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Find love, mystery and adventure in **WHEN SHADOWS FALL**, the seventh book in Barbara Freethy's New York Times Bestselling Series, *The Callaways*.

Olivia Bennett is a biographer, a narrator of lives far more interesting than her own. Orphaned as a child, she has always been fascinated by family relationships. When she volunteers to write down the memories of Eleanor Callaway, an elderly woman suffering from Alzheimer's, she gets caught up in a compelling story of a great love and a terrible secret. Suddenly, she is no longer a spectator but an investigator, and in her quest for truth, she finds herself at odds with Eleanor's sexy and very protective grandson, Colton Callaway.

Colton is a firefighter, a man used to going after what he wants and getting it. He pushes the limits, takes chances, and is willing to risk everything to save a life, especially if that life belongs to his grandmother.

As Olivia and Colton stir up the smoldering embers of the past, they soon come to realize that the greatest danger may not come from those who want to protect their secrets but from each other. Because the one thing neither has ever been willing to risk is their heart.

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Linda Moon says

Another great book by Barbara Freethy in the Callaway series.

Erin says

I just love the Calloway family and I really enjoyed learning about Grandma Eleanor's story from when she was younger. What strong women her and her friends were. Loving reconnecting with this family this summer :)

Joy says

These are such cute stories. I'm not sure how the series seems to stretch out so far when I'm just about done with the siblings, however, they are still very engaging reads.

Leslie says

I'm never disappointed after reading a Barbara Freethy book - especially one involving the Callaway family and this one was no exception. I love all of the characters in this series and feel as if they are all people I know. Loved the plot in this one, a very good mystery and family secret that comes to light.

Julianne says

Love the series

steph says

Actually this one was my favorite of the bunch. And I think because while this one was engulfed in mystery like the previous six books, this book set the mystery up from the beginning while all the other books kinda threw in the mystery and plot lines as the story went on. We knew Colton's Grandma had a secret. We knew Olivia was brought in to find that secret. So I really enjoyed her interactions with Colton and his family and the older women. I will say, again they fell in love in like 5 days (which is a step up from the 3 days of Colton's twin sister in the last one). I'm really trying not to judge this author but it would be nice if her books could take place over longer periods of time. Because I am side eying her characters like *WOAH* over the crazy fast "I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH YOU EVEN THOUGH WE JUST MET ON TUESDAY" time line. It's starting to get a bit repetitive.

But this book was my favorite. Am debating whether to track down or buy book #8. My library doesn't have

it (YET THEY HAVE THE FIRST 7) and while part of me wants to read Burke's story, the other part of me doesn't want to pay \$5 to get it from Amazon. Ah, decisions.

Bekki Holzkamm says

Not bad!

This is the 7th book I'm a series. So far, I haven't been disappointed in any of them. The books are chronological and pertain to siblings and their romances, so it is much more satisfying to read them all in order. However, there is enough summary information from the previous books that if you only read one of them, you aren't lost.

The plot of this book has been foreshadowed in previous books in the series. I was actually a little surprised that this one wasn't the last one of the series. Then, I realized that the next one has been foreshadowed for several novels, too. Even with that much build up, the resolutions are well done and worth the wait. If you like romance and light suspense, this is a wonderful series to try. I'm enjoying it!

Mariann {at} Belle's Book Bag says

I'm a huge fan of Barbara Freethy and of this series. I've enjoyed each book so far and have become so invested in these characters and this family. I've been waiting for Colt's book and for the BIG secret to finally be revealed. I was so disappointed. I just could not get into this story at all. I actually found myself bored with the story after the first couple chapters. It was a struggle for me to finish and I hate saying that because I love this series. I was actually let down as to what the secret was once it was revealed. I was expecting something totally shocking. So even though I didn't like this story this is still a great series and I am so looking forward to Burke's book next. I have been waiting for him since the beginning. :)

E says

Another good Callaway family story! We finally found out Grandma Callaway's secret that's been alluded to in previous stories.

Nancy says

Crying!

Gwen S. says

Olivia and Colton's Fiery Love Saga! 4.5*****

Olivia Bennett, biographer and adopted at birth, arrived in San Francisco to meet Molly, but indirectly she

discover about her heritage (being Molly's granddaughter). The sad story of domestic abuse, the group of theatre performers that helped these women and their children escape their lives of despair, and the self-defense/ murder of her grandfather, Stan the crooked cop, and the 'Wall of Blue' that stood by and did nothing to help Molly and the other abused women's.

The novel was intensely written, and filled with emotion, as the domestic abuse topic is so very relevant in today's culture. The characters, especially Eleanor, wounded firefighter Colton Callaway's grandmother and Olivia's love interest, bravely defended her friend, Molly, saved her family, and finally told her friend's story, when she was not able to do so. Family and true friendship are the basis for this intriguing novel! A Must Read!

Marcia Haskell says

A story within a story

Olivia was an assistant to a man who wrote biographies. She did the interviews and research and brought the characters to life. It felt as if it was time for her to write books under her own name. When she is invited to travel to San Francisco to meet a group of friends who had been part of a small theater group. She knows they want her to tell their story. But there are a lot of questions. How did they know who she is? Why her? What is the story she should tell?

Once she arrives the questions multiply. Why are the men so angry and opposed to their wives speaking to her? Can she find enough backup to learn the real facts and is there enough time left before the people involved can no longer tell their parts?

This is also the story of Colton Callaways who is recovering from injuries in fighting the latest fire. His grandfather has asked him to prevent his grandmother from being hurt by telling her story to Olivia. He doesn't understand why there is a problem, but finds himself attracted to Olivia while trying to do what his idol, and role model grandfather has asked.

Likable, honorable people who want to protect and support and help.

Janis says

Awesome book.

Love that this book is a combination of romance and mystery. Highly recommend. Can't wait to read more about the Callaway family from San Francisco

Jane says

When shadows fall (Callaways #7) by Barbara Freethy

3 Stars

As a stand alone story this would be an interesting and exciting romantic mystery but as part of the Callaways series I found it repetitive and very much same old same old. It's almost like Barbara is running out of ideas. In book one Aiden saved Sara from a house fire, which is swoon worthy and romantic... but in this book Colton saves Olivia from a house fire. Yes it's romantic but seriously? using the same drama for both brothers is just lazy, we need variety. Then we have the fact that Olivia is adopted, we've already had the 'adopted kid drama' in book four when Brandon was kidnapped and we discovered he was adopted. I just feel like the series needs something fresh to keep it alive.

The good thing about this book, within the series, is that we finally have a conclusion to the back story about grandma's secret, though it isn't anything like I had imagined and it did escalate to unbelievable. The initial revelation about the theatre group was story enough but then it grew and grew and ended in a groan worthy train wreck.

I'm thinking that reading eight books in the series one after the other is not the best way to enjoy it, the previous stories are too fresh in my mind for me to be able to forgive the similarities. My advice would be to spread them out with other reads in-between!

Copy supplied for review

Becky says

Olivia Bennett is a biographer and has been invited by Molly, Eleanor Callaway's best friend to come to San Francisco to write about the older women's story and secret. Colton Callaway has been put in charge from his grandfather to keep this writer away from Eleanor. Eleanor, suffering from the beginning stages of Alzheimer gets easily agitated and Colton's grandfather claims he doesn't want her upset. There are secrets galore with these women and in this family. Molly who has suffered a stroke right before Olivia's arrival can't tell the story, but Eleanor, on her good days, wants it to be told. This is an amazing, suspenseful, romantic story. One of the best in the series. The characters are so strong and believable and story line will amaze you.
