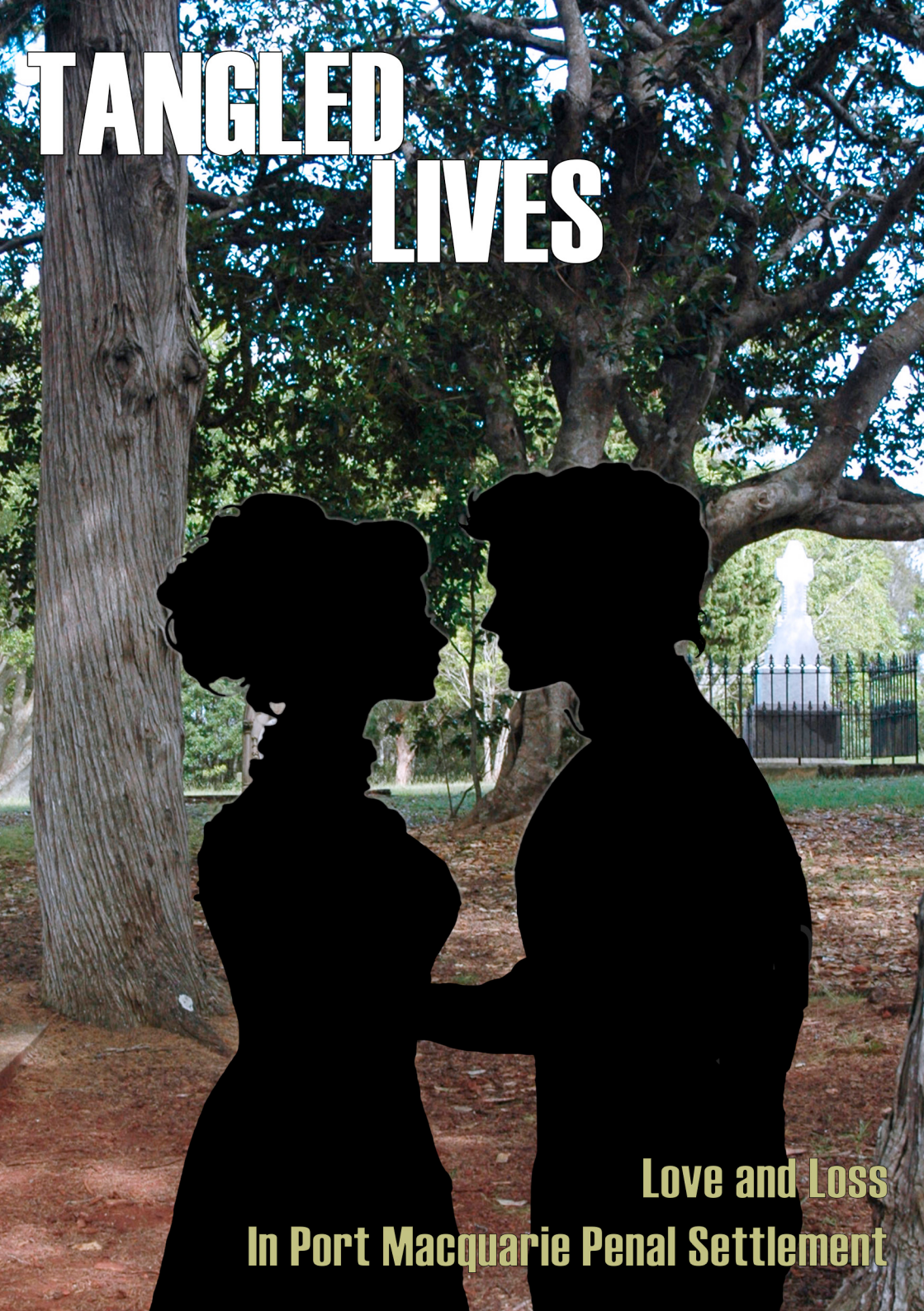




TANGLED LIVES

Love and Loss
In Port Macquarie Penal Settlement

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In the harsh world of early nineteenth-century England, a single mistake could cost a woman her life - and leave a child adrift in a society quick to condemn and slow to forgive. Sarah Orton knew the cold weight of judgment when she stood before a judge at Leicester Assizes, clutching memories of the daughter she might never see again. Yet sometimes, even at the darkest hour, fortune offers a thin, stubborn thread of hope. Across thousands of miles of open sea, Sarah, her daughter Louisa, and a man named Robert Dye would carve out a life shaped by hardship, boldness, love, and missteps. Their story - like so many convict stories - is a tribute to the fierce will to survive in a strange new land ...

