

Mystery Lights

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Synopsis

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Set against the stark background of the Southwestern desert, Lena Valencia’s
Mystery Lights **glows with the promise and fear of the world we**
know and the worlds we don’t, following women and girls as they navigate dangers both
supernatural and existential. **An influencer attempts to derail a viral TV marketing**
campaign with her violent cult following. A marriage between two ghost hunters is threatened
when one of them loses her ability to see spirits. The lives of a famous painter in the twilight of
her career and a teenage UFO enthusiast converge when a mysterious glowing orb appears in
their small desert town. And a slasher-flick screenwriter looking for inspiration escapes a pack
of wild dogs only to find herself locked in an SUV with a strange man beside her. Set primarily
in deserts throughout the American Southwest, Lena Valencia’s *Mystery Lights* is a
debut collection of stories about women and girls at the crossroads of mundane daily life and
existential dread. **From the all-too-real horror of a sexual predator on a college**
campus to a lost sister transformed by cave-dwelling creatures, *Mystery Lights* grapples
with terrors both familiar and fantastic, introducing an electrifying new voice in contemporary
fiction while bringing to light the many faces of the forces that haunt us.

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