

A Desperate Silence: A Novel



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She doesn't have a name. She's got the clothes on her back, a coloring book, a necklace, and a stick of bubble gum. She's ex parte. She's not talking. That's why they want you. With these words, Dr. Sylvia Strange--the tough forensic psychiatrist in Sarah Lovett's critically acclaimed novels *Dangerous Attachments* and *Acquired Motives*--is drawn into the world of a ten-year-old child too scared to speak. In *A Desperate Silence*, Dr. Strange must uncover this little girl's secrets or else the knowledge she possesses just might die with her. What has this fragile child witnessed that makes her so dangerous? Dr. Strange soon learns that the girl's tattered history reaches across the border to the drug lords of Mexico and across town to a killer on death row. The deeper she delves into the mute child's psyche, the more Dr. Strange realizes just how frighteningly vulnerable her patient is and how vital the bond between them has become. A second attempt on the young girl's life by a sadistic madman pushes Dr. Strange into overdrive, struggling to put the pieces of this terrifying puzzle together before it is too late. With roller-coaster suspense, a tightly woven plot, the eerie texture of the American South-west, and a heroine as sexy as she is intellectually provocative, Sarah Lovett's *A Desperate Silence* cements her reputation among the best suspense writers at work today.

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