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The Secret Life Of Bees



Synopsis

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*. 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 sisters, 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. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

A wonderful read. This story keeps you turning pages as the need to see what makes these characters tick becomes all important.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who lives to read. If you liked "The Help" you will enjoy this book.

An emotional and heartwarming journey into forgiveness, awakening, faith and the communion of like minded souls. Loved it very much and highly recommend.

Purchased for my daughter to read during the summer for her Freshman's Honor's English class and she LOVED it!

I liked this book. And there is room for a sequel. I would read it if it ever is written

I greatly enjoyed the language of the book and the meaningful life lessons. I didn't like it very much at the beginning, feeling like the author was simply expecting us to pity her character, but after time, I learned to love Lily Melissa Owens. There are many sections in this book which I have highlighted, for their language, for their meaningfulness. This is the first book I have ever had for summer reading, and it is most certainly going to be the book I liked best for any other summer reading in the future.

My daughter needed this book for school. Apparently so did hundreds of other students. So when we went to our local Barnes and Noble bookstore, they were out and backordered for several months. It was then that I thought of getting the Kindle version. What a cinch! My daughter was able to start reading that night while her classmates waited and waited!

This is a coming of age novel simply written in the young voice of Lily and interpreted by the bees. Lily runs away from her cruel father. She busts her negro housekeeper out of jail to accompany her. Set in the Deep South it is lyrically written with details of the terrible poverty and prejudices there. Lily sets off on her journey with little more than a photograph and the name of a town on a label. She is haunted by her mother's absence. She discovers the label belongs to a brand of honey. she is taken in by August the beekeeper whose wisdom protects her as she works out what to do. This novel is a great easy read for a holiday.

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