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What is identity? The Indian writer ST, condemned by an Islamist fatwa, has been asking himself that question for a while as he finds himself in a situation of permanent vigilance. But suddenly, September 11th and the tragedy of the Word Trade Center unexpectedly opens the window to a new future and the possibility of recovering the freedom he had lost through a change of identity that will allow him to leave behind the bitter seventeen years that he has lived under threat. A few minutes after the first aeroplane impacts the Twin Towers, a team of specialist agents, known as the GEFI, work against the clock, moving between Washington and London, to prepare a strategy to fake ST's death in the attack and to resuscitate him with a new identity, months later as an anonymous professor at an American University. But the price he has to pay for this new identity is a high one: saying goodbye forever to the past and betting on a new future becomes a difficult choice. Can ST play the game until the end? With a narrative style reminiscent of the best thrillers, the first novel by Blanca de la Torre enthralls the reader with its dynamism, its tension, the mystery of its plot, its intensity as a love story and its unexpected conclusion.

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