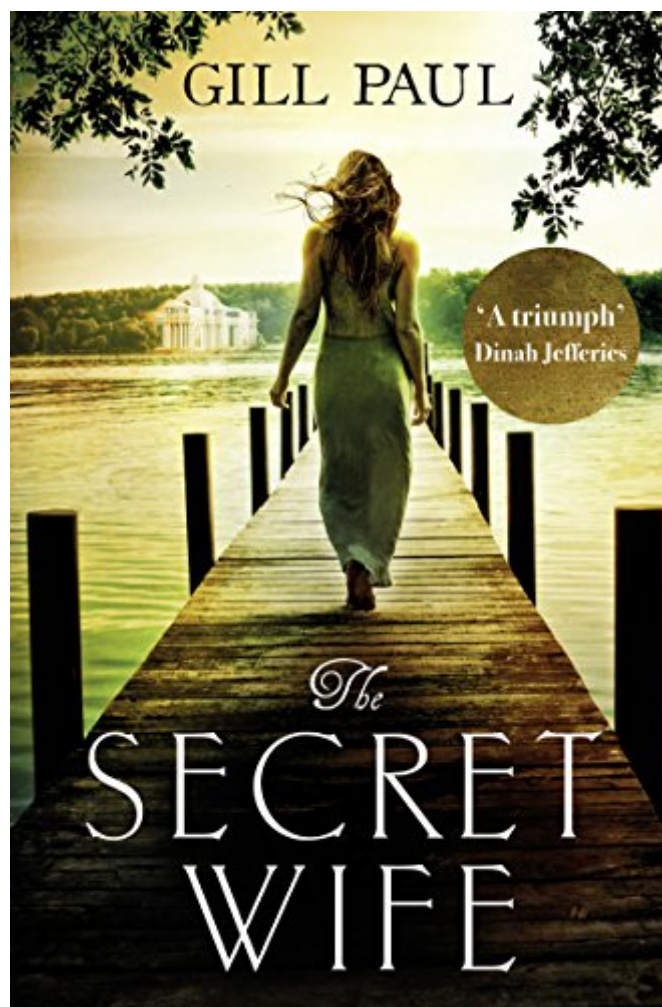


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The Secret Wife: An Epic Romanov Love Story



Synopsis

“A cleverly crafted novel and an enthralling story | A triumph.” DINAH JEFFERIESA Russian grand duchess and an English journalist. Linked by one of the world’s greatest mysteries . . . Love. Guilt. Heartbreak.1914Russia is on the brink of collapse, and the Romanov family faces a terrifyingly uncertain future. Grand Duchess Tatiana has fallen in love with cavalry officer Dmitri, but events take a catastrophic turn, placing their romance “ and their lives “ in danger . . .2016Kitty Fisher escapes to her great-grandfather’s remote cabin in America, after a devastating revelation makes her flee London. There, on the shores of Lake Akanabee, she discovers the spectacular jewelled pendant that will lead her to a long-buried family secret . . .Haunting, moving and beautifully written, The Secret Wife effortlessly crosses centuries, as past merges with present in an unforgettable story of love, loss and resilience.Perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Dinah Jefferies.

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The story of the fate of the Russian royal family in the early 20th Century is well known, they were

butchered by the Bolsheviks after they were transported from pillar to post during World War I. Whilst war raged, Revolution at home was building. The conspiracy theory persisted that there were indeed survivors of the mass execution, people came forward who later in the 20th century claimed to be Tatiana or Anastasia or Olga – the Romanov children who had somehow survived the massacre. And it is with this tiny percentage of doubt about the fate of the children that Gill weaves a credible and gripping story. Gill was alerted to a snippet on TV about a mooted relationship between Tatiana, one of the daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra, Tsar and Tsarina of Russia, and a cavalry officer and this serves as the foundation for a gripping time slip story. The Romanovs were the glittering family who were at the height of power as World War I started. Their glamour and wealth were beyond comprehension, they were synonymous with sparkling jewels, opulence and of course Fabergé eggs. As the war took its toll, however, the disparity between their wealth and ruthless rule, and the poverty of the populace lay at the heart of the burgeoning revolution. Cavalry officer Dimitri Yakovlevich Malama and Grand Duchess Tatiana forge a close friendship after she nurses him in a makeshift war hospital. novel set in Russia The world as they know it is unravelling around them. War takes him to several fronts, yet they maintain a close and chaste connection and on the eve of yet another departure, they marry in secret. This gives him the strength to withstand the terrors and onslaughts he is about to face at the front.

The Secret Wife by Gill Paul My rating: 5 of 5 stars The Secret Wife.... I feel emotionally drained, having been taken on a journey between the past and present day, as we join Kitty, a journalist, who leaves London and her husband, devastated, on learning of his affair. She takes refuge in an old cabin on the edge of Lake Akanakee in America, which she has inherited from her great-grandfather, as she throws herself into cleaning the cabin, which after years of neglect, it is now in a pretty bad state. The cabin holds a great secret, one which will make her question everything she believes in. Russia 1914, a country going through an unsettling period as a revolt against the Romanov family will change the course of history, Grand Duchess Tatiana meets Dimitri, a cavalry officer as he lay injured in the infirmary, they fall in love only to be separated through tragic events. I was swept along on a tide of emotion as the characters came to life, watching as the past emerges with Kitty's unfolding future. I could imagine the magnificent palace's, breathtaking to the eye, the beautiful clothes taken for granted, then the sheer horror at being imprisoned and what must lay ahead for them. This is just so heart wrenching to read at times, but also a testament to the power of love and the strength of the human spirit, so beautifully described you can almost believe this to be a very plausible version of events!

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