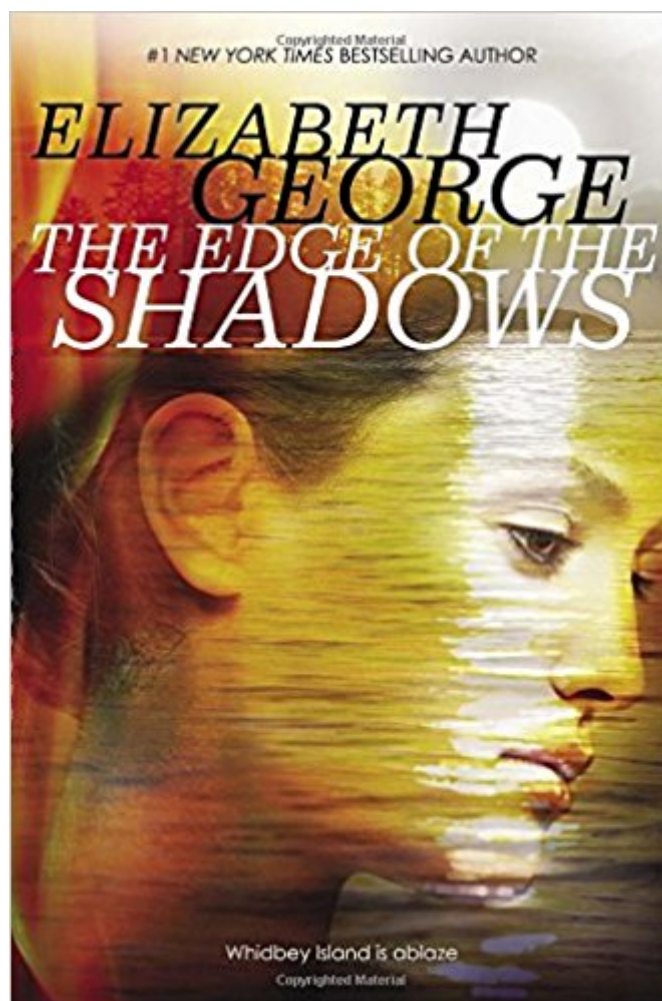


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# The Edge Of The Shadows (The Edge Of Nowhere)



## Synopsis

The third novel in a haunting series from best-selling, award-winning author Elizabeth George! The first fire may have been an accident, but what about the second? And the third—the one that killed someone. Becca King and her friends wonder if one of the newcomers to the island is to blame. Perhaps it's Isis Martin's brother, Aidan, just home from a school for troubled teens. Or Parker Natalia, a talented musician fired by his bandmates for unknown reasons. Meanwhile, Becca's education in the paranormal continues, as fellow psychic Diana Kinsale encourages her to explore her growing extrasensory abilities. Beautiful Whidbey Island may seem like a tranquil haven, but all is not as it seems.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up • Mystery author George continues the story of Becca King, who can hear the "whispers" of other people's thoughts. On the run from her evil stepfather, Becca was left on Whidbey Island by her mother in *The Edge of Nowhere* (2012) and found her powers beginning to grow even as she wove her life into the fabric of the island in *The Edge of the Water* (2014, both Viking). This time around, the arrival of three new teen islanders at the same time as an arsonist begins menacing the town throws Becca's world into chaos. Isis and Aiden, siblings from Palo Alto, CA, immediately raise suspicions, while Parker, a handsome fiddler from Canada, pursues two friends with hurtful results. When the arsonist burns down an abandoned house, killing a homeless

man inside while the teens of Whidbey party nearby, the protagonist and her friends begin separate investigations of the newcomers, searching for the truth. Many plot threads are left dangling for subsequent books, including where Becca's mother is, why Aiden is so interested in Becca's past, mentor Diana's seemingly failing health, and whether the heroine will truly ever be safe from her stepfather. Still, the central mystery wraps up nicely, if a bit hastily, and readers eager to revisit the residents of Whidbey Island will find much to love here. VERDICT An enjoyable, if overly long, addition to the mysteries of Whidbey Island. — Elisabeth Gattullo Marrocolla, Darien Library, CT --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Praise for *The Edge of the Shadows*: — "On Whidbey Island, everyone has got a secret, and those secrets intertwine in fascinating and intricate ways. . . those who are already hooked on George's clear expository style and elegant construction will find much to enjoy." — Booklist "Readers eager to revisit the residents of Whidbey Island will find much to love here. . . Enjoyable." — School Library Journal Praise for *The Edge of the Water*: "A ripping good thriller." — School Library Journal — "One need not have read the first book to be engrossed. . . a riveting story. . . readers will be eager for the next installment." — VOYA — "Readers will remember Whidbey for decades to come. George has scored an A+ again. . . waiting for book number three is going to take an incredible amount of patience. Bravo!" — Suspense Magazine Praise for *The Edge of Nowhere*: — "George has created an interesting set of characters and plot twists that teenagers who like adventure and mysteries will enjoy." — School Library Journal — "...strong appeal to fans of Beth Kephart and Nancy Werlin." — BCCB "In her first foray into YA fiction, Ms George (a beloved adult suspense novelist) has hit the nail on the proverbial head with this action-packed, mysterious, and somewhat 'creepy' novel . . . the writing is superb from Ms. George, as always but . . . it's the combination of great characters and relationships that truly have this novel raising the bar when it comes to today's YA fiction." — Suspense Magazine From the Hardcover edition.

"The Edge of the Shadows," by Elizabeth George, is the third in her Whidbey Island series. There have been a series of suspicious fires on the island, and coincidentally there are a number of new people staying there, including siblings Aidan and Isis, who are staying with their grandmother, and Parker, a musician looking to play at a local festival. As Becca and her friends discover, all of these people have secrets, and some of those secrets might be deadly, possibly even more deadly than

the secret Becca herself is keeping. I had thought that this was the final book in this series, but evidently there will be one more novel coming out later in 2016; and, indeed, there are a lot of dangling threads at the end of this story. I'm still enjoying it, although there seems to be a growing repetition in how the characters interact. Part of this is, of course, because the main characters are teenagers and as such are obsessed with sex and romance and finding partners, but I'm beginning to find that focus a little tedious. Still, I'll read the final novel when it comes out, if only for the sake of completeness. So, a milder recommendation from me for this one.

I am really enjoying this series. I've been an Elizabeth George fan for many years. I appreciate Ms. George's ability to write to a completely different and much younger audience than she did when she captured me with the Inspector Lynley series. I love the real-life settings and descriptions of the island. I like the characters, although at times I wanted more individual development for some of them, and less on others. My only other complaint is that after three books I would like a bit more detail about where the hell Becca's mother is, and why hasn't she come back?! At this point the whole scenario is kind of hard to believe much longer. I am eagerly awaiting the next installment and I hope this will be explained.

I thought this was the last book of the series. I am now looking forward to the next one. There was always something new coming up & new secrets being revealed. What will happen next?

I can't wait for book four! This Whidbey Island book continues the storyline of other of mixed up kids who are finding themselves through difficult family and social circumstances by looking and asking for help when they find themselves confused and wondering what is the right thing to do. Can't wait for book #4.

Very enjoyable book especially since I am familiar with Whidbey Island but this series does have the same magic as the Inspector Linley series.

Despite lots of interpersonal drama, fun read.

This book is part of a 4 book series, new to me, by Elizabeth George. I read all 4 books, in sequence (very important to understanding the same characters.) It is a departure from the author's

style in terms of setting, but it is as captivating and suspenseful as her other novels. She writes well developed novels and is adept at keeping one's interest.

LOVE this series.

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