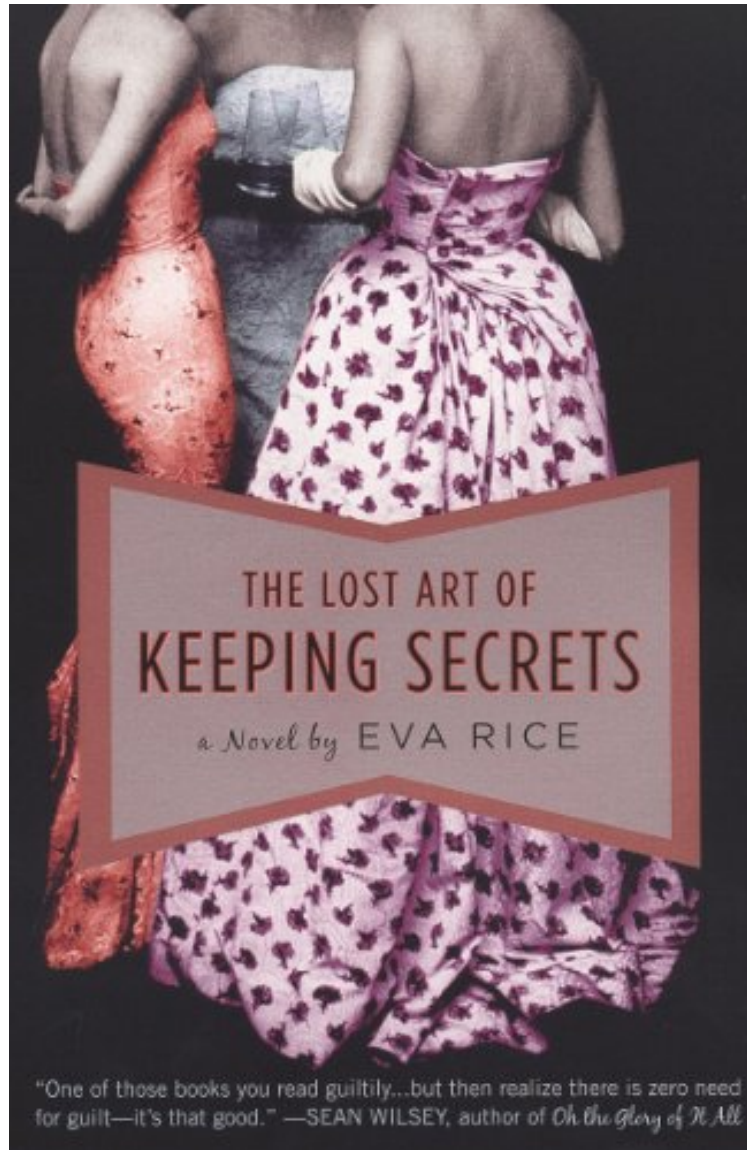


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wunderschne, romantisch- verspielte GeschichteVon MiriamEin fantastisches Buch, das in das romantische London der 50er Jahre und das Leben der 18jhrigen Penelope fhrt, ein etwas unentschlossenes, schchternes junges Mdchen, dessen Leben durch eine zufllig Begegnung auf dne Kopf gestellt wird. Es ist sehr wunderschn geschrieben, ganz

ungewungen und doch elegant, und die Geschichte, die keinesfalls oberflächlich ist, bringt einen richtig zum Lachen und Schmunzeln und Mitfiebern und Träumen. Einfach wunderbar! 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very charming, very british Von Reading Woman Die Hauptpersonen sind zwei Freundinnen: Penelope und Charlotte (beide sind 18 und beide stammen aus dem verrmten "upper-class"). Die Handlung luft in London und deren Umgebung in 1954-1955. Es geht um die Liebe, um die Freundschaft, um die Trume in der Nachkriegszeit, um die Pop-Musik dieser Zeit, um Erwachsenwerden in dieser Zeit. Es ist ein wunderbares Gute-Laune-Buch.

Kurzbeschreibung "Rice's remarkable gift for creating singular characters in this memorable story underscores her presence as a fresh new voice in fiction." Publishers Weekly Set in 1950s London, *The Lost Art of Keeping Secrets* centers around Penelope, the wide-eyed daughter of a legendary beauty, Talitha, who lost her husband to the war. Penelope, with her mother and brother, struggles to maintain their vast and crumbling ancestral homewhile postwar London spins toward the next decades cultural revolution. Penelope wants nothing more than to fall in love, and when her new best friend, Charlotte, a free spirit in the young society set, drags Penelope into London with all of its grand parties, she sets in motion great change for them all. Charlottes mysterious and attractive brother Harry uses Penelope to make his American ex-girlfriend jealous, with unforeseen consequences, and a dashing, wealthy American movie producer arrives with what might be the key to Penelopesand her familysfuture happiness. Vibrant, witty, and filled with vivid historical detail, this is an utterly unique debut novel about a time and place just slipping into history. From Publishers Weekly An impulsive taxi ride with a stranger in 1950s London indelibly changes Penelope Wallace's life in Rice's sparkling debut. At 18, Penelope lives with her younger brother, Inigo, and her terribly glamorous, young widowed mother in a drafty, rundown, English estate house in the countryside. With the loss of the man of the house, financial pressures mount, threatening sheltered Penelope's family manseand what's left of her family's place in society. She finds a kindred spirit in the outspoken posh Londoner, Charlotte Ferris, who has a "great gift for circumnavigating normal behavior," when they both reveal their passion for American singing sensation Johnnie Ray. After agreeing to accompany Charlotte's aspiring magician cousin, Harry Delancy, to his former girlfriend's engagement party to make her jealous, Penelope begins her journey through a world of smart parties, fashionable teas and simmering romance. With lan and insight into human foibles (and postwar Anglo-British relations), Rice, daughter of lyricist Tim Rice, ties the Wallace and Delancy families together with a surprising, bittersweet plot twist. Rice's remarkable gift for creating singular characters in this memorable story underscores her presence as a fresh new voice in fiction. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From School Library Journal Adult/High School Rice's third novel cannot quite make up its mind whether it is a true coming-of-age story or a comedy of manners. The story centers on the friendship between Penelope and Charlotte, two teens in post-World War II England. Penelope lives in a crumbling mansion with her mother and her rock-and-roll-loving brother, Inigo. Charlotte and her cousin, Harry, quickly draw the pair into the London social scene. When Penelope reluctantly agrees to pose as Harry's girlfriend to make the American socialite who broke his heart jealous, it comes as no surprise that the two end up developing real feelings for one another. The rise of the rock-and-roll era serves as a backdrop to the romantic goings-on, and readers get a thorough education in Elvis Presley precursor Johnnie Ray. The champagne flows freely. This glimpse into the high society of a bygone era is charming and witty enough to gain a following among lovers of British literature. Kim Dare, Chantilly Regional Library, Fairfax County, VA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.