

Within the Shadows  
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Don't let the blurry cover or the sinister title deter you from reading *Within the Shadows*. It isn't a macabre story, not even a horror tale; instead, *Within the Shadows* is a fatal attraction adventure with a surprising, yet scary twist. A successful young man thinks he found the woman of his dreams; however, as the mask comes off he learns that looks are deceiving and that he may have found a monster from his worst nightmare.

Andrew Wilson is a popular author who has everything a 31 year old successful man wants except that special someone. His opulent suburban home on the outskirts of Atlanta and breezy sports car are monuments of his success, but they don't kiss him at the end of the day. His best friends Eric and Carmen as well as his mother all share in his well fortune. The only missing piece to his life is a special woman to share his achievements.

Andrew is elated that he and his estranged father are regenerating their strained relationship. On their way home from a golfing trip, Andrew's father mysteriously veers off the highway. The accident is the catapult for a string of strange events that follow. Almost in tandem, a chance meeting in a local coffee shop puts an enchanting, enigmatic woman in Andrew's life. Lalamalika Renee Woods is beautiful, charming, and sexy. Ignoring her capricious behavior, and the mystery and anonymity surrounding the bohemian beauty, Andrew plunges into a reckless union with Lalamalika that makes a 'deadly' impact on his life and those that he loves.

I highly recommend this toxic thrill ride of exciting twists, turns, and surprises. The characters are full, colorful, and brilliantly cast. Brandon Massey's cadence is engaging, quick, and fluid. This is a great book to take with you to the beach, to the cabin, or where ever you take your summer trip.