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My Sister's Secret Details

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Debbie says

Wow, this book was the bomb for me. There's one big secret in this book, but there are multiple factors in that secret. And someone knows at least one of those factors but no one still left alive knows all the factors. Those factors slowly come out during the course of this book. And with each one, I thought there was no way another bomb even bigger could be dropped. I was wrong. My jaw actually dropped with the last few bombs that were told or discovered.

This was a very well written book with great characters and a truly believable story. While this was my first Tracy Buchanan book, I had actually never heard of her, but this won't be my last. I was definitely led on a fantastic journey that I will not soon forget. I HIGHLY recommend this one!!

I want to thank Harper Collins/Avon and Net Galley for providing me with this free e-galley in exchange for an honest review. It was total entertainment!

Sandy *The world could end while I was reading and I would never notice* says

I have read many books written from multiple POVs and in different time frames. Some flow seamlessly, others don't. My Sister's Secret belongs to the latter group. Sometimes it worked, but mainly it didn't.

I didn't find this read addictive, gripping or emotionally powerful. There is a twist towards the end, but not an entirely unexpected one. A mediocre 2.5 star rating is all I feel I can honestly give this book.

Thank you to NetGalley and publishers Bookouture for providing a digital ARC of My Sister's Secret in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.

Pamela says

It's amazing how one big secret can have so many little off-shoots from it. That is how this story is. Told in two POV's with two timelines, the mother and the daughter.

The characters are well written, even the supporting ones. The descriptions of the seaside villages and underwater forests made me wish I was there. I kept wondering what other secrets were going to be unearthed as the story progressed. I have to say that I did not see the "Big One" coming.

This book is packed with family drama, love, struggles and forgiveness. A very enjoyable read for me.

Thank you to the publisher and Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

Jules says

My Sister's Secret is a character led family saga drama about family, memories, secrets and tragedy.

Emotional in places, but I didn't completely fall in love with this story or the characters, hence giving it 3 stars, rather than 4.

Susanne Strong says

Thank you to Netgalley and Bookouture for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

My Sister's Secret is a well written novel, with likeable characters. This book is more of a "beach read" than anything else. It is a story about two generations of a family, 3 sisters, Faith, Hope and Charity and Charity's daughter, Willow. The novel switches between past and present day time lines narrated by both Charity and Willow.

When Hope and Charity are young, a tragic accident befalls Faith and she passes away - which haunts the family forever. Charity's entire path thereafter is guided by this one event and a secret she keeps based upon it. Another accident occurs, leaving Willow an orphan, to be raised by her Aunt Hope, who keeps her sister Charity's secrets to protect those she loves most, specifically Willow. An adult Willow, goes searching for answers and will stop at nothing until she finds them. In doing so, Willow unearths, the biggest secret of (one which was not even remotely predictable).

The big "secret" was quite surprising and the characters were likable but that the romances in the story didn't sweep me away and I didn't find them even remotely plausible. In addition, I felt as though the initial secret kept by Charity would have been uncovered by proper police investigation and forensics and thus was not feasible. That said, I believe that this novel fits in the "summer read" category and was an easy enjoyable read.

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Published on Goodreads, Amazon and NetGalley.

Anna says

Three sisters, four decades, many secrets.

I really enjoyed this, but won't do a review as it's one of those books where it's best you know as little as possible about it before you read it and discover it for yourself.

Beautifully written, characters you care about, clever twists. Recommended.

Elaine says

If you are looking for a summer holiday read then you can't really go far wrong this one. It is one of those reads where it is best not to know anything about the plot before you start and just let this story gently unwind around you. In fact it is very hard to review it without mentioning the story but I really don't want to spoil it for anyone else. All I will say is that it is a story about sisters and the secrets they keep from each other and about each other and features a daughter following in her mother's footsteps and revealing the skeletons in the family cupboard along the way. It is full of romance and heartbreak, lies, treachery and

secrets that are revealed slowly throughout the book. In fact the secrets just keep on coming with this read with the final ones not revealed right until the very end.

I really enjoyed reading about the characters. Told in two time frames and from different viewpoints, I was completely absorbed in each one when I was reading – completely forgetting about the other for a short while. I found myself thinking about them at odd times when I was away from the book. At the start of the review I said it would make a good summer read, and it would, especially if you are looking for a good read with a lot of romance in it, with a storyline that is a little bit meatier than a lot of recommended summer holiday reads and which twists and turns and meanders along. Many thanks to the publisher for the review copy.

Kim says

Willow enjoys diving and looking at submerged forest sites. They sound absolutely fascinating. She's invited to a photographic exhibition and wonders who the photographer is and why she's been invited.

She lost her parents when she was young on the maiden voyage of a cruise liner that her dad owned. When she gets the chance to dive down to the liner she can't resist. Her mum's handbag is found. Does it unearth a secret? Her aunt Hope, isn't keen to talk about the past.

I loved the characters and wondered what secrets were going to be unearthed throughout the book. We go back in time and to the present day- following Willow's life and her mother's. I loved Tracy's writing style and already can't wait to read more.

It was a real page turner, thrilling settings and very interesting characters. I'd highly recommend this one as a summer read.

With many thanks to the publisher and Net Galley for the chance to read this great book.

CL says

This was a great story and a real page turner. I could not put it down. This is my first book by Tracy Buchanan but I will definitely read more of her works. Willow was orphaned when she lost her parents when the cruise ship they were on went down. Now she has the chance to dive the actual ship where she lost her parents and she hopes to find answers to questions her aunt Hope will not answer. This is a great read and I would like to thank the Publisher and Net Galley for the chance to read this ARC.

The Reading's Love Blog says

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La storia potrebbe non essere nuova: è una storia di due generazioni di donne, di tre sorelle con i loro segreti e una giovane donna Willow, figlia di una delle tre che intraprende una missione per scoprire di più sul

passato di sua madre. Nonostante sembri racchiudere a primo impatto una storia piuttosto semplice, ammetto che non lo è: la Buchanan aggiunge dei particolari molto interessanti e piuttosto insoliti intorno ai quali gira l'intera storia. La storia è raccontata in due intervalli di tempo, attraverso gli occhi di Willow nel presente e nel passato dagli occhi di Charity, madre di Willow. E' una storia che racchiude i segreti di tre sorelle legate da un filo invisibile che attraversa il passato e il presente, una storia di verità negate, di divisioni e di unioni, di un amore unico e potente oltre i confini dell'immaginabile. Andando avanti e indietro nel tempo, scopriamo di più su Willow, una giovane donna che lavora come sub, e sulle tre sorelle (una delle quali è la madre scomparsa di Willow) e sul mistero della morte di uno dei loro membri di famiglia. Tenendo presente che l'autrice è un giornalista, non ho avuto dubbi sulla sua bravura nel creare ambienti bellissimi ed affascinanti, viaggiando in diversi paesi e persino continenti. Ne *La sorella segreta* vediamo posti incredibili e mozzafiato, molte foreste meravigliose realmente esistenti di cui ignoro l'esistenza. Fin quando non ho cercato su Internet non ho avuto davvero idea che posti come quelli descritti nella storia esistono realmente e leggerli mi ha fatto sentire come se fossi io stessa la protagonista di questa grande avventura. I personaggi sono piuttosto diversi, ognuno possiede la propria personalità e i propri segreti che hanno nascosto per lunghi anni. Tutti i personaggi hanno i loro difetti ed è proprio per questo che sono perfetti nelle loro imperfezioni. Non cercano di essere amati e di impressionare il lettore, ma sono semplicemente se stessi. Nel complesso, la storia si rivela molto avvincente dalla penna di una scrittrice di talento. Uno degli aspetti migliori di questo libro è la profondità che l'autrice è stata in grado di imprimere a questi personaggi. Ci sono stati alcuni momenti carichi di emozione; mi sono ritrovata a vivere con i personaggi i momenti felici e a condividere il loro dolore nei momenti bui.

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Holly says

*4.5 stars

Oh, the lies we tell each other in order to protect the ones we love. This book kept me on the edge of my seat! Told through two pov's, it was very well transitioned throughout the novel. The whole story was well written, that I didn't see any of the "secrets" coming. Great cast of characters, the story flowed, descriptions of diving & submerged forests were beautiful, and the ending punched a wallop of a surprise! I will definitely look out for more novels by Tracy Buchanan.

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Carol Hislop says

One star for introducing me to submerged forests-I would like to find out more about them. Another star for a bit of a surprise ending. I think I am being generous though. Terrible dialogue and ridiculous story. The last chapter was far too long and I skimmed through the last few pages because the story was a predictable tying up of loose ends by that point.

Chelsea Humphrey says

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4 STARS

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***I'll be including genres other than just MYSTERY/THRILLER/SUSPENSE on this blog; excited to expand my reviews and hope you join me for these new ones as well!**

This was one gorgeously written story. The blurb above does a great job summarizing and giving you just enough to go on without spoiling all the good stuff. There are multiple POVs as we jump around to piece together what Willow discovers of her parents, but its also a story of the three siblings and their loss of one which causes a tragic divide between the remaining two. The story includes a good bit of Willow traveling the world as she begins to form a tale of deep emotions.

I think one of the best aspects of this book is the depth and connection the author was able to create with these characters. By the end of this book, I felt like I had become attached to this makeshift family and their dysfunctions felt as if they were my own. There were a few sections I felt were a bit padded and could have been slimmed down a bit, but it still was an extremely compelling read that caused me to want to pick it up at all hours. Loads of emotion in this one, but it wasn't all sad. I found myself rejoicing with our characters during happy moments and sharing in their sorrow, especially during the struggles with the three siblings. The main theme I took from this book was how secrets, big and small, can rip apart generations of a family and cause more heartache for others than we realize in the midst of our immediate actions. This is a FANTASTIC read for the summer; I can particularly see this being a big hit at the beach. I look forward to more from this author and would recommend for fans of Diane Chamberlain and Carla Buckley; this totally had the "domestic fiction with a tinge of suspense" thing going for it.

***Many thanks to Bookouture via NetGalley for providing my copy of this new to the US release in exchange for an honest review.**

Liz Barnsley says

My Sister's Secret is a really clever, beautifully written family drama come mystery story with some

characters I fell in love with and is an utterly absorbing read.

So we are set over several timelines as Willow starts to discover things about her parents that she never knew. Meanwhile this is also the story of 3 siblings, the loss of one which devastates the other two and sets off a tidal wave of emotional fallout.

There is something utterly compelling about this one, highly engaging with some well developed characters that you really do get involved with. Willow, desperate to get answers, travels the world in search of them. Hope, who keeps her family's skeletons buried deep in the closet is an absolutely fascinating character. Charity and Faith, the other two sisters equally fascinating for entirely different reasons - the whole story unfolds with perfect pace and a sharp eye for the little details that make a book so readable.

I loved the diving/submerged forests aspect, made me go google mad, added to that there is an artistic vibe to the narrative that just really holds you in that place and time while you are on the journey.

Overall a really great read and one that comes highly recommended from me.

Happy Reading Folks!

Sarah says

My Sister's Secret is told through Charity and her daughter Willow. Charity's chapters are in the past where as Willow's are in present day.

Willow lost her parents at a young age and had been brought up by her aunt Hope. I couldn't imagine losing one parent at such a young age, never mind losing both. Even though she has had a relatively happy childhood she does seem to have some resentment to her aunt who seems to be reluctant to talk about Charity and her past.

The majority of chapters to do with Charity are prior to her having Willow and gives us more insight into her relationship and her relationship with two men who are play very big parts in her life.

This is very much a story that needs to be inhaled slowly. Even though there are shocks and surprises in store, it is told at a gentle pace which draws you in and consumes you. I was desperate for answers like Willow but I savoured every minute until the author was ready to share them with us.

My Sister's Secret is very much one of family secrets and searching for the truth. It held me captive throughout and I really enjoyed this slower paced thriller. Definitely well worth the read.
