

Secret Lives Of Second Wives

Secret Lives Of Second Wives Book Review: Unveiling the Magic of Language

In a digital era where connections and knowledge reign supreme, the enchanting power of language has become more apparent than ever. Its capability to stir emotions, provoke thought, and instigate transformation is really remarkable. This extraordinary book, aptly titled "**Secret Lives Of Second Wives**," compiled by a highly acclaimed author, immerses readers in a captivating exploration of the significance of language and its profound impact on our existence. Throughout this critique, we will delve into the book's central themes, evaluate its unique writing style, and assess its overall influence on its readership.

The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives Rotimi Babatunde 2018-06-07 *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives* is a scandalous, engrossing tale of sexual politics and family strife in modern-day Nigeria. Lola Shoneyin's bestselling novel bursts on to the stage in a vivid adaptation by Caine Award-winning playwright Rotimi Babatunde.

"Men are like yam, you cut them how you like." Baba Segi has three wives, seven children, and a mansion filled with riches. But now he has his eyes on Bolanle, a young university graduate wise to life's misfortunes. When Bolanle responds to Baba Segi's advances, she unwittingly uncovers a secret which threatens to rock his patriarchal household to the core.

Good Husbands Cate Ray 2022-06-07 Three wives, one letter, and an explosive secret that will change everything. He said, she said. Who do you believe? Jessica, Stephanie and Priyanka are complete strangers, but they have one thing in common: they've each received a letter accusing their husbands of committing a sexual assault more than two decades prior. Is the accusation true or is there more to the story? It was a secret that remained buried for years. With their worlds suddenly turned upside down, they don't know who to trust—a complete stranger or the men they love and built their lives with. The three women come together to embark on a hunt for the truth, but they are hardly prepared for what they will discover. Who is the victim, and will justice ultimately be served?

The Second Wives' Club Stephen Millian 2012-03-06 Are you or someone you know a second wife? Are you tired of arguing about your husband's first marriage? *The Second Wives'*

Club is the book you've been waiting for. Join the Club and learn the six secrets of successful second marriages. Learn how you can have wedded bliss while avoiding the pitfalls that second marriages bring. Don't be put off by his ex-wife. Help him get rid of his old "baggage" and make space in your relationship to be lovers for life.

The Sinful Lives of Trophy Wives Kristin Miller 2021-07-20 Meet the trophy wives of Presidio Terrace, San Francisco's most exclusive—and most deadly—neighborhood in this shrewd, darkly compelling novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *In Her Shadow*. Mystery writer Brooke Davies is the new wife on the block. Her tech-billionaire husband, Jack, twenty-two years her senior, whisked her to the Bay Area via private jet and purchased a modest mansion on the same day. He demands perfection, and before now, Brooke has had no problem playing the role of a dotting housewife. But as she befriends other wives on the street

and spends considerable time away from Jack, he worries if he doesn't control Brooke's every move, she will reveal the truth behind their "perfect" marriage. Erin King, famed news anchor and chair of the community board, is no stranger to maintaining an image—though being married to a plastic surgeon helps. But the skyrocketing success of her career has worn her love life thin, and her professional ambitions have pushed Mason away. Quitting her job is a Hail Mary attempt at keeping him interested, to steer him away from finding a young trophy wife. But is it enough, and is Mason truly the man she thought he was? Georgia St. Claire allegedly cashed in on the deaths of her first two husbands, earning her the nickname "Black Widow"—and the stares and whispers of her curious neighbors. Rumored to have murdered both men for their fortunes, she claims to have found true love in her third marriage, yet her mysterious, captivating allure keeps everyone guessing. Then a tragic accident forces the

residents of Presidio Terrace to ask: Has Georgia struck again? And what is she really capable of doing to protect her secrets?

The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives Lola Shoneyin 2010-06-29 African-born poet Lola Shoneyin makes her fiction debut with *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives*, a perceptive, entertaining, and eye-opening novel of polygamy in modern-day Nigeria. The struggles, rivalries, intricate family politics, and the interplay of personalities and relationships within the complex private world of a polygamous union come to life in *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives*—*Big Love* and *The 19th Wife* set against a contemporary African background.

The Secret Lives of Superhero Wives Joynell Schultz 2017-08-21 Nobody said being married was easy, but try being married to a superhero. Not only is there laundry, cooking, and a career to balance, but throw in a few supervillains and your day's booked. Ariana, Victoria, and Emma's men spend more time saving the world than

doing dishes. These wives want some semblance of a normal married life, but would settle for an uninterrupted meal together. Besides, how can they compete with saving the world? When a catastrophic earthquake devastates Shadow Town and crime spirals out of control, it appears the city needs all the help they can get to clean it up. Everyone expected the resident superheroes to save the day, but nobody expected the wives' help too... Grab your copy of this romantic cozy mystery today! What Amazon reviewers are saying: "This book was A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!! ... If I hadn't read this, I feel like I would have missed out on such a good book." "This book has it all, humor, love, action and men in capes! Loved the book, want to read more about the heroes and their wives!" "I give this book 5/5 stars. There was so much information, so much emotion, so many DETAILS! I devoured all of it up; thus, giving me the reason on why I read it all in one sitting." "I really loved this book. I am a science fiction/fantasy fan and this fed my

addiction. It's part comic book (sans pictures), part fantasy and part cozy mystery. And I enjoyed it immensely."

The Secret Lives of Fortunate Wives Sarah Strohmeier 2006-06-06 After a whirlwind overseas romance, down-home girl Claire Stark has moved to her new husband's hometown, Hunting Hills, Ohio, where the men earn seven figures, the women wear size two, and if everything isn't absolutely perfect, you're expected to pretend it is.... But Claire's having trouble pretending. For one thing, John's previous girlfriend still lives here—and with all the bed-hopping in Hunting Hills, she may not be Claire's only potential rival. For another, Claire's constantly hearing vicious gossip—including rumors about herself. And though she also misses her reporting career, John isn't thrilled with the idea of her working at the local paper. She might just have to be satisfied mingling with the Hunting Hills moms, who like to borrow their daughters' Seven jeans and their sons' Ritalin.

That is, until scandal threatens to shatter the stylish facade of this exclusive gated community—and behind the salon highlights and sunlamp tans, true colors start shining through....

Exit Strategies Catherine Todd 2015-06-28 “A slick, sassy book” from the author of Secret Lives of Second Wives. “Todd’s characters are dead on” (The Oklahoman). This wasn’t the way it was supposed to be. Once upon a time, Becky Weston had the life of her dreams—then the Volvo, the beach house, and the luxurious lunches disappeared when her husband went looking for a much younger trophy wife. To top that, her ex is now deceased, and the purse strings of the children’s trust fund rest in the greedy hands of Number Two, leaving Becky truly out in the cold. Having put herself through six years of night law school, Becky is now the oldest new associate in a small, aspiring law firm, where she is expected to put her life on hold and her nose to the grindstone, a prospect

that’s neither anatomically advantageous nor a great deal of fun. Rescue appears in the form of a new client—bestselling author, glamorous anti-aging guru, and Becky’s college archnemesis, Bobbie Crystal. When some of the designer-clad doctor’s patients leave her life-extension spa a great deal sicker than when they entered, Becky grows skeptical about the pursuit of longevity at the expense of living well. Trying to save her career while maintaining her integrity, Becky comes up with the perfect exit strategy—a strategy that will reap unexpected dividends . . . “A nice mix of legal thriller and coming-of-middle-age drama.” —Booklist “This terrific book illustrates the humor, irony, disasters, and unexpected joys life can throw at women.” —RT Book Reviews

The Secret Lives of Married Women Elissa Wald 2013-10-08 Two identical twin sisters - one a sexually repressed defense attorney, the other a former libertine now living a respectable life in suburbia - are about to have their darkest

secrets revealed, to the men in their lives and to themselves. As one sister prepares for the thorniest trial of her career and the other fends off ominous advances from a construction worker laboring on the house next door, both find themselves pushed to the edge, and confronted by discoveries about themselves and their lovers that shock and disturb them.

China's Second Wives Lily Liqi Pietryka
2017-04-30 Why do men cheat? What do their wives put up with it? Who are the women they cheat with? Why do these women choose married men instead of single guys? Is it for money, sex, or love? In modern day China, marital infidelity is rampant and mistresses/second wives are prevalent. China's Second Wives offers an intimate look into China's second wife culture, a modern incarnation of the concubine tradition of feudal China. To uncover the mystery of this social phenomenon, the author infiltrated secret second-wife chatrooms as an undercover. She

tracked down a second wife broker and a second wife lawyer. She interviewed friends, family, classmates, and strangers in the street. She mingled in the banquets of the power elite, male bastions where young mistresses were signs of prestige. She traversed big cities and small villages. As we follow the author on her exciting investigation journey, we embark on an unforgettable culture tour of contemporary China. One can't help but contemplate these universal themes in her own life - love and sex, money and power, gender conflict and dependency, marriage and infidelity, and the never ending pressure of life itself.

The Secret Lives of Wives Iris Krasnow
2012-10-02 A bestselling, groundbreaking author investigates wives who thrive, sharing their uncensored strategies for staying married. America's high divorce rate is well known. But little attention has been paid to the flip side: couples who creatively manage to build marriages that are lasting longer than we ever

thought possible. What's the secret? To find out, bestselling journalist Iris Krasnow interviewed more than two hundred wives whose marriages have survived for fifteen to seventy years. In raw, candid, sometimes titillating stories, Krasnow's cast of wise women give voice to the truth about marriage and the importance of maintaining a strong sense of self apart from the relationship. Some spend summers separately from their partners. Some make time for wine with the girls. One septuagenarian has a recurring date with an old flame from high school. In every case, the marriage operates on many tracks, giving both spouses license to pursue the question "Who am I apart from my marriage?" Krasnow's goal is to give women permission to create their own marriages at any age. Marital bliss is possible, she says, if each partner is blissful apart from the other. For anyone who wants to stay married and stay sane, this is the book to read!

The Stepford Wives Ira Levin 2011-04-26 The

internationally bestselling novel by the author of *A Kiss Before Dying*, *The Boys from Brazil*, and *Rosemary's Baby* With an Introduction by Peter Straub For Joanna, her husband, Walter, and their children, the move to beautiful Stepford seems almost too good to be true. It is. For behind the town's idyllic facade lies a terrible secret -- a secret so shattering that no one who encounters it will ever be the same. At once a masterpiece of psychological suspense and a savage commentary on a media-driven society that values the pursuit of youth and beauty at all costs, *The Stepford Wives* is a novel so frightening in its final implications that the title itself has earned a place in the American lexicon.

San Diego Magazine 2003-10

Seconds Lois Wyse 1990 A look at the trials and triumphs of second wives follows the story of three women--Ivy, Bronwyn, and Sienna--as they cope with New York society, wealth, and wife number one

The Wives Tarryn Fisher 2019-12-30 From the

author of *Never Never*, co-written with Colleen Hoover! #1 New York Times bestselling author Tarryn Fisher delivers a pulse-pounding, fast-paced suspense novel that will leave you breathless—an instant bestselling thriller you won't be able to put down! Imagine that your husband has two other wives. You've never met the other wives. None of you know each other, and because of this unconventional arrangement, you can see your husband only one day a week. But you love him so much you don't care. Or at least that's what you've told yourself. But one day, while you're doing laundry, you find a scrap of paper in his pocket—an appointment reminder for a woman named Hannah, and you just know it's another of the wives. You thought you were fine with your arrangement, but you can't help yourself: you track her down, and, under false pretenses, you strike up a friendship. Hannah has no idea who you really are. Then Hannah starts showing up to your coffee dates with telltale bruises, and you realize she's being

abused by her husband. Who, of course, is also your husband. But you've never known him to be violent, ever. Who exactly is your husband, and how far would you be willing to go to find out? And who is his mysterious third wife? "Nail-biting, heart-clenchingly good."—Alexandra Torre, New York Times bestselling "[A] lightning-fast plot."—Kirkus "Suspense fans will be rewarded."—Publishers Weekly "Some sharp twists."—Booklist How far will one twin go to uncover where her "good half" has gone? Find out in *Good Half Gone*, #1 New York Times Bestselling author Tarryn Fisher's next riveting suspense novel! Looking for more great reads by Tarryn Fisher? Don't miss: *Never Never An Honest Lie* *The Wrong Family*

Secret Lives of Second Wives Catherine Todd 2013-11-22 "Breezy and smart."—KIRKUS "Talented!" —Janet Evanovich, #1 New York Times bestselling author After more than a decade alone, attorney Lynn Bartlett was ready to shake up her reliably comfortable life. So

when successful, kind-hearted Jack Hughes—with his home in Silicon Valley, his safely remarried ex-wife, and his two grown children—proposed, it seemed like a dream come true. After all, how hard could it be? All you had to do was be nice to everybody and you'd all get along. Welcome to the perilous world of the second wife, where nothing turns out quite as expected. With an unemployed, unmotivated stepson who declares he's moving in "temporarily," a stepdaughter who oozes scorn, and a husband who's hiding something, Lynn's imagined domestic bliss begins to crack. Add in an ex-wife who shows up at inopportune times, a law partner who may be involved in illegal dealings, and a client whose attractions prove far too tempting, and Lynn finds both her marriage and her career could be in trouble. Not even the Anne Boleyn Society—an informal support group for second wives—has all the answers. Sure, they can commiserate when Lynn says, "I never thought it would be so hard," but

they don't know the half of it... "A smart, darkly funny novel about the plight of a second wife... Lynn's wryly funny, rueful voice is what makes *Secret Lives* appealing." —Diane White, BOSTON GLOBE "Sassy, irreverent, and smart. Catherine Todd has a wicked sense of humor." —Carla Neggers, bestselling author of the Sharpe & Donovan series "Not only should this book be required reading for any second wife as well as anyone contemplating a second marriage, but it's a riveting, beautifully written story on its own. I stayed up very late reading just to see how Lynn worked through the same turbulent mess that hits so many Second Wives who enter into a marriage without realizing how much baggage inevitably comes along with it. VERY HIGHLY recommended." —RENDEZVOUS MAGAZINE

Seconds Lois Wyse 2012-05-02 Written by the author of *The Rosemary Touch*, this is the story of three young women, second wives to rich, older men. They were at camp as teenagers

when something shocking happened, and are now blackmailed by the camp director who threatens to reveal the secret which can ruin their worlds.

Secret Lives of Husbands and Wives Josie Brown
2010-06-01 Suburbia is a jungle, filled with lots of vicious creatures. Take the Paradise Heights Women's League board. Lyssa Harper should have warned golden-haired DILF du jour Harry Wilder what he was getting into when she invited him to meet the mommies who run their suburban, gated community. At least he brought cupcakes. Since meeting the former Master-of-the-Universe turned stay-at-home single dad, Lyssa has been his domestic Sherpa, teaching him the ins and outs of suburban life. She just didn't realize her friends would show up at his house unannounced with casseroles, leopard-print bikini briefs, and plans to rearrange his kitchen cabinets. The truth is, if Harry and his wife, the neighborhood's "perfect couple," can call it quits, what does that mean for everyone

else? Lyssa's husband, Ted, is a great father, but he pays her Pilates-pumped momtourage more attention than he does his own wife. Her friends gossip about the neighbors while ignoring their own problems: infertility, infidelity, and eating disorders. When Harry sets boundaries with his new fan club, he is exiled from the neighborhood's in-clique. But Lyssa refuses to snub him. What she never expects is the explosive impact her ongoing friendship with Harry will have on her close-knit pals—and on her marriage.

Making Waves Catherine Todd 2015-06-28 From the author of *Secret Lives of Second Wives*: "a can't-put-it-down novel . . . for every woman who's had to mend a broken heart and get even" (Redbook). Newly separated from her lawyer husband, Caroline James heads to the spa for a makeover and a massage, looking for a tonic to her battered pride. Instead she encounters Eleanor Hampton, the ex-wife of her spouse's law partner, a woman so bitter she makes

Medea look like Anne of Green Gables. Watch your back, Eleanor tells her. You won't believe the stuff they've pulled. When Eleanor turns up suspiciously dead in her hot tub, Caroline opens the Pandora's Box of documents the vengeful socialite has sent as proof of the firm's unscrupulous divorce tactics. Between fighting her divorce proceedings, raising two children, and mending her broken heart, Caroline sleuths her way through upscale La Jolla, California, to unravel the truth. For the first time in a long time, she feels truly alive, if only she can stay that way . . . "I loved it!" —Janet Evanovich

Secret Lives of Cheating Wives Curtis Bunn
2016-12-06 Delve into the minds of several frisky women who are willing to risk it all in the pursuit of pleasure from bestselling author Curtis Bunn. With sensual language and a unique understanding of women, *The Secret Lives of Cheating Wives* by Curtis Bunn is a gripping novel that reveals the lengths today's women will go to indulge their deepest desires.

The most unlikely of women--God-fearing, child-raising, career-driven, soft-spoken women--are taking risks outside their marriages unlike any time before, a state of affairs that has become an underground movement. Refusing to boast about their extramarital affairs like men, these women keep quiet and yet, the more they engage, the more daring they become--and the more at risk their marriages become, too. With relatable and complex characters, *The Secret Lives of Cheating Wives*, is more than your typical romance: it strives to explore the psyche of these women and challenges you into understanding their actions, all while enjoying a tense, steamy ride filled with edge-of-your-seat drama.

Secret Lives of the First Ladies Cormac O'Brien
2010-07-01 This newly updated collection of biographies showcases all the secrets, scandals, and trivia from America's first ladies. Whether she's a leading lady, loyal spouse, or lightning rod for scandal, the First Lady of the United States has always been in the spotlight—and in

2017 that was truer than ever. This revised and expanded edition from Quirk's best-selling Secret Lives series features outrageous and uncensored profiles of the women of the White House, from Martha Washington to Melania Trump, it comes complete with hundreds of little-known, politically incorrect, and downright wacko facts. Did you know that . . . • Dolley Madison loved to chew tobacco • Mary Todd Lincoln conducted séances on a regular basis • Eleanor Roosevelt and Ellen Wilson both carried guns • Jacqueline Kennedy spent \$121,000 on her wardrobe in a single year • Betty Ford liked to chat on CB radios—her handle was “First Mama” And much, much more.

Encyclopedia of Television Film Directors Jerry Roberts 2009-06-05 From live productions of the 1950s like *Requiem for a Heavyweight* to big budget mini-series like *Band of Brothers*, long-form television programs have been helmed by some of the most creative and accomplished names in directing. *Encyclopedia of Television*

Film Directors brings attention to the directors of these productions, citing every director of stand alone long-form television programs: made for TV movies, movie-length pilots, mini-series, and feature-length anthology programs, as well as drama, comedy, and musical specials of more than 60 minutes. Each of the nearly 2,000 entries provides a brief career sketch of the director, his or her notable works, awards, and a filmography. Many entries also provide brief discussions of key shows, movies, and other productions. Appendixes include Emmy Awards, DGA Awards, and other accolades, as well as a list of anthology programs. A much-needed reference that celebrates these often-neglected artists, *Encyclopedia of Television Film Directors* is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the history of the medium. *Hidden Wives* Claire Avery 2011-08-30 A powerful and gripping debut novel that follows the journey of two young sisters coming of age in a secret polygamous sect where religion is

distorted to justify abuse, misogyny, and the taking of child brides.

The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives Lola Shoneyin 2010-06-29 African-born poet Lola Shoneyin makes her fiction debut with *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives*, a perceptive, entertaining, and eye-opening novel of polygamy in modern-day Nigeria. The struggles, rivalries, intricate family politics, and the interplay of personalities and relationships within the complex private world of a polygamous union come to life in *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives*—*Big Love* and *The 19th Wife* set against a contemporary African background.

A Circle of Wives Alice LaPlante 2015-01-06 * An Indie Next Pick * A LibraryReads Selection * An Amazon Best Book of the Month (Mysteries & Thrillers) * A Daily Candy Best Book of March * One of More Magazine's "Five Thrillers Not to Read After Dark" When Dr. John Taylor turns up dead in a hotel room, the local police uncover enough incriminating evidence to suspect foul

play. Detective Samantha Adams, whose Palo Alto beat usually covers petty crimes, is innocently thrown into a high-profile case that is more complicated than any she has faced before. A renowned reconstructive surgeon and a respected family man, Dr. Taylor was beloved and admired. But beneath his perfect façade was a hidden life—in fact, multiple lives. Dr. Taylor was married to three very different women in three separate cities. As the circumstances surrounding his death emerge, Detective Adams finds herself tracking down a murderer through a tangled web of marital deception and revenge. New York Times bestselling author Alice LaPlante's haunting and complex novel of family secrets dissects—with scalpel-like agility—the intricacies of desire and commitment, trust and jealousy.

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo Taylor Jenkins Reid 2017-06-13 The epic adventures Evelyn creates over the course of a lifetime will leave every reader mesmerized. This wildly

addictive journey of a reclusive Hollywood starlet and her tumultuous Tinseltown journey comes with unexpected twists and the most satisfying of drama.

The Secret Life of the Cheating Wife Alicia M. Walker 2017-10-24 Using a sample collected from Ashley Madison, this book is the result of a yearlong inquiry into women's extramarital experiences. Ultimately, these women reject the binary proposition of marriage that assumes that either we work on our marriages and remain monogamous within them, or we break up the relationship and take up other relationships. These women conceive of an alternate solution to a marriage that is not wholly working, where their own needs are ignored, unmet, and not prioritized. Thus, the women in this study are engaging in secret defiance of the expectations of marriage and primary partnerships. This book gives voice to women's experiences and perceptions regarding their participation in infidelity, and glimpses into the interworkings of

our most intimate relationships, and the ways women negotiate marriages that fall short of their expectations.

War of the Wives Tamar Cohen 2015-02-01 Think marriage means happily-ever-after? Think again... Selina and Lottie are complete opposites. Where Selina is poised but prudish, Lottie is quirky and emotional. Selina is the dutiful mother of three children and able manager of their stylish suburban home. Lottie lives with her eccentric teenage daughter in a small city apartment fit to bursting with color and happy chaos. But these women also have one shocking similarity: they're married to the same man...and they've just found out he's dead. Selina has been married to Simon Busfield for twenty-eight years, Lottie for seventeen. Neither knows a thing about the other until the day of Simon's funeral, where the scandalous truth is revealed in front of everyone they know. Another wife, another family... And they've only just scratched the surface of Simon's incredible

betrayal. With dark humor and razor-sharp wit, Cohen expertly unravels a story of deception and betrayal, where two very different families will discover they are entwined in ways that will change them all forever. "Witty, ludicrously melodramatic and psychologically perceptive." —Sunday Telegraph "A cracking debut.... Fatal Attraction with a clever twist at the end. Addictive." —The Bookseller on *The Mistress's Revenge*

The Husbands Chandler Baker 2021-08-03 A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK "Chandler Baker, queen of the feminist thriller, has delivered once again! *The Husbands* is a poignant exploration of what it would take for women to have it all." —Sally Hepworth, bestselling author of *The Good Sister* To what lengths will a woman go for a little more help from her husband? Nora Spangler is a successful attorney but when it comes to domestic life, she packs the lunches, schedules the doctor appointments, knows where the extra paper

towel rolls are, and designs and orders the holiday cards. Her husband works hard, too... but why does it seem like she is always working so much harder? When the Spanglers go house hunting in Dynasty Ranch, an exclusive suburban neighborhood, Nora meets a group of high-powered women—a tech CEO, a neurosurgeon, an award-winning therapist, a bestselling author—with enviably supportive husbands. When she agrees to help with a resident's wrongful death case, she is pulled into the lives of the women there. She finds the air is different in Dynasty Ranch. The women aren't hanging on by a thread. But as the case unravels, Nora uncovers a plot that may explain the secret to having-it-all. One that's worth killing for. Calling to mind a *Stepford Wives* gender-swap, New York Times bestselling author of *Whisper Network* Chandler Baker's *The Husbands* imagines a world where the burden of the "second shift" is equally shared—and what it may take to get there. "Utterly engrossing and

thoroughly timely, *The Husbands* is both a gripping, well-crafted mystery and an insightful critique of motherhood and marriage in the modern age—working mothers everywhere will feel seen in the best possible way.” —Kimberly McCreight, New York Times bestselling author of *A Good Marriage*

The Upstairs Wife Rafia Zakaria 2016-01-05 A memoir of Karachi through the eyes of its women An Indies Introduce Debut Authors Selection For a brief moment on December 27, 2007, life came to a standstill in Pakistan. Benazir Bhutto, the country’s former prime minister and the first woman ever to lead a Muslim country, had been assassinated at a political rally just outside Islamabad. Back in Karachi—Bhutto’s birthplace and Pakistan’s other great metropolis—Rafia Zakaria’s family was suffering through a crisis of its own: her Uncle Sohail, the man who had brought shame upon the family, was near death. In that moment these twin catastrophes—one political and

public, the other secret and intensely personal—briefly converged. Zakaria uses that moment to begin her intimate exploration of the country of her birth. Her Muslim-Indian family immigrated to Pakistan from Bombay in 1962, escaping the precarious state in which the Muslim population in India found itself following the Partition. For them, Pakistan represented enormous promise. And for some time, Zakaria’s family prospered and the city prospered. But in the 1980s, Pakistan’s military dictators began an Islamization campaign designed to legitimate their rule—a campaign that particularly affected women’s freedom and safety. The political became personal when her aunt Amina’s husband, Sohail, did the unthinkable and took a second wife, a humiliating and painful betrayal of kin and custom that shook the foundation of Zakaria’s family but was permitted under the country’s new laws. The young Rafia grows up in the shadow of Amina’s shame and fury, while the world outside her home turns ever more chaotic

and violent as the opportunities available to post-Partition immigrants are dramatically curtailed and terrorism sows its seeds in Karachi. Telling the parallel stories of Amina's polygamous marriage and Pakistan's hopes and betrayals, *The Upstairs Wife* is an intimate exploration of the disjunction between exalted dreams and complicated realities.

Staying Cool Catherine Todd 2015-06-28

"Delightfully amusing . . . One part mystery, one part soap opera, one part identity crises . . . one fun read" from the author of *Secret Lives of Second Wives* (Publishers Weekly). Art consultant Ellen Santiago Laws thinks the spark has gone out of her life. Five years a widow, she has a grown daughter, a senile mother and very few prospects for adventure. But after she serves on a jury that convicts a man for murdering the flashy head of an exclusive Southern California matchmaking service, she discovers that not all the evidence came out in the courtroom—and the victim might not have

been quite as virtuous as the prosecution made her out to be. With the help of an unlikely group of friends (including a weight-obsessed cardiologist with a penchant for beach bimbos, a high school frenemy, and a decorator with an uncanny resemblance to Vlad the Impaler), Ellen begins her investigation into the chic world of California matchmaking, where she enrolls as a love-starved client. What she discovers is enough to make anyone scared single, but when she is matched with a not-so-unattractive lawyer, life starts to get a lot more interesting. Just as it seems things are looking up, though, the real killer catches on and Ellen has to stay cool—to stay alive. "Catherine Todd has a wicked sense of humor." —Carla Neggers, New York Times bestselling author "A stylish, provocative story no mystery fan should be without." —Rendezvous

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The Secret Life of Miss Anna Marsh Ella Quinn

2013-11-01 For Ella Quinn's bachelors, courtship is all about gamesmanship, until the right woman shows them how much they have to learn . . . Since she was a young girl, Anna Marsh has dreamed of Sebastian, Baron Rutherford asking for her hand in marriage. But that was in another life when her brother Harry was alive, before she vowed to secretly continue the work he valiantly died for. Now as Sebastian finally courts Anna, she must thwart his advances. Were he to discover her secret, he would never deem her a suitable wife . . .

Sebastian has always known Anna would become his wife someday. He expects few obstacles, but when she dissuades him at every turn he soon realizes there is much more to this intriguing woman. Somehow he must prove to her that they are meant to be together. But first he must unravel the seductive mystery that is Miss Anna Marsh . . .

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies Deesha

Philyaw 2022-05-05 The irresistible literary

debut about the hidden desires of church-going Black women 'Left me wanting more. Masterfully written' Candice Carty-Williams, author of Queenie 'Joyous... It's a book in love with life' The Times 'Exquisite... delicious' Bolu Babalola, author of Love in Colour The Secret Lives of Church Ladies explores the raw and tender places where Black women and girls dare to follow their desires, and pursue a momentary reprieve from being good. There is fourteen-year-old Jael, who nurses a crush on the preacher's wife; the mother who bakes a sublime peach cobbler every Monday for her date with the married Pastor; and Eula and Caroletta, single childhood friends who seek solace in each other's arms every New Year's Eve. With their secret longings, new love, and forbidden affairs, these church ladies are as seductive as they want to be, as vulnerable as they need to be, as unfaithful and unrepentant as they care to be - and as free as they deserve to be.

The Wives of Los Alamos TaraShea Nesbit

2014-04-24 Their average age was twenty-five. They came from Berkeley, Cambridge, Paris, London and Chicago - and arrived in New Mexico ready for adventure or at least resigned to it. But hope quickly turned to hardship in the desolate military town where everything was a secret, including what their husbands were doing at the lab. They lived in barely finished houses with a P.O. Box for an address, in a town wretched with barbed wire, all for the benefit of 'the project' that didn't exist as far as the greater world was concerned. They were constrained by the words they couldn't say out loud, the letters they couldn't send home, the freedom they didn't have. Though they were strangers, they joined together - babies were born, friendships were forged, children grew up. But then 'the project' was unleashed and even bigger challenges faced the women of Los Alamos, as they struggled with the burden of their contribution towards the creation of the most destructive force in mankind's history - the atomic bomb.

Contentious, gripping and intimate, *The Wives of Los Alamos* is a personal tale of one of the most momentous events in our history.

[The Secret Lives of Somerset Maugham](#) Selina Hastings 2012-07-01 He was a brilliant teller of tales, one of the most widely read authors of the twentieth century, and at one time the most famous writer in the world, yet W. Somerset Maugham's own true story has never been fully told. At last, the truth is revealed in a landmark biography by the award-winning writer Selina Hastings. Granted unprecedented access to Maugham's personal correspondence and to newly uncovered interviews with his only child, Hastings portrays the secret loves, betrayals, integrity, and passion that inspired Maugham to create such classics as *The Razor's Edge* and *Of Human Bondage*. Portrayed in full for the first time is Maugham's disastrous marriage to Syrie Wellcome, a manipulative society woman who trapped Maugham with a pregnancy and an attempted suicide. Hastings also explores

Maugham's many affairs with men, including his great love, Gerald Haxton, an alcoholic charmer. Maugham's work in secret intelligence during two world wars is described in fascinating detail—experiences that provided the inspiration for the groundbreaking Ashenden stories. From the West End to Broadway, from China to the South Pacific, Maugham's remarkably productive life is thrillingly recounted as Hastings uncovers the real stories behind such classics as *Rain*, *The Painted Veil*, *Cakes & Ale*, and other well-known tales.

[Kremlin Wives](#) Larissa Vasilieva 2015-09-01 For over seventy years the Kremlin was the bastion of the all-powerful Soviet rulers. A great deal is known about the men who held millions of fates in their iron grip, yet little is known about the women—the wives and mistresses—who shared their lives. They took part in the Revolution and its aftermath, bore children, and suffered abuse; some were arrested and sent to Siberia, driven to suicide, or even murdered. In 1991 the KGB

granted the author access to its secret files, which, together with the author's own research and interviews, provided the material for this book. Here for the first time the stark and sometimes scandalous truth about these women is revealed. Lenin's wife worked passionately for the Revolution alongside her husband, from the time of Lenin's exile until her death. His mistress was also a close friend of his wife. Stalin married Nadezhda Alliluyeva when she was only sixteen. Earlier, he had had a relationship with Nadezhda's mother, and there is strong evidence that his wife may also have been his daughter. When she was found dead in a pool of blood, the official verdict was suicide, but many believe she was murdered. Secret Police Chief Lavrenti Beria, known as "The Butcher," roamed the streets in Moscow in a curtain-drawn limousine, stalking young girls who would later be abducted by his agents. One was forced to marry Beria—his wife Nina Teimurazovna. Among the many other Kremlin

“wives” portrayed here are: Alexandra Kollontai, feminist and supporter of “free love”; Larissa Reisner, Boris Pasternak’s muse; Olga Kameneva, Trotsky’s sister; Nina Khrushchev; Victoria Brezhnev; Galina Brezhneva; Tatyana Fillipovna Andropov, and Raisa Gorbachev—supposedly the only Soviet ruler’s wife to have married for love. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are

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The Silent Wife Kerry Fisher 2017-02-24

Happy Wives Club Fawn Weaver 2014-01-14 A

New York Times Bestseller! One woman undertakes a worldwide search to learn the secrets of a great marriage—and finds one foundational truth that could change everything. Fawn Weaver was a happily married woman running a successful business—and then something happened. Maybe it was divorce rate reports on the evening news, *The Real Housewives of Orange County*, or any daytime talk show where husbands and wives dramatically reveal their betrayals. Everywhere she looked, Fawn saw negative portrayals of marriage dominating the airwaves and dooming everyone to failure. Looking at Keith, the love of her life, she knew that wasn’t true. She was determined to find and connect with women just like her—happy and optimistic about marriage,

deeply in love with her spouse, and committed to building a strong marriage that stands the test of time. On a whim, she started the blog HappyWivesClub.com and sent the link to a few of new friends. What started as a casual invitation to five women exploded into an international online club with 150,000 members in more than 100 countries. Happy Wives Club is Fawn's journey across the world to meet her friends and discover what makes their marriages great. Join her on this exciting, exotic trip across six continents and through more than eighteen cities. Walk the streets of Mauritius, the historic ruins in Italy, and the vistas of New Zealand and Australia. Go from Cape Town to London, Manila to Buenos Aires, Winnipeg to Zagreb. Along the way, you will meet everyday women whose marriage secrets span cultures. You will hear their stories, witness their love, and be inspired by the proof that happy, healthy marriages do exist—and yours can be one of them! It turns out great marriages are all around us—when we

look for them. Go on a trip with Fawn and learn the best marriage secrets the world has to offer. Secret Lives of Second Wives After discovering that the man of her dreams wasn't the husband she thought he would be, Lyn Barlett feels betrayed and alone until falling into the arms of another. Her faith in love renewed, she must now face the fallout of her indiscretion.

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