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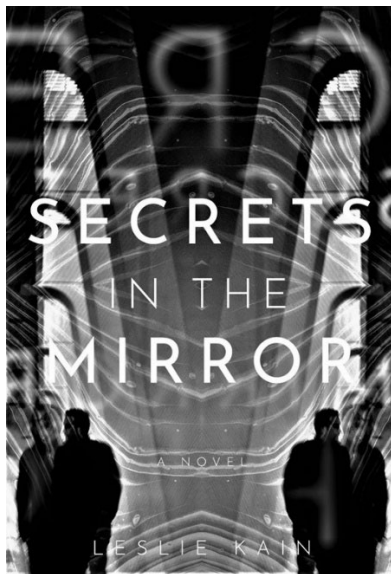
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“A psychological thriller perfect for our time.”¹
“...toes the fine line between sympathetic and terrifying.”²



Austin, Texas, November 2022. As conditions of family and community dysfunction rise in Western society today, the gripping multi-award-winning drama of ‘*Secrets In the Mirror*’ explores the effects of domestic abuse, narcissism, mental illness and substance use on family members, and considers the imperative to save others versus the struggle to save oneself.



Secrets In The Mirror
By Leslie Kain
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Gavin struggles to salvage his self-esteem from Dad’s bullying and from narcissistic abuse by his twin, while Mom resists spousal abuse to assert sanity into the clan. But when Devon gets into drugs and trouble with the Mob, more people die. Gavin flees far away to protect himself and his new family, but he can’t escape his sociopathic brother, or the Mob. Yet inextricable bonds tie him to Devon, and Gavin vows to rescue his twin from his self-destructive path. But he is warned: *You can’t save anyone until you save yourself.*

“A thoughtful consideration of a disorder that has the capacity to devastate relationships. A somber, absorbing coming-of-age tale.”
– [Kirkus Reviews](#)

“This captivating story of crime and loyalty will play at the reader’s emotions as they follow along and experience the effects of mental illness on all that come in contact with it.”–[Literary Titan](#)

“Tension begins cascading through the DiMasi home from their first harsh interactions and doesn’t relent until the final electrifying moments.”–[Indies Today](#)



“The characters are complex and layered, for a compelling dynamic. Highly recommended.”– [Readers Favorite](#)

“The author successfully exposes the harsh truth about physical and emotional abuse and its psychological effects on one’s self-esteem, self-worth, and growth. RECOMMENDED.”— [US Review of Books](#)

About the Author: Leslie Kain was always writing something as a kid. But in her varied careers (psychology, Government Intelligence, nonprofits) it was mostly nonfiction, and she only recently began writing fiction at the urging of her characters. She leverages her background in psychology (Wellesley College) to write dark stories of flawed people whose greatest obstacles to happiness lie within them. Originally from “all over” the U.S. (although a piece of her heart remains in Boston), she now resides in Mexico with her husband. *Learn more at* <https://lesliekain-psychfiction.com/>



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