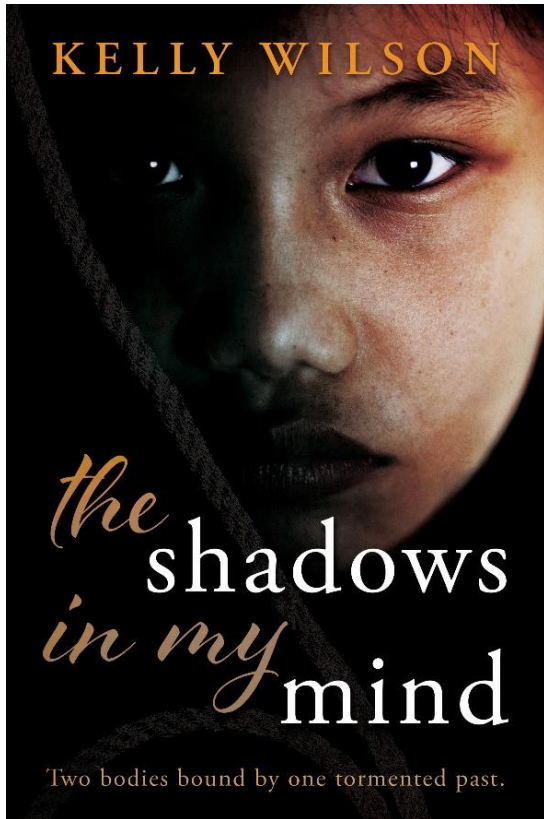


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AT NINETEEN, AANYA WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES.

Aanya knew she had a second chance to escape her past. Only she still has no memory of her life before waking from a coma.

Suffering trauma amnesia from her abusive past, Aanya's mind has locked the truth away to protect her.

All Aanya knows is she was a long-time victim of child trafficking, stolen from Nepal and smuggled into India at a very young age.

Aanya is often troubled by debilitating pain and scattered images racing through her mind.

Aanya is faced with a devastating revelation when a mysterious letter arrives from India, telling her that someone she had loved remains in captivity.

Aanya's path ahead will be dangerous and she must try to put all the pieces of her past together in time to accomplish her true freedom.

As her memory starts to reveal its secrets, Aanya soon will come face to face with the man who was responsible for it all.

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Kelly Wilson has been passionate about working with people and making a positive difference her whole life. As a primary school educator for 22 years, her role varied from classroom teacher, mentor, teacher educator and literacy specialist. Her public speaking roles within the community and filming have been very successful.

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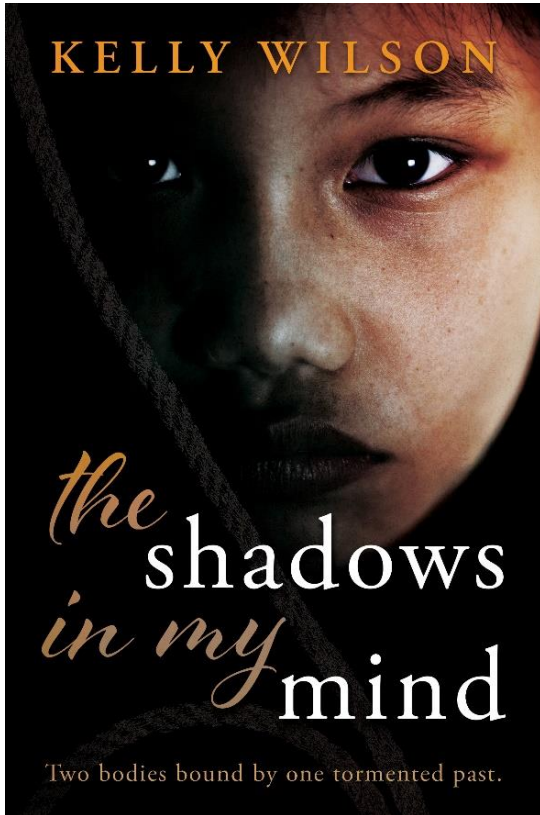
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'THE SHADOWS IN MY MIND'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

The more I began to read about child trafficking and child labour the more horrified I was that this is happening right now in the same comfortable world I live in. I was so naïve to these realities. I became inspired to share the incredible stories of triumph through this travesty. I thought the best way was to create a fictional thriller YA novel, which as well as intrigue readers, could provide true facts, statistics and education. The more of us around the world aware of child trafficking, the more chance we have of positive change.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

I wanted to highlight the importance and impact of family, whatever that my look like. This led to me writing about generations of strong women. But I also wanted to highlight that we all have a story. I created characters that would challenge readers by including the characters own sub story. Eg. Detective LJ, he has had a breakdown and is an alcoholic, yet finds the strength to go on.

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?

I spend a lot of time creating character profiles. This includes who they are, what they would look like. How their past would impact their personality and decisions, their character traits and flaws etc. their hobbies and beliefs, aims and aspirations. I draw on people around me and snippets of myself over my life.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOKS?

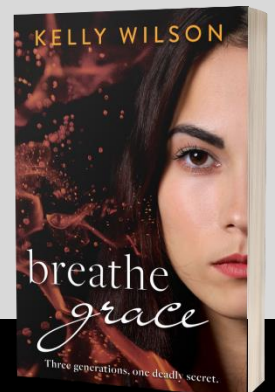
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