

Secret Lives And Other Stories

Unveiling the Power of Verbal Beauty: An Psychological Sojourn through **Secret Lives And Other Stories**

In some sort of inundated with displays and the cacophony of fast connection, the profound power and mental resonance of verbal artistry frequently diminish in to obscurity, eclipsed by the continuous barrage of sound and distractions. However, situated within the lyrical pages of **Secret Lives And Other Stories**, a charming perform of fictional beauty that impulses with raw feelings, lies an memorable trip waiting to be embarked upon. Penned by a virtuoso wordsmith, this magical opus courses readers on an emotional odyssey, lightly exposing the latent possible and profound impact stuck within the complicated internet of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse with this evocative evaluation, we will embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is key themes, dissect their captivating writing fashion, and immerse ourselves in the indelible impression it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

The Book of Honor Ted Gup 2001-05-01 A national bestseller, this extraordinary work of investigative reporting uncovers the identities, and the remarkable stories, of the CIA secret agents who died anonymously in the service of their country. In the entrance of the CIA headquarters looms a huge marble wall into which seventy-one stars are carved—each representing an agent who has died in the line of duty. Official CIA records only name thirty-five of them, however. Undeterred by claims that revealing the identities of these "nameless stars" might compromise national security, Ted Gup sorted through thousands of documents and interviewed over 400 CIA officers in his attempt to bring their long-hidden stories to light. The result of this extraordinary work of investigation is a surprising glimpse at the real lives of secret agents, and an unprecedented history of the most compelling—and controversial—department of the US government.

Love in a Fallen City Eileen Chang 2017-06-21 Masterful short works about passion, family, and human relationships by one of the greatest writers of 20th century China. A New York Review Books Original "[A] giant of modern Chinese literature" —The New York Times "With language as sharp as a knife edge, Eileen Chang cut open a huge divide in Chinese culture, between the classical patriarchy and our troubled modernity. She was one of the very few able truly to connect that divide, just as her heroines often disappeared inside it. She is the fallen angel of Chinese literature, and now, with these excellent new translations, English readers can discover why she is so revered by Chinese readers everywhere." —Ang Lee Eileen Chang is one of the great writers of twentieth-century China, where she enjoys a passionate following both on the mainland and in Taiwan. At the heart of Chang's achievement is her short fiction—tales of love, longing, and the shifting and endlessly treacherous shoals of family life. Written when Chang was still in her twenties, these extraordinary stories combine an unsettled, probing, utterly contemporary sensibility, keenly alert to sexual politics and psychological ambiguity, with an intense lyricism that echoes the classics of Chinese literature. *Love in a Fallen City*, the first collection in English of this dazzling body of work, introduces American readers to the stark and glamorous vision of a modern master.

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 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.

The Secret Lives of the Elements Kathryn Harkup 2021-10-07 'A

delightful and engaging treasure trove of a book that brings the chemical elements to life and gives them personalities of their own. A wonderful read for young and old alike to get you inspired by chemistry.' Jim Al-Khalili 'The perfect book to escape our human-sized existence and take a tour of the atomic world instead.' Helen Arney, science comedian and broadcaster When we think of the periodic table we picture orderly rows of elements that conform to type and never break the rules. In this book Kathryn Harkup reveals that there are personalities, passions, quirks and historical oddities behind those ordered rows, and shows us that the periodic table is a sprawling family tree with its own black sheep, wayward cousins and odd uncles. The elements in the periodic table, like us, are an extended family - some old, some newborn, some shy and reticent, some exuberant or unreliable. Dr Harkup tells the weird and wonderful stories of just fifty two members of this family - remarkable tales of discovery, inspiration and revolution, from the everyday to the extraordinary. Some elements are relatively anonymous; others, already familiar, are seen in a new light; and old friends have surprising secrets to share. From our green-fingered friend magnesium to the devil incarnate polonium, this eclectic collection of engaging and informative stories will change the way you see the periodic table for ever.

Secret Lives Diane Chamberlain 2010-06-28 Actress Eden Riley's decision to make a film about her mother plunges her into a shattering confrontation with her own past, irrevocably altering her life and the lives of those she loves. Her mother, Katherine Swift, was a renowned children's author who died when Eden was very young. Now Eden, recovering from a divorce and disillusioned with her glamorous life, returns to the childhood home of the mother she barely knew. She moves in with her uncle, archaeologist Kyle Swift and his wife, Louise. Eden gets more than she bargained for when Kyle gives her the journal her mother had kept from the age of thirteen until her death. Eden is spellbound by the powerfully written, intimate diary that chronicles a life of hardship, madness and tragedy. But her fascination turns to horror when she discovers the shocking truth about her mother's life. Eden turns for comfort to Ben Alexander, Kyle's colleague, not knowing that Ben has a secret of his own that could ruin Eden and her career. Now Eden must make a heartbreaking decision as she struggles to lay the ghosts of the past to rest and come to terms with her own future. Shifting gracefully between Eden's world and Katherine's, *Secret Lives* seduces with the power of its images and the lyricism of its prose.

Secret Lives of Great Composers Elizabeth Lunday 2014-04-08 True tales of murder, riots, heartbreak, and great music. With outrageous anecdotes about everyone from Gioachino Rossini (draft-dodging womanizer) to Johann Sebastian Bach (jailbird) to Richard Wagner (alleged cross-dresser), *Secret Lives of Great Composers* recounts the seamy, steamy, and gritty history behind the great masters of international music. You'll learn that Edward Elgar dabbled with explosives; that John Cage was obsessed with fungus; that Berlioz plotted murder; and that Giacomo Puccini stole his church's organ pipes and sold them as scrap metal so he could buy cigarettes. This is one music history lesson you'll never forget!

Secret Lives and Other Stories Ngugi wa Thiong'o 2018-04-05 Ngugi wa Thiong'o is renowned for his political novels and plays, yet he honed his craft as a short story writer. First published in 1975, *Secret Lives and Other Stories* brings together a range of Ngugi's political short stories. From tales of the meeting between magic and superstition, to stories about the modernising forces of colonialism, and the pervasive threat of nature, this collection celebrates the storytelling might of one of Africa's best-loved writers.

The Secret Lives of People in Love Simon Van Booy 2010-02-23 "Breathtaking. . . chillingly beautiful, like postcards from Eden. . . Van Booy's stories are somehow like paintings the characters walk out of, and

keep walking." -Los Angeles Times In his critically-acclaimed debut collection of short stories, *The Secret Lives of People in Love*, Simon Van Booy explores the sway of fate and power of memory on the lives of lonely and vulnerable people. With the same spare, economical prose that he brought to his subsequent collection, *Love Begins in Winter*, winner of the 2009 Frank O'Connor Short Story Award, Van Booy creates a profoundly humane and somber resonance with the assured hand of "a first-rate storyteller" (Newsday). *The Secret Lives of People in Love* announces the arrival of a major new voice in fiction.

Secret Lives & Other Stories Ngugi wa Thiong'o 2018-04-05 'One of the greatest writers of our time' Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Ngugi wa Thiong'o is renowned for his political novels and plays, yet he honed his craft as a short story writer. First published in 1975, *Secret Lives and Other Stories* brings together a range of Ngugi's political short stories. From tales of the meeting between magic and superstition, to stories about the modernising forces of colonialism, and the pervasive threat of nature, this collection celebrates the storytelling might of one of Africa's best-loved writers.

Secret Lives of Mothers & Daughters Anita Kushwaha 2020-01-28 A breathtaking novel about the ties that bind mothers and daughters together and the secrets that tear them apart. Veena, Mala and Nandini are three very different women with something in common. Out of love, each bears a secret that will haunt her life—and that of her daughter—because the risk of telling the truth is too great. But secrets have consequences. Particularly for Asha, a young woman on the cusp of adulthood, who links them together. After her eighteenth birthday, Asha is devastated to learn that she was adopted as a baby. What's more, her birth mother died of a mysterious illness, leaving Asha with only a letter. Nandini, Asha's adoptive mother, has always feared the truth would come between them. Veena, a recent widow, worries about her daughter Mala's future. The shock of her husband's sudden death leaves her shaken and convinces her that the only way to keep her daughter safe is to secure her future. Mala struggles to balance her dreams and ambition with her mother's expectations. She must bear a secret, the burden of which threatens her very life. Three mothers—each bound by love, deceit and a young woman who connects them all. *Secret Lives of Mothers & Daughters* is an intergenerational novel about family, duty and the choices we make in the name of love.

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies Deesha Philyaw 2020 "Tender, fierce, proudly black and beautiful, these stories will sneak inside you and take root." --Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Triumphant." --Publishers Weekly "Cheeky, insightful, and irresistible." --Ms. Magazine "This collection marks the emergence of a bona fide literary treasure." --Minneapolis Star Tribune "Full of lived-in humanity, warmth, and compassion." --Pittsburgh Current "These are stories about Black women that haven't been told with this level of depth, wit, or insight before, so it will not shock me if Oprah gets around to selecting it before the end of the year." --Pittsburgh Post-Gazette *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. The nine stories in this collection feature four generations of characters grappling with who they want to be in the world, caught as they are between the church's double standards and their own needs and passions. There is fourteen-year-old Jael, who has a crush on the preacher's wife. At forty-two, Lyra realizes that her discomfort with her own body stands between her and a new love. As Y2K looms, Caroletta's "same time next year" arrangement with her childhood best friend is tenuous. A serial mistress lays down the ground rules for her married lovers. In the dark shadows of a hospice parking lot, grieving strangers find comfort in each other. 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 Secret Lives of Dresses Erin McKean 2011-02-10 When her grandmother has a stroke, Dora returns to the small town where she grew up to take over her family's vintage clothing store -- and meets a handsome contractor. Is he interested in Dora? Or is he working from a different blueprint? Dora has always taken the path of least resistance. She went to the college that offered her a scholarship, majoring in "vagueness studies," and wears whatever shows the least dirt. She falls into a job at the college coffee shop and has a crush on her flirty boss, Gary. But just when she's about to test Gary's feelings, Mimi, the grandmother who raised her, suffers a stroke. Dora rushes back to Forsyth, NC, and finds herself running her grandmother's vintage clothing store while her grandmother recovers -- and meets Mimi's

adorable contractor, Conrad. The store has always been a fixture in Dora's life; though she grew up more of a jeans-and-sweatshirt kind of girl, before she even knew how to write, Mimi taught her that a vintage 1920s dress could lift a woman's spirit. But why has Mimi started writing down -- and giving away -- stories of the dresses in her shop? Amidst personal and professional turmoil, can Dora trade her boring clothes for vintage glamour and her boring life for one she actually wants?

Secret Lives of the U.S. Presidents Cormac O'Brien 2009 Presents little-known facts and trivia about the United States presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama, including information on personal lives, political stances, and election scandals.

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 Secret Life of Cows Rosamund Young 2020-07-07 "Within a day of receiving this book, I had consumed it... Absorbing, moving, and compulsively readable." --Lydia Davis In this affectionate, heart-warming chronicle, Rosamund Young distills a lifetime of organic farming wisdom, describing the surprising personalities of her cows and other animals At her famous Kite's Nest Farm in Worcestershire, England, the cows (as well as sheep, hens, and pigs) all roam free. They make their own choices about rearing, grazing, and housing. Left to be themselves, the cows exhibit temperaments and interests as diverse as our own. "Fat Hat" prefers men to women; "Chippy Minton" refuses to sleep with muddy legs and always reports to the barn for grooming before bed; "Jake" has a thing for sniffing the carbon monoxide fumes of the Land Rover exhaust pipe; and "Gemima" greets all humans with an angry shake of the head and is fiercely independent. An organic farmer for decades, Young has an unaffected and homely voice. Her prose brims with genuine devotion to the wellbeing of animals. Most of us never apprehend the various inner lives animals possess, least of all those that we might eat. But Young has spent countless hours observing how these creatures love, play games, and form life-long friendships. She imparts hard-won wisdom about the both moral and real-world benefits of organic farming. (If preserving the dignity of animals isn't a good enough reason for you, consider how badly factory farming stunts the growth of animals, producing unhealthy and tasteless food.) This gorgeously-illustrated book, which includes an original introduction by the legendary British playwright Alan Bennett, is the summation of a life's work, and a delightful and moving tribute to the deep richness of animal sentience.

The Secret Lives of Buildings Edward Hollis 2009-11-10 A strikingly original, beautifully narrated history of Western architecture and the cultural transformations that it represents Concrete, marble, steel, brick: little else made by human hands seems as stable, as immutable, as a building. Yet the life of any structure is neither fixed nor timeless. Outliving their original contexts and purposes, buildings are forced to adapt to each succeeding age. To survive, they must become shape-shifters. In an inspired refashioning of architectural history, Edward Hollis recounts more than a dozen stories of such metamorphosis, highlighting the way in which even the most familiar structures all change over time into "something rich and strange." The Parthenon, that epitome of a ruined temple, was for centuries a working church and then a mosque; the cathedral of Notre Dame was "restored" to a design that none of its original makers would have recognized. Remains of the Berlin Wall, meanwhile, which was once gleefully smashed and bulldozed, are now treated as precious relics. With *The Secret Lives of Buildings*, Edward Hollis recounts the most enthralling of these metamorphoses and shows how buildings have come to embody the history of Western culture.

Minutes of Glory Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o 2019-03-05 A dazzling short story collection from the person Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie calls "one of the greatest writers of our time" Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, although renowned for his novels, memoirs, and plays, honed his craft as a short story writer. From "The Fig Tree," written in 1960, his first year as an undergraduate at Makerere University College in Uganda, to the playful "The Ghost of Michael Jackson," written as a professor at the University of California, Irvine, these collected stories reveal a master of the short form. Covering the period of British colonial rule and resistance in Kenya to the bittersweet experience of independence—and including two stories that have never before been published in the United States— Ngũgĩ's collection features women fighting for their space in a patriarchal society, big men in their Bentleys who have inherited power from the British, and rebels who still embody the fighting spirit of the downtrodden. One of Ngũgĩ's most beloved stories, "Minutes of Glory," tells of Beatrice, a sad but ambitious waitress who fantasizes about being feted and lauded over by the middle-class clientele in the city's beer halls. Her dream leads her on a witty and heartbreaking adventure. Published for the first time in America, *Minutes of Glory and Other Stories* is a major literary event that celebrates the storytelling might of one of Africa's best-loved writers.

The Secret Lives of Royals Shalin Dua 2018-03-28 Olivia has had enough of the big city and its lack of fulfilling her dreams. Then, just when she's about to give up and move home, out of the blue, she is offered her dream job. Olivia is suspicious but that could just be the New York in her. She decides not to pull at threads. Despite her best efforts to remain blissfully oblivious, the secret to her life upgrade is soon uncovered when she finds herself invited to be part of a secret society. Just beneath the surface, an entirely different world exists. One that is controlled by those of Royal lineage. The chosen ones, the Royals, hold the fate of the world in their hands. Will Olivia be able to bear the weight of the crown?

The Secret Lives of Hoarders Matt Paxton 2011-05-03 On the front lines with extreme hoarders *The Secret Lives of Hoarders* is much more than harrowing tales of attacking the ugliest, dirtiest, and most shocking hoarding cases in the country. It is a behind-the-scenes look at this hidden epidemic- what it means, how to recognize it before it gets out of hand, and how to deal with it. Through his work with hundreds of clients in the worst circumstances- from the giant "rat's nest" that hid more than \$13,000 in cash to a vast cache of cartoon pornography to twenty-five years' worth of unopened mail- Matt Paxton has learned to understand this disorder and his clients' impulses to collect, to speak the hoarders' language, and to reach out to them with compassion and concern while avoiding criticism and judgment. Most important, he guides compulsive hoarders successfully through every step of the clean-up and healing process. *The Secret Lives of Hoarders* is an engrossing and sometimes unsettling look at extreme clutter but one that helps hoarders, their families, and their friends to find meaning in the chaos.

A Secret Life on the Alaknanda and Other Stories Vijay Prakash Singh 2023-06-14 This collection of remarkable stories depicts realistic vignettes of Himalayan life; from the predicament of hill women to the preservation of hill ecology and the devastation that callous commercialism brings to them. Standing out among these vignettes are stories of lust that depict a monk who has the passionate desires of any young man or nostalgia about courtesan life in Nawabi Lucknow, the tragic life of a village woman who becomes the fourth wife of an impotent man or the story of an estranged wife whose husband lives the secret life of a deviant in the title story and the touching love between a scrap seller and his wife. *A Secret Life on The Alaknanda* depicts various facets of life with a sensitivity that makes this collection memorable. Told in a traditional narrative this is a collection worthy of one's time.

Secret Lives of the Supreme Court Robert Schnakenberg 2009-03-01 Drugs, Adultery, Bribery, Homosexuality, corruption—and the Supreme Court?!? Your high school history teachers never gave you a book like this one! *Secret Lives of the Supreme Court* features outrageous and uncensored profiles of America's most legendary justices—complete with hundreds of little-known, politically incorrect, and downright wacko facts. You'll discover that: • Hugo Black was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. • Benjamin Cardozo likely died a virgin. • John Rutledge attempted suicide by jumping off a bridge. • John Marshall Harlan organized regular screenings of X-rated films. • Thurgood Marshall never missed an episode of *Days of Our Lives*. • Sandra Day O'Connor established the court's first Jazzercise class. • And much, much more! With chapters on everyone from John Jay to Samuel Alito, *Secret Lives of the Supreme Court* tackles all the tough questions that other history books are afraid to ask: How many of these judges took bribes? How many were gay? And

how could so many sink into dementia while serving on the highest court in the land? American history was never this much fun in school!

Secret Lives, and Other Stories Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o 1975 Whether you are an executive or a student, beginner or expert, this book is designed to explain and illustrate the working essentials of finance with clarity and speed. This desktop companion deliberately combines essential theory with real-world application, using short, focused chapters to help you find what you need and implement it right away.

A Family Secret and Other Stories Bijoya Sawian 2014-08-05 A postman turns up with an unexpected letter one rainy afternoon in Cherrapunji, a letter that will turn fourteen-year-old Saphira's world upside down. Dalinia's life seems perfect, with a successful husband, beautiful children and a well-appointed home. But the arrival of a handsome competitor on the manicured greens of the Shillong golf course brings back a flood of unwanted memories of her troubled past. Told in a simple, lyrical style, Bijoya Sawian's collection of ten short stories is not only an enthralling read but, like her debut novel *Shadow Men*, transports the reader to a place little known to outsiders: Meghalaya. Strains of love, loss and longing run through all these stories, whose endings are not mere shocks, but revelations. Both her books should be read for a better understanding of India's northeast - its communities, its landscape, and in particular, the lives of the women who live there.

The Secret Life Andrew O'Hagan 2017-10-10 "The slippery online ecosystem of encrypted messages, leaked documents, black markets, cryptocurrencies, and fake Facebook profiles (68 million of them) is the perfect breeding ground for identities. Some are true, some are false, and some lie in between. The old Internet shorthand IRL--"in real life"-- Now seems naïve. We no longer question the reality of online experiences, but rather the reality of selfhood in the digital age. In *The Secret Life*, the essayist and novelist Andrew O'Hagan issues three bulletins from the porous border between cyberspace and "IRL." "Ghosting" introduces us to one of the most beguiling and divisive figures of the Internet era: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, whose autobiography the author agrees to ghostwrite, with unforeseen--and unforgettable--consequences. "The Invention of Ronald Pinn" finds the author using the actual identity of a deceased young man to construct an entirely new identity in cyberspace, leading him on a journey deep into the Dark Web's deepest realms. And "The Satoshi Affair" chronicles the strange case of Craig Wright, the Australian Web developer who may or may not be the mysterious inventor of Bitcoin, Satoshi Nakamoto--and who may or may not be willing, or even able, to reveal the truth."--Jacket flap.

Secret Lives of Books Rosaleen Love 2014-06-01 Secret lives, replete with possibilities. Elsewhere exists as a better place, in a better time, for a better life. The trick is how to get there from here. These stories give the answers. Share in the secret lives of books. Fly to Mars, the first stage, perhaps, in the onward journey to elsewhere. Hear the music of the heavenly spheres and be forever changed, providing the bad guys don't hear it first. Discover Gaia may not be quite what we think she is. Discover the universe is a rather big place. Embrace Utopia for women too, if only ... Table of Contents Introduction *The Secret Lives of Books* Kiddofspeed Qasida *The Kairos Effect* The slut and the universe Rosaleen Love's stories evoke a sensibility that is wholly, distinctively hers... The irony that pervades this sensibility functions as a sort of glue that imbues each story's incidents and observations with meaning. - L. Timmel Duchamp Rosaleen Love's previous collections *Total Devotion* *Machine and Evolution* *Annie* were published by the Women's Press alongside classic works by Joanna Russ, Suzy McKee Charnas and Octavia Butler.

Secret Lives and Other Stories Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o 1975

The Secret Lives of Glaciers M. Jackson 2019 Our planet has over 400,000 glaciers and ice caps scattered across its surface, some 5.8 million square miles of ice. Fascinatingly, where there are glaciers, there are people, and the two have been interacting for the entirety of human history. But we know so little about that interaction, those human stories of glaciers. *The Secret Lives of Glaciers* explores glacier diversity in Iceland, highlighting the rich social and cultural context and variability amongst glaciers and people. Investigating glaciers and people together teaches us about how human society experiences being in the world today amidst increasing climatic changes and anthropogenic transformation of all of Earth's systems.

In His Secret Life Mel Bossa 2018-05-26 Allan has always tried to do the sensible thing. So when his sister Elsie became pregnant eight years ago and was ditched by her boyfriend, he stepped up to the plate. Since then, he's been his sister's support system and father figure to his niece.

Allan's world is turned upside down when Elsie becomes engaged and he meets her fiancé's older brother, Davinder -- a beautiful, brooding artist with a thousand secrets in his eyes. But Davinder is a married man and father of two young boys. From the moment they meet, Allan and Davinder walk along the edge of their secret lives, never allowed to push open the gates. Though their love is a head-on collision, a meeting of the minds, a fusing of two lost souls, both men know that it is also -- and above all -- impossible.

The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd 2013-05-07 After her mother's death, Lily Owens and her African-American maid seek refuge from the racism of their South Carolina hometown with eccentric beekeeping sisters in this coming of age story representing the letter "K" in a new series of twenty-six collectible editions.

The Secret Lives of People in Love Simon Van Booy 2010-02-23 The Secret Lives of People in Love is the first short story collection by award-winning writer Simon Van Booy. These stories, set in Kentucky, New York, Paris, Rome, and Greece, are a perfect synthesis of intensity and atmosphere. Love, loss, human contact, and isolation are Van Booy's themes. In radiant prose he writes about the difficult choices we make in order to retain our humanity and about the redemptive power of love in a violent world. Included in this updated P.S. edition is the new story "The Mute Ventriloquist."

The Secret Lives of Colour Kassia St Clair 2018 THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'A mind-expanding tour of the world without leaving your paintbox. Every colour has a story, and here are some of the most alluring, alarming, and thought-provoking. Very hard painting the hallway magnolia after this inspiring primer.' Simon Garfield The Secret Lives of Colour tells the unusual stories of the 75 most fascinating shades, dyes and hues. From blonde to ginger, the brown that changed the way battles were fought to the white that protected against the plague, Picasso's blue period to the charcoal on the cave walls at Lascaux, acidyellow to kelly green, and from scarlet women to imperial purple, these surprising stories run like a bright thread throughout history. In this book Kassia St Clair has turned her lifelong obsession with colours and where they come from (whether Van Gogh's chrome yellow sunflowers or punk's fluorescent pink) into a unique study of human civilisation. Across fashion and politics, art and war, The Secret Lives of Colour tell the vivid story of our culture.

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.

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.

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.

The Secret Lives of Litterbugs and Other (true) Stories Marion Alice Coburn Farrant 2009

Secret Lives Edward Frederic Benson 1985 Mrs. Mantrip, who prides herself on the respectability of Durham Square, which was largely owned by her father, is shocked by the secret life of one of her new tenants *The Secret Lives of Words* Paul West 2000 Word-lovers rejoice! This fascinating book reveals the amazing and bizarre histories of language's building blocks. "A sorcerer of language".--"Publishers Weekly".

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