

## The Kiss A Secret Life

Becoming a Christian is the best and worst thing that has ever happened to Sarah Hollenbeck. Best because, well, that's obvious. Worst because, up to this point, she's made her very comfortable living as a well-known, bestselling author of steamy romance novels that would leave the members of her new church blushing. Now Sarah is trying to reconcile her past with the future she's chosen. She's still under contract with her publisher and on the hook with her enormous fan base for the kind of book she's not sure she can write anymore. She's beginning to think that the church might frown on her tithing on royalties from a "scandalous" book. And the fact that she's falling in love with her pastor doesn't make things any easier. With a powerful voice, penetrating insight, and plenty of wit, Bethany Turner explodes onto the scene with a debut that isn't afraid to deal with the thorny realities of living the Christian life.

Indulge your fantasies of delicious Regency Rakes, fierce Viking warriors and rugged Highlanders. Be swept away into a world of intense passion, lavish settings and romance that burns brightly through the centuries Just another dull debutante?

Life for Ashley Miles can't get any worse. Her parents are divorced, she can't find a job, has no boyfriend, and is stuck living with her mother in a house by the cemetery. Things suddenly start to change and her life starts going in the right direction. Just when it seems like everything is finally going her way, it all comes crumbling down and she is back right where she started. It seems as if she can never have the life that she's dreamed of. She feels like giving up... Will she be able to pick up the pieces and get her life back on track? Find out as you unlock The Secret Life of Ashley Miles.

The secret life of romantic comedy offers a new approach to one of the most popular and resilient genres in the history of Hollywood. Steering away from the rigidity and ideological determinism of traditional accounts of the genre, this book advocates a more flexible theory, which allows the student to explore the presence of the genre in unexpected places, extending the concept to encompass films that are not usually considered romantic comedies. Combining theory with detailed analyses of a selection of films, including *To Be or Not to Be* (1942), *Rear Window* (1954), *Kiss Me Stupid* (1964), *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (1989) and *Before Sunset* (2004), the book aims to provide a practical framework for the exploration of a key area of contemporary experience – intimate matters – through one of its most powerful filmic representations: the genre of romantic comedy. Original and entertaining, *The secret life of romantic comedy* is perfect for students and academics of film and film genre.

Film blurs the line between myth and reality better than any other artistic medium, one could argue. Using movies to explore the unconscious realms of society in order to reach a better understanding of what drives it, this book examines filmmakers and films that center on schizophrenic themes of alienation, paranoia, breakdown, fantasy, dreams, dementia and violence, and that address—as entertainment—the schizophrenic experience. The loss of individual identity as reflected in the films is investigated, as well as the shamanic potential inherent in the broader theme.

Let's face it, if you don't find these pictures funny on first sight, no amount of forewords will persuade you otherwise." --- from the Foreword by Eric Idle Look at those cows and remember that the greatest scientists have never discovered how to turn grass into milk." --Michael Pupin \* Never has the divine bovine aspired to such a laudable art form. In one of the most imaginative books you'll pick up this year, digital slight-of-hand artist Glen Wexler creates a vibrant counterculture that merges fantasy and reality. \* Recipient of the International Photography Association's Gold Medal and Best of Show Awards, Wexler's digitally enhanced photo-illustrations are paired with udderly funny musings from the likes of Dave Barry, Ogden Nash, and Eric Idle, who authors the book's foreword and happens to "know a bit about cows in comedy." \* Wexler put more than 600 creative hours into this book, working with Muppet wardrobe designer James Hayes and pyrotechnic extraordinaire Joe Viskocil. No detail or pixel has been overlooked in the creation of this "mooving" photographic expose.

Having spent ten years as Jayne Mansfield's press secretary, Raymond Strait knows intimately both the public image and the private person that were Jayne Mansfield. Sitting through hundreds of hours of interviews and private conversations -- not only with Jayne but also with her husbands, her lovers, and her children -- gave Ray the opportunity to present a revealing portrait of the woman. He records her drive for fame and success and her overpowering need to be loved and to love, needs that led her into numerous affairs with rich and powerful men -- including President John F Kennedy -- and with younger men from all walks of life. And he discusses frankly Jayne's ultimately successful plan to become pregnant by Nelson Sardelli because she wanted to have an Italian child. Known to millions as the consummate sex symbol who rivaled Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield received more press coverage than anyone else in Hollywood. The headlines were often sensational, causing society matrons and Baptist ministers to shake their heads and point their fingers. But under those sensational headlines there was a woman of greater complexity that any reporter could hope to understand. Strait goes below the surface to examine Jayne's emotions and motivations, revealing the truth about her many lovers, her three unsuccessful marriages, her love affair with Mickey Hargitay that lasted to the end and her battle against and her surrender to alcohol and drugs.

Minerva Peabody needs a man. Unfortunately she picked the wrong one. The impoverished playwright has a dream to see her plays performed on stage but in Elizabethan England, not only are women considered the inferior sex, they simply do NOT write plays. Faced with rejection after rejection, she decides to take one more chance with the most desperate theater manager in London, only this time she'll use the cover of a man. Sucked in by a pair of bright blue eyes and impressive shoulders, she chooses Blake out of

the crowd, never thinking he'll actually play an active role in her ruse. But when he does, he gets under her skin in the most alarming way. Privateer (don't call him a pirate to his face), Robert Blakewell, accepted Min's proposal to give him a cover while he searched for the cur who got his sister with child. But when his mission threatens to destroy Min's fledgling career, he must make a choice: protect his family or the woman he has grown to love. Either choice will see him lose something precious. A SECRET LIFE is a romp through Elizabethan England and features cameo appearances from William Shakespeare. This book was previously published as "Her Secret Desire".

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.

Until recently, very little was known about the early life of Hollywood's most famous movie star. Here, compiled from extensive eyewitness interviews, Darwin Porter delves deep into the star's hot, horny formative years on Broadway and in early Talkie Hollywood. Looking at everything from his affairs with such starlets as Marlene Dietrich and Bette Davis, to his AWOL escapades in the army, to his compulsive brushes with gangsters, prostitutes and blackmailers, this is the untold story of Hollywood's hottest hunk in history.

Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four. She not only has her own memory of holding the gun, but her father's account of the event. Now fourteen, she yearns for her mother, and for forgiveness. Living on a peach farm in South Carolina with her father, she has only one friend: Rosaleen, a black servant whose sharp exterior hides a tender heart. South Carolina in the sixties is a place where segregation is still considered a cause worth fighting for. When racial tension explodes one summer afternoon, and Rosaleen is arrested and beaten, Lily is compelled to act. Fugitives from justice and from Lily's harsh and unyielding father, they follow a trail left by the woman who died ten years before. Finding sanctuary in the home of three beekeeping sisters, Lily starts a journey as much about her understanding of the world, as about the mystery surrounding her mother.

Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this winning first-of-its-kind memoir. Now with a reading group guide and an all-new afterword from the author! In this revolutionary first-of-its-kind memoir, Arin Andrews details the journey that led him to make the life-transforming decision to undergo gender reassignment as a high school junior. In his captivatingly witty, honest voice, Arin reveals the challenges he faced as a boy in a girl's body, the humiliation and anger he felt after getting kicked out of his private school, and all the changes—both mental and physical—he experienced once his transition began. Some Assembly Required is a true coming-of-age story about knocking down obstacles and embracing family, friendship, and first love. But more than that, it is a reminder that self-acceptance does not come ready-made with a manual and spare parts. Rather, some assembly is always required. Now with a reading group guide and an all-new afterword from the author! In this revolutionary first-of-its-kind memoir, Arin Andrews details the journey that led him to make the life-transforming decision to undergo gender reassignment as a high school junior. In his captivatingly witty, honest voice, Arin reveals the challenges he faced as a boy in a girl's body, the humiliation and anger he felt after getting kicked out of his private school, and all the changes—both mental and physical—he experienced once his transition began. Some Assembly Required is a true coming-of-age story about knocking down obstacles and embracing family, friendship, and first love. But more than that, it is a reminder that self-acceptance does not come ready-made with a manual and spare parts. Rather, some assembly is always required.

Roxy's about to turn sixteen, but life isn't so sweet. As a band geek, Roxy can barely get the cute guys to notice her, much less go out with her. Then, on her birthday, Roxy is transformed into a siren: seductively beautiful with the power to control all men. She thought sirens were an ancient myth, but suddenly Roxy can get any guy she wants with just a few notes on her flute. There are only two rules: don't tell anyone about being a siren, and don't fall in love. When she starts dating Zach, the guy everybody's crushing on, Roxy realizes she could get used to this siren thing...but how can she keep herself from falling in love?

Fans of Vi Keeland and Christina Lauren will love this romance that starts as a marriage of convenience, throws in a bit of a love triangle and then adds a twist of revenge. When her eighteen-year old neighbor appears in her backyard, Emma Benson, who is trying so hard to be loyal to her husband, finds her passionate and uninhibited nature leading her to begin an affair.

A literary and political genealogy of the last half-century, Words of Witness explores black feminist autobiographical narratives--in particular by June Jordan, Edwidge Danticat, Melba Beals, Rosemary Bray, and Eisa Davis--in the context of activism and history since the landmark 1954 segregation case, Brown vs. the Board of Education.

We all know that kids say the funniest things, but do we know why? The Secret Life of 4, 5 and 6 Year Olds has quickly become must-see television, as each week we are given access to the hidden world of children when adults aren't around. Since the first episode was broadcast, over a hundred children have been featured and their tears, tantrums and laughter have provided the best drama on television. In this official companion to the award-winning Channel 4 show, written by Executive Producer, Teresa Watkins and neuroscientist Paul Howard-Jones, we relive some of its funniest, most touching moments and explore what's going on in the heads of little people when big people aren't around. It turns out that we can learn a huge amount from them. Full of amazing moments, sharp insights and fascinating science and full of beautiful photography, this is a celebration of the extraordinary lives of children and a reminder that we are all closely connected to our four-year-old selves.

\*\*\*\*A Sunday Times bestseller\*\*\* \*\*A Times Book of the Year 2017\*\*\* WITH A FOREWORD BY ALAN BENNETT 'A lovely, thoughtful little book about the intelligence of cows.' James Rebanks, author of

The Shepherd's Life Cows are as varied as people. They can be highly intelligent or slow to understand, vain, considerate, proud, shy or inventive. Although much of a cow's day is spent eating, they always find time for extra-curricular activities such as babysitting, playing hide and seek, blackberry-picking or fighting a tree. This is an affectionate record of a hitherto secret world.

Katie Winfield is pretty, privileged...and a complete disaster when it comes to the male species. Recently she accidentally-on-purpose had sex with her sister's soon-to-be ex-boyfriend, Liam. In a closet. At a Ladies' League function, no less! Determined to take charge of her romantic life, Katie accepts an invitation to join M&B—and draws a very naughty dare. Choosing Liam as her willing, if unwitting, accomplice is easy, since she's still totally hot for him and the feeling is mutual. So why share her motives for their steamy sexcapades? Problem is, Katie's not the only one with a shocking secret life....

A gripping memoir and revelatory investigation into the history of the Foundling Hospital and one girl who grew up in its care - the author's own mother. 'Extraordinary ... A fascinating, moving book: part history of the Foundling Hospital and the development of child psychology, part Cowan's own story, and part that of Cowan's mother' LUCY SCHOLES, TELEGRAPH Growing up in a wealthy enclave outside San Francisco, Justine Cowan's life seems idyllic. But her mother's unpredictable temper drives Justine from home the moment she is old enough to escape. It is only after her mother dies that she finds herself pulling at the threads of a story half-told - her mother's upbringing in London's Foundling Hospital. Haunted by this secret history, Justine travels across the sea and deep into the past to discover the girl her mother once was. Here, with the vividness of a true storyteller, she pieces together her mother's childhood alongside the history of the Foundling Hospital: from its idealistic beginnings in the eighteenth century, how it influenced some of England's greatest creative minds - from Handel to Dickens, its shocking approach to childcare and how it survived the Blitz only to close after the Second World War. This was the environment that shaped a young girl then known as Dorothy Soames, who was left behind by a mother forced by stigma and shame to give up her child; who withstood years of physical and emotional abuse, dreaming of escape as German bombers circled the skies, unaware all along that her own mother was fighting to get her back. 'As a social history of the Foundling Hospital, this is a fascinating read' SUNDAY TIMES 'Page-turning and profoundly moving' VIRGINIA NICHOLSON 'A gripping true story' Christina Baker Kline, bestselling author of ORPHAN TRAIN 'Breathtaking' Adrienne Brodeur, bestselling author of WILD GAME

Ambition and lust, remorse and redemption are the drivers of this bewitching story of a married business woman who meets the wrong man at a vulnerable time in her life. This novel is operatic in its peaks of love and adventure; its valleys of betrayal, death and pain.

When star-crossed lovers reunite under strange circumstances in Regency England, will they be brave enough to take a second chance at love? The Secret Life of Lady Julia is Lecia Cornwall's seductive follow-up to her debut historical romance, How to Deceive a Duke. Lady Julia Leighton is engaged to a long-time family friend who doesn't spark her passion, and at her betrothal ball she meets a seductive stranger who steals hot kisses—and much more—from the beautiful innocent. Thomas Merritt is a thief of women's hearts, and their expensive jewels. His steamy encounter with Lady Julia unexpectedly has him rethinking his wicked ways, but in the end, Thomas flees temptation. When their paths cross years later, Julia has a secret she's desperate to bury and Thomas is hiding something dangerous, but he needs her help to set things right. Can two lovers with dark pasts overcome their tangled history and rekindle their former love?

\*The Independent best 'never-too-late' story of 2021 + one of the best uplifting books of the year\* 'A total triumph', 'Romantic and heartbreaking and uplifting all at once', 'Highly recommended' IS IT EVER TOO LATE TO START YOUR LIFE'S BIG ADVENTURE? 'Wonderful . . . An utter treat' KATE MOSSE 'Bright, clear, sharply intelligent' JENNY COLGAN 'A heart-warming, joyous love story - original, hopeful and totally charming' ADELE PARKS 'I loved it! Really heart-warming and joyful, but also so poignant. I cannot recommend this book highly enough' LORRAINE KELLY 'Will put a smile on everyone's face . . . A great big hug of a book!' MICHAEL BALL, Radio 2 'Brilliant . . . [I] recommend to all!' MATT LUCAS \_\_\_\_\_ 'ALBERT ENTWISTLE WAS A POSTMAN. It was one of the few things everyone knew about him. And it was one of the few things he was comfortable with people knowing . . .' 64-year-old Albert Entwistle has been a postie in a quiet town in Northern England for all his life, living alone since the death of his mam 18 years ago. He keeps himself to himself. He always has. Because he has a secret. But he's just learned he'll be forced to retire at his next birthday and with no friends and nothing to look forward to, the lonely future he faces terrifies him. His only hope is going to be telling the truth. So he must learn to go after what he wants. And he must find the courage to look for the man that, many years ago, he lost - but has never forgotten . . . Join Albert as he sets out to find the long-lost love of his life, and has an unforgettable and completely life-affirming adventure on the way . . . This is a love story the likes of which you have never read before! \_\_\_\_\_ What people are LOVING about The Secret Life Of Albert Entwistle: 'A rollicking love story' IAN McKELLEN 'A total triumph. Romantic and heartbreaking and uplifting all at once.' LAURA KAY 'Tender, witty, uplifting' KATE EBERLEN 'Albert is such an endearing character - flawed, funny and awkward, but completely relatable. I wanted to give him a good shake and then a huge hug. This is a wonderfully warm story that completely drew me in' RUTH HOGAN 'Prepare to fall in love with Albert Entwistle!' S. J. WATSON 'Albert is delightful and charming, and the book is too' JONATHAN HARVEY 'Wonderful. Written with such a good heart, filled with joy and strength and optimism' RUSSELL T. DAVIES, creator of Channel 4's smash-hit It's a Sin 'Beautiful . . . You will weep and yet have your heart filled with joy' ARLENE PHILLIPS 'Albert is the most delicious character and you'll be with him every step of the way' SUN, 'Pick of the week' \*\*\*\*\* 'A heart-warming and uplifting read' Attitude As featured on THE GRAHAM NORTON RADIO SHOW, BBC Radio 4's WOMAN'S HOUR, RESONANCE FM, BBC Radio 2'S MICHAEL BALL SHOW, TalkRADIO'S BADASS WOMEN'S SHOW, TIMES RADIO with GILES COREN and many more . . .

One of today's best young American writers transforms into a work of art the darkest passage imaginable in a young woman's life: an obsessive love affair between father and daughter.

Bryan Kelly has a few rules. Rule #1: Women are for fun, not commitment. Rule #2: He'll do anything for his twin brother, even switch places with him to find out who's sabotaging his charity. But playing a really good guy isn't easy around Shay Sommers. Which brings him to . . . Rule #3: If you can't avoid temptation, succumb with abandon. Shay Sommers has always been a rule breaker. She may be a society page icon, but she'll go to any length to help the street girls served by her favorite charity. Even if it means impersonating one of them herself. The only problem is the gorgeous man who runs the safe house. "Preacher," as he insists she call him, seems less like a shepherd and much more like a wolf . . . one with a hungry look that's making Shay feel she might be his next dinner . . .

This startling early autobiography takes Dalí through his late 30s and "communicates the...total picture of himself (Dalí) sets out to portray" — Books. Superbly illustrated with over 80 photographs and scores of drawings.

Rosie Mauer is the high school librarian, lunchroom attendant and after-school detention monitor at Laurel Grove High School. She sings in the church choir and knows that even though her IQ is off the records, she blends into the world with as much flair as the wilting honeysuckle growing along the wall in her mom's garden. She figures her life will always be so bland. That is, until she is hired incognito to be the nanny for a rich man's son who is a suspect in the murder of two girls whose disappearance and deaths may

also mirror those of her aunt who vanished forty years earlier. As Rosie Mauer, she's an awkward young woman with a crush on her sister's fireman boyfriend and who can't seem to fit in with the redneck side of her daddy's family or the stuffy, rich side of her mom's. As her alter ego-beautiful and outgoing Violet Popovich, she's getting more guy attention than she can handle and finds herself digging deeper into a crime surpassing the imaginations of those around her and puts her on the trail of possible serial killer. Between her two worlds, she is running out of time as the bodies start to pile up. And it is getting more difficult to hide her secret life.

The multi-million bestselling novel about a young girl's journey towards healing and the transforming power of love, from the award-winning author of *The Invention of Wings* and *The Book of Longings* Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina--a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sister, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna. This is a remarkable novel about divine female power, a story that women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come.

A year in the life of a sloth is revealed in this stunningly illustrated nonfiction picture book, the latest in the popular *The Secret Life* series. Meet Perezoso, a brown-throated three-fingered sloth who lives in a rainforest habitat. Young readers will be fascinated as they learn all about her life -- how she searches for food, keeps herself safe from prey, and gives birth to a baby. Gorgeous realistic illustrations celebrate these intriguing creatures, and the story is filled with important facts and terms. The back matter at the conclusion of the book provides more in-depth information, a glossary, and further resources.

"One of the stories I tell myself when I am trying to fall asleep is that I have tried. I've tagged along after myself in the pages of my own modern Western, and every few years is another chapter to the story. The myth of the cowboy. I chased a dream and it kicked me in the teeth. Yet I find myself falling for it again and again." Across the rugged and beautiful landscape of the contemporary American West, Tom Groneberg paints an unsparing portrait of his flawed, funny, and sometimes triumphant efforts to become a cowboy. It is a classic tale: a young man, facing a future he doesn't want to claim, has an inspiration -- Go West. Leaving behind his friends and family, Groneberg follows his heart and heads to a resort town in the Colorado Rockies, where he earns his spurs as a wrangler leading tourists on horseback. Like an old saddle blanket, the tale unfolds, revealing the clean threads of a new story. Groneberg moves to Montana, working for wages at a number of ranches before getting a chance to become the owner of a sprawling ranch, fifteen square miles of grass and sky. In lean but passionate prose, Groneberg demystifies the image of cowboy as celluloid hero and introduces us to the tough and kindhearted men who teach him how to be a real cowboy, the woman who teaches him how to love, and their son, who teaches him how to be a man. *The Secret Life of Cowboys* is both a coming-of-age story as stunning as the land itself and a revealing look at America's last frontier.

Dahlia Greene—aka international pop superstar Cherry—is undercover as a normal high school student. She just wants to experience what real life is like, so when she overhears hottie Keegan Matthews nervously talking about liking a girl, she sees the perfect opportunity to live a real life and play a little matchmaker. What was not part of the plan was falling for a guy she can never tell the truth. Keegan Matthews has been secretly crushing on Dahlia ever since she started at his school. Sure, Dahlia thinks he's crushing on some other girl—not realizing his Dream Girl is actually her—but he figures, play along with her tips to woo someone else, let her get to know him, and then make his move. But with so many secrets in the mix, their romance is doomed from the start... Disclaimer: This *Entangled Teen Crush* book contains adult language, references to drinking and drugs, and a kiss so steamy it'll fog up your ereader. This Dahlia and Keegan story is a standalone book that is part of the larger, multi-authored *Creative HeArts Series*, which can be read out of order. If you loved Mariely and Cabot's story, you'll love the complete series set at Austin NextGen Academy, including: #1 - *Ten Things Sloane Hates About Tru* #2 - *How Willa Got Her Groove Back* #3 - *Crazy, Stupid, Fauxmance* #4 - *The Secret Life of a Dream Girl* #5 - *Falling for the Girl Next Door* #6 - *Weddings, Crushes, and Other Dramas*

projects, and an extensive bibliography. --Book Jacket.

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Draws on newly uncovered archives and the co-author's expertise in magic to reveal Houdini's secret work as a spy for the United States and England, his post-war efforts to expose the fraudulent activities of spiritualist mediums, and the plot organized by Arthur Conan Doyle to have him murdered. Reprint.

Citing a high percentage of Americans who routinely experience sleep problems or shortages, draws on a wide range of disciplines to reveal the healing benefits of sleep and argue for its prioritizing.

*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* is the beloved cult classic about family, friendship and first love, from award-winning author Benjamin Alire Sáenz. This lyrical novel will enrapture readers of John Green, *Love, Simon* and *Call Me by Your Name*. Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has a unique perspective on life. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they develop a special friendship – the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about the universe, themselves and the kind of people they want to be. This incredibly moving and powerful Printz Honor Book follows two teen boys learning to open themselves up to love, despite the world being against them. 'A tender, honest exploration of identity' – Publishers Weekly

In this non-fiction story of struggle and grief, *My Secret Life: A Memoir of Bulimia* details one teenager's battle with *Bulimia Nervosa*. After years of bullying, Leanne Waters examines the development of her illness and looks closely at the psychological foundations of this ambiguous disease. It is a first-hand account of a secret world that lurks behind closed doors in daily life. A penetrating insight into the

mentality of a Bulimic, the story follows Waters' downfall from a high-achiever with tremendous potential to a shadowed breath of her former self.

"Let yourself be seduced by this sexy mix of spies, smugglers, and happily ever afters." —Sally MacKenzie, USA Today-bestselling author of *The Merry Viscount* 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 . . . Praise for *The Seduction of Lady Phoebe* "Lady Phoebe is a heroine Georgette Heyer would adore—plucky, pretty, and well worth the devotion of the dashing Lord Marcus. A marvelous find for Regency romance readers."—Grace Burrowes, New York Times bestselling author "A passionate tale full of humor, romance, and poignancy. Quinn writes classic Regency romance at its best!"—Shana Galen, author of *If You Give a Rake a Ruby*

"Aunt Munca never told the truth about anything. Calling herself after the mouse in a Beatrix Potter story, she was already a figure of mystery during the childhood of her nephew Ferdinand Mount. Half a century later, a series of startling revelations sets him off on a tortuous quest to find out who this extraordinary millionairess really was. What he discovers is shocking and irretrievably sad, involving multiple deceptions, false identities and abandonments. The story leads us from the back streets of Sheffield at the end of the Victorian age to the highest echelons of English society between the wars. *Kiss Myself Goodbye* is both an enchanting personal memoir like the author's bestselling *Cold Cream*, and a voyage into a vanished moral world. An unconventional tale of British social history told backwards, its cryptic and unforgettable protagonist Munca joins the ranks of memorable aunts in literature, from Dickens' Betsy Trotwood to Graham Greene's Aunt Augusta."--Publisher's description.

The original CliffsNotes study guides offer expert commentary on major themes, plots, characters, literary devices, and historical background. In CliffsNotes on Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*, you explore the rural South in the Civil Rights era of the 1960s, where a young girl named Lily Owens is growing up unwanted and unloved. Escaping her home, she begins a journey of self-discovery and learns about racial prejudice. Taken in by a community of strong African-American sisters, she gains strength, knowledge, and self-forgiveness before finally confronting the injustice of the law and the wrath of her callous father. This study guide, which carefully walks you through Lily's learning to love herself living within a community of strong, independent women and to trust her own instincts and mature into a young lady who believes in herself, provides summaries and critical analyses of each chapter of the novel. You'll also explore the life and background of the author, Sue Monk Kidd. Other features that help you study include An overview of the novel A list of characters, including analyses of major characters A character map that graphically illustrates the relationships among the characters Analyses of major themes and symbols A glossary of important terms and phrases from the novel Classic literature or modern-day treasure--you'll understand it all with expert information and insight from CliffsNotes study guides.

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