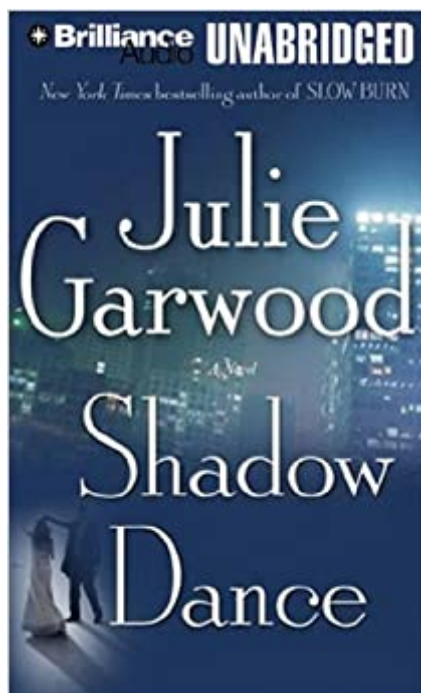


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# Shadow Dance (Buchanan-Renard-MacKenna)



## Synopsis

Jordan Buchanan is thrilled that her brother and best friend are tying the knot. The wedding is a lavish affair for the marriage of Dylan Buchanan and Kate MacKenna is no ordinary occasion. It represents the joining of two family dynasties. The ceremony and reception proceed without a hitch until a crasher appears claiming to be a MacKenna guest. The disheveled and eccentric professor of medieval history warns that there's "bad blood" between the couple's clans, stemming from an ancient feud that originated in Scotland and involving the Buchanan theft of a coveted MacKenna treasure. Jordan has always led a cautious life and has used her intelligence and reason to become a successful businesswoman. So she is intrigued but skeptical of the professor's claims that the feud has been kept alive by the grave injustices the Buchanans have perpetrated over the centuries. But when Noah Clayborne, a close family friend and a man who has never let a good time or a pretty girl pass him by, accuses Jordan of being trapped in her comfort zone, she determines to prove him wrong and sets out on a spontaneous adventure to the small, dusty town of Serenity, Texas, to judge the professor's research for herself. Maneuvering through a close-knit community in which everyone knows everyone else's business, Jordan never anticipates the danger and intrigue that lie in her path, nor the threat that will shadow her back to Boston, where even in familiar surroundings, her life is at risk. A powerful thug who rules by fear, a man who harbors a simmering secret, and an unexpected romance that pierces all defenses beloved author Julie Garwood weaves these dazzling elements into a brilliant novel of romantic suspense.

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## Customer Reviews

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The wedding of Jordan Buchanan's brother Dylan to her best friend, Kate MacKenna, was a joyous occasion, and the reception a beautiful affair --Jordan walked into the ballroom and stood near the entrance trying to find Noah in the crowd on the dance floor. He still had her glasses in his pocket and her contacts were bothering her. "What's got you frowning?" Her brother Nick asked the question as he sauntered over to her. "I'm not frowning. I'm squinting. Noah has my glasses. Do you see him?" "Yeah. He's right in front of you." She focused in, spotted him, and then did frown. "Look at those silly women panting all over your partner. It's disgusting." "You think?" "I think," she replied. "Promise me something." "Yes?" "If I ever act like that, you'll shoot me." "Be happy to," Nick promised before laughing at her. Noah had excused himself from his fan club and walked over to join them. "What so funny?" "Jordan wants me to shoot her." Noah glanced down at her, and for a second or two she had his full, undivided attention. "I'll do it," he offered. There was a little too much glee in his voice to suit her. She had just decided to walk away from the two of them when she spotted Dan Robbins heading her way. At least she thought it was Dan. He was too blurry to be sure. She had had one dance with Dan earlier in the evening, and no matter what music was playing, whether it was a waltz, a tango, or hip hop, Dan bounced to his own tune in something that resembled a spasmodic version of a polka. Jordan changed her mind and stayed put. She moved a little closer to Noah and smiled at him. The ploy seemed to work. Dan hesitated and then turned away. "Don't you want to know why she wants me to shoot her?" Nick asked. "I already know why," Noah said. "She's bored." She slipped her hand into his pocket, found her glasses, and put them on. "I am not bored." "Yes, you are," Noah said. He was looking over her head when he spoke to her. She suspected he did it on purpose just to irritate her. "He's right," Nick said. "You have to be bored. All you had was your company, and since you sold everything..." "Your point?" Nick shrugged. "You've got to be bored." "Just because I don't like the same things you two do doesn't mean I'm bored or unhappy. I have a wonderful social life and..." Noah cut her off. "Dead people have a better social life." Nick agreed. "You really don't have much fun, do you?" "Of course I do. I enjoy reading and..." They were both grinning at her. They were obnoxious clowns, and she was about to tell them so when Nick said, "She does like a good book. What was it you were reading a

couple of days ago?" "I don't remember. I read lots of books." "I do," Noah said, his voice gratefully cheerful. "Nick and Dylan and I had just gotten back from fishing, and you were sitting on the deck reading the complete works of Stephen Hawkings." "It was riveting." They had a good laugh over her defensive comment. "Stop making fun of me and go away. Both of you." Her timing could have been better. As soon as she told them to leave, she spotted Dan approaching her again. She grabbed hold of Noah's arm. She was sure he knew what she was doing and why she'd have to be blind not to notice Dan strolling toward them—but he didn't say anything about it. "Your sister lives in a box," said Noah. Nick agreed. "Jordan, when was the last time you did anything just for fun?" "I do lots of things for fun." "Let me qualify that question. When did you do anything fun that didn't involve computers or computer chips or software?" She opened her mouth to answer and then closed it. She couldn't think of anything, but surely that was only because she was under pressure. "Have you ever done anything impractical?" Noah asked. "Where's the logic in that?" she asked. Noah turned to Nick. "Is she serious?" "Afraid so," Nick answered. "Before my sister would ever consider doing anything on the spur of the moment, she would have to first analyze all the data, then figure the statistical probabilities of success." The two men were having a fine time tormenting her and would have continued if their employer, Doctor Peter Morganstern, hadn't joined them. He carried a plate with two pieces of wedding cake. Morganstern had become a good friend of the family and wouldn't have missed the wedding for anything in the world. Jordan liked and admired him. He was a brilliant forensic psychiatrist who ran a highly specialized unit operating within the FBI. They called it the lost and found department. Her brother Nick and Noah were part of Morganstern's program. Among their responsibilities was finding lost and exploited children, and Jordan believed they were a substantial reason for the program's success. "You three seem to be enjoying yourselves." "How do you stand working with them?" Jordan asked. "There are moments when I question my sanity. Especially with this one," he said, tilting his head toward Noah. "Sir, I'm sorry you and your wife got stuck at the same table with our Aunt Iris," Nick said. "Did she find out you were a doctor?" "I'm afraid so, yes." "Iris is an obsessive hypochondriac," he explained to Noah. "What are the odds the doctor would get stuck sitting next to her?" Noah asked. Everyone turned toward Morganstern's table where Aunt Iris sat. "One chance in one hundred seventy-nine thousand seven hundred," Jordan answered before she could stop herself. The men turned back now to look at her. Astonished, the doctor asked, "Is that an exact number or a guess?" "An exact number based on six hundred guests," she said. "I never guess." "Does she do this kind of stuff all the time?" Noah wondered aloud. "Pretty much," Nick answered. "Just because I have a mind for math—but with no common sense," Nick finished. "I could certainly use you on my

team," Morganstern said. "If you ever consider a change in careers, come work for me." "No," Nick said emphatically. "Absolutely not," Noah said at the same time. The doctor turned his head toward Jordan and gave her a conspiratorial wink. "I wouldn't put her in the field right away. Like you two, she would need extensive training." He looked as though he were pondering the possibility for a second or two and then said, "I've got a good feeling about Jordan. I believe she'd be an asset to the unit." "Sir, isn't there a rule against two members of the same family working together?" "I don't have that rule," Morganstern said. "I wouldn't make her go through the academy. I'd train her myself." Noah looked appalled. "Sir, it still isn't a good idea," he insisted while Nick vigorously nodded agreement. Exasperated, Jordan turned to Noah and said, "Listen, Mister Butinski. This isn't your decision. It's mine." The doctor seemed fascinated by Noah's reaction to his proposal. "Would I get to carry a gun?" she asked. "A gun is out of the question," Nick said. "You're too uncoordinated and you're blind as a bat," Noah interjected. "You'd shoot yourself," he predicted. She smiled at Morganstern. "It was lovely talking to you. Now if you'll excuse me, I'd like to get away from these two cretins." Noah grabbed her arm. "Come on. Dance with me." Since he was already dragging her toward the dance floor, she felt it would be pointless to argue. The bride had coaxed her sister into singing. Isabel had the most wonderful voice, and when she began to sing Kate's favorite ballad, a hush fell over the crowd. Young and old, they were all mesmerized by her. Noah pulled Jordan into his arms and held her tight against him. She had to admit it wasn't completely unpleasant. She did like the feel of his hard body pressed against hers. She liked his scent too. Whatever he was wearing was ruggedly sexy. He was looking over the top of her head when he asked, "You wouldn't really consider working for the doctor, would you?" He actually sounded a little worried. She couldn't resist provoking him just a little. "Only if I get to work with you." He smiled as he shook his head. "Not gonna happen. And you can't really be serious, right?" "Right," she agreed. "I wouldn't consider working for Doctor Morganstern. Happy now?" "I'm always happy." She rolled her eyes. Oh, brother. The ego. "By the way," she said, "Doctor Morganstern wasn't serious. He was teasing to get a rise out of you and Nick. It worked too. You did get riled." "The doctor never teases, and I never get riled." "Okay, even if he wasn't teasing, I still wouldn't consider working for him." He flashed a smile, and for a fleeting second she forgot how irritating he could be. "I didn't think you would be interested." Annoyed, she ask... --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Spoiler Alert. Although she can write it seems it's all the same. All her books are about women who are being chased by a killer and need to be protected by a strong man. The woman and man fall in

love but are too stubborn to say something until one of them breaks and they have great sex. After that they're having a ridiculous amount of sex for people who are being chased by a killer. In the end the killer dies and they live happily ever after.

Great to have Noah find his happiness. He was in the first books in this series. Now we have his story. Love this series. I also like how Julie ties her other books into this series. For the Roses mini series and Ransom to name two.

I have all of Julie Garwood's books and I love all of them, if someone was to ask me which was my favorite I could not give a name as I love all of them....

Another excellent book by Julie. Her books keep you reading and caught up in mystery, love and excitement. A book you can't put down..

Jordan Buchanan was challenged to get out of her safety zone and when she did, it took the FBI to sort out the mess. Shadow Dance has the right amount of suspense with plenty sexual chemistry for balance.

Shadow Dance is a fun book to read, with many quarks, twist and turns. While at the wedding of Kate McKenna and Dylan Buchanan, Jordan is challenged by her brother Nick and Noah, a family friend, to "get out of her comfort zone and live life in the real world." With that challenge hanging in the air she became determined to prove them wrong. So when she is asked by Isabel McKenna, the youngest sister of Kate, if she could go to Serenity, Texas to gather some historic documents from a Professor McKenna, concerning a feud between the Buchanan and McKenna Clans in Scotland, dating back to the 11th Century, she agrees. Little did she know that by accepting Isabe'sl request, her life be changed for ever. When she is framed for a murder, she calls her brother Nick and Noah, both Special Agents in the FBI, for help. While the investigation into the murders and the threats targeted towards Jordan to keep her from leaving Serenity, life takes another turn. As the investigation continues, Jordan comes to the realization that she really does lack experience in the real world and by accepting Isabel's request, she was moving towards getting out of her out of her comfort zone and starting to live her life; little did she know that by leaving her comfort zone and starting to live her life she would fall in love. But falling in love wasn't something she was looking for and fought against it until life took another turn, This is a fun book to read regardless of the murder

and mayhem, and Jordan and Noah are both fun people.

An interesting story with mayhem, love, and laughter. I would recommend this book and all of her books. I have read them all and looking forward to the next one.

Could not put this one down. Great adventure! Scary and funny. Loved the ending. Tears of a great read. Waiting for the next book.

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