

Secrets Threaten to Unravel Family Ties in The Wool Over Their Eyes

Dione Martin poignantly explores the ways in which family secrets can pull at the fabric of our relationships.

DALLAS, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, May 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- At 18, Natalia Foster knew seven things about the biological father she'd never met: he was tall, dark, handsome and Italian. He was also married to someone other than Natalia's mother, had three children and, clearly, no morals. Now, at age 28, Natalia knows something new: her father is dying.

The Wool Over Their Eyes, from Dione Martin, is an authentic, heartfelt story about complex family dynamics and the emotions that must be unpacked when long-buried secrets push their way to the surface.

Illegitimate and bi-racial, Natalia is the secret that her father, Joe, planned to take to his grave. His wife and family know nothing of

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Natalia's existence — or that her mother is Black — but when word spreads that Joe has only months to live, Natalia feels compelled to meet him and salvage what little time with him she has left. But at what cost to Joe's devoted wife, Rosa, and their grown children?



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In the midst of Natalia's family drama and pain is also a love story. Natalia must choose between two loves — a long-lost one and a new one. Her ex-boyfriend, Tyler Davis, who captured her heart and connected with her soul, resurfaces. But she meets a handsome doctor, David Duplessis, who'd cared for her father. Just as the relationship begins to blossom, David commits an act that

severs her trust and sends her spiraling further into her dark abyss.

The Wool Over Their Eyes is loosely based on Martin's personal experiences. She drew upon her own memories and insights of growing up without her biological father and being betrayed in her own marriage to inform her narrative and give her characters depth and authenticity.

"I wrote The Wool Over Their Eyes for fatherless girls, for women who have been betrayed, for those who have been rejected because of their race (or otherness) and for families that have been torn apart by secrets, lies and deception," Martin reflects. "Healing is possible – through change, through empathy, through faith and through forgiveness."

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