirty-one-year-old pediatrician Dr. Monica Farrell, Catherine's granddaughter, stands as the rightful heir to what remains of the family fortune. But in telling Monica who she really is, Olivia would have to betray Catherine's wishes and reveal the story behind Monica's ancestry. The only people aware of Olivia's impending choice are those exploiting the Gannon inheritance. To silence Olivia and prevent Monica from learning the secret, some of them will stop at nothing—even murder. Clark's riveting novel explores the juxtaposition of medical science and religious faith, and the search for identity by the daughter of a man adopted at birth.

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Customer Reviews

When a deceased nun, Sister Catherine, becomes a candidate for sainthood in this gripping thriller from bestseller Clark (*Just Take My Heart*), Monica Farrell, a 31-year-old Manhattan pediatrician, becomes the target of those who don't want her to inherit what's left of a fortune created by her unknown grandfather, Alex Gannon, with whom Catherine had a secret love child before she took up holy orders. That child, given up for adoption, became Monica's father. Monica must now testify whether two boys became cancer-free due to prayers to Sister Catherine so she can qualify for beatification. Meanwhile, Olivia Morrow, Catherine's 82-year-old dying cousin, ponders whether to tell Monica she's Alex's granddaughter. Clark skillfully mixes spiritual questions with down and dirty deeds as she reveals Gannon Foundation funds have been steadily siphoned off by greedy heirs and associates who will stop at nothing, even murder, to keep their criminal misbehavior under wraps. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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I enjoy all Mary Higains Clarks book's. I started reading them as, a young wife and mother, working as a RN part time. It was wonderful after getting my young children to bed to snugglet up and begin reading. Now my grandson is my special man. He will be 13. I am now 60 and I am still reading her latest book, while already looking forward to the next book.

First of all, thank you Mrs. Clark for all of the written works you have given us. I have enjoyed them every time I read them and re-read them. The basic premise of this book "Who are my ancestors?" is not original, but interesting none the less. It is not always clear whom the main character actually is or what the main thesis(s) of the novel is/are: medicine vs religious faith, or who am I? The various sub plots quickly overtake the main plot lines, the love interest is barely touched on and that relationship seems to be added to the story as an afterthought. I agree with other reviewers that there seems to be an unusual amount of errors in this printing: character names mixed up, spelling errors, unfinished quotes, etc. Additionally, baby aspirin? Sorry, not for babies anymore. Bottles at 19 months, again, not in the current U.S. culture. If one overlooks these editing mistakes, it is a pleasant read. Not as edgy as earlier novels, but, I don't always need edgy.

Noelle and her husband Eli have been drifting apart after their daughter was murdered. Noelle is on her way home one day when she has an accident. She wakes up in the hospital thinking she's a college student, not a mom and wife of 25 yrs. It seems like the perfect way for them to start over. But the men who caused the accident are out looking for her, Noelle can't remember even a small part of her life with her family, and Eli must deal with the consequences of his actions. I love how the author tells two stories at once that tie together, but are also their own individual stories. The romance is there, but is more subtle than a typical romance. The author also weaves in a tiny bit of mystery, faith, and a small town feel. While this book is part of a series, it can definitely stand alone. One of the things that I appreciate most about this author and her books is how her books make me think. They are more than just a story. I received this book free of charge from Tyndale in exchange for my honest review.

Mary Higgins Clark has always been my favorite mystery author. This book held my interest and I was able to finish it in record time. There were two things that made me feel that this book was not quite as good as some of her other books. There were so many characters included in the plot. I think it would have been a stronger story if there had been fewer characters. Secondly, I was able to predict the murderer earlier in the book than usual. In spite of these two flaws, I still enjoyed the book very much. I would recommend it for anyone who enjoys a good mystery.

Intense with sorrow and grief and great joy in the love of God and family. This is full of true to real life struggles. This book is a must read.

Excellent from start to finish. I was afraid it would be too religious but it wasn't. I was surprised by how suspenseful it was.

Like always, Mary Higgins Clark delivers another page turner. The book draws you in and makes you want to keep reading into the night!

I truly enjoyed this novel. It is quite well written. I stayed up very late in order to finish the book !!

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