

The digitalization of our daily lives is impacting the way we grieve, with many unforeseen consequences. *Patricia sigue aquí* (2018 Int'l Latino Book Awards winner in the United States) explores this new face of grieving borne with the emergence of online communication and the digital identities that we create for ourselves. Lesly's partner, Patricia, dies in a car accident when they are about to have their first child. In her grief, Lesly will have to face two losses: that of her lover, and her own imminent motherhood. Patricia's endless digital footprint in the form of emails, articles, and posts will taint Lesly's grieving to the point of turning her partner's passing into an intermittent succession of brief deaths and resurrections that she must face every day. *Patricia sigue aquí* is a story of queer love, motherhood, and loss in the context of the financial meltdown, and the fight for equal marriage in California during the 2008 presidential election.

"A beautiful novel. A tremendous and gripping story, full of light. Of light and love. Artfully written."

"I laughed, I cried... I didn't want it to end. Loved it!"

"Original and moving"

"Lesly's and Patricia's love story revealed a world that, although close in proximity, was still very foreign to me."

"Intimate"

"A very interesting take on loss and the Internet"

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