



Zara's Dead

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Fiona Lychenko – now a woman in her late sixties – has spent years researching the death of her high school classmate Zara Stanley, who was brutally murdered at the age of twenty. Determined to solve the crime – something not even the police were able to do, Fiona interviewed everyone she could in her hometown of Ripley, but every trail led to the same dead end. She even published her findings in a book, hoping it would lead to anonymous clues from readers and outliers, and still – nothing. Now, a decade later, Fiona has finally given up hope that the real killer would ever be caught.

That is, until a brown manila envelope turns up under her door, and Fiona once again finds herself embroiled in the midst of a controversy so intricate and tangled that one wrong move could unravel the whole thing. Based on the true story of the murder of Alexandra Wiwcharuk in 1961 in Saskatoon, *Zara's Dead* is the fictional retelling of a very real story, one that has captivated the public and eluded answers for decades.

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