

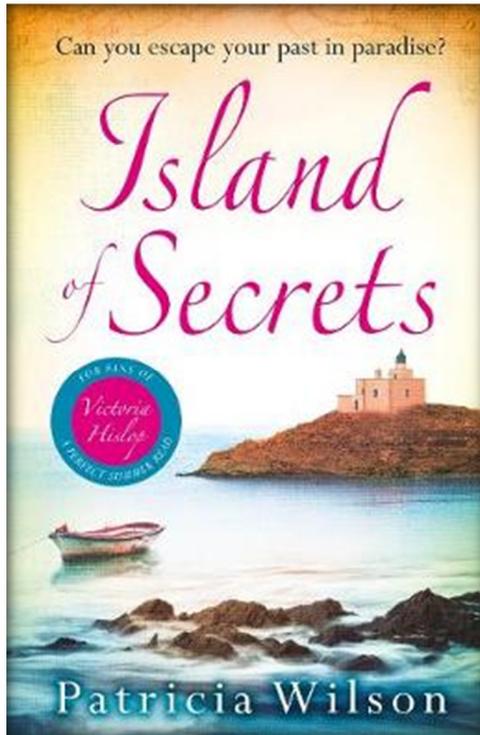


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LoveReading Reader reviews of **Island of Secrets** by Patricia Wilson

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.



Edel Waugh

This is the epic story of one family's history, told in the past during war time and flipping back and forth to present day. It is about a woman named Poppy and her daughter Angie, the story begins when Londoner Angie starts to plan her wedding, it sets her on a quest to get answers about her mother's mysterious family back home in Crete and the circumstances surrounding their absence from their lives. This takes Angie across oceans and many decades of time in search of the truth about what really happened with her mother and family and why they have not seen each other in so long. The story is uplifting and tearjerking, there was many times throughout the book when I was left with a

*lump in my throat. These characters are written so well that they completely envelope you and you forget they are characters in a book and not real life actual people. **I loved every page of this beautiful book.** This is a must read for anyone who enjoys stories about families with long buried secrets.*

Angie Rhodes

'September the fourteenth, at about six in the morning, is where my story begins' Angie's grandmother Maria tells her, and what a story it is.

Thirty seven year old Angie has always been intrigued by her family's past and now that she's getting married she wants to know more...

Feeling that the answers she wants are not going to come from her mum, Poppy, she sets off to visit her grandmother, but what she finds are more than

just secrets, it is a story of courage horror and love.

'Island of Secrets' is a wonderful summer read, one that will whisk you away, one to read in the garden, with just the birds for company. Perfect!

Phyllippa Smithson

For lovers of 'The Island' by Victoria Hislop this is a must but I found it somewhat lightweight and unrewarding.

37 year old Angie adores her mother, Poppy and never knew her Father. What drove her mother to abandon the place of her birth, Crete, and to push her Father away is at the heart of this story.

In seeking out the truth, Angie leaves London and her Mother for Crete. She has never visited Crete, has she ever met her wider family and nor has she told her mother of the real reason for her trip. All she knows is that there is a conflict and one so far reaching that she fears the family she is seeking to get answers may well reject her.

What I felt was weak about the 'Island of Secrets' was the journey to find the truth did not stimulate my interest because it was too formulaic and to an extent predictable. It was good from building the depth of family passion and loyalty so associated with the Greeks. It really captured the smells, tastes and sounds of modern and 1940-60s Greece.

Definitely recommended if you are looking for a summer holiday read but I prefer something more challenging.

Ray Orgill

*This story shows the depths of depravity to which the Nazis sank when they invaded Greece as part of their world domination plan during the Second World War. Specifically sited in Crete it also demonstrates the bravery of the Greek nation. It also shows just how desperate some of the womenfolk became in their efforts to keep their children out of the German hands. **A shocking book in many ways.***

Maz Tucker

Perfect summer read. A really good Family saga that will have you

gripped from start to finish.

I really enjoyed this book. It had a lot of history in regarding Crete's history in World War II, as a history buff, it was most interesting. I can't say how much was changed by the author and how much was true. The family story that run through the whole book, was really well written, jumping from the past to the present. I never got confused, just eager to read the next chapter as I kept wanting to know what was going to happen next. As I neared the end, I was cheering the main characters on.