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Book Review by Amanda

The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth



Fern and Rose are twins, not identical, as different as two people can be. Fern is fair, slender, and tall, while Rose is a shorter, plump child, with darker hair. Eventually, Rose was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes while Fern struggles with sensory processing disorder. Rose had been the more outgoing child while Fern had and still does shrink from noises, light, smells, and all the things that bombard her senses. Rose is Fern's protector, and this protection continues into their late twenties, even as Rose marries and Fern lives in a small apartment near Rose.

Rose is an interior designer, and Fern is a librarian, a job that Fern loves as much as she loves her never-changing routine. I love Fern, with her colorful clothes, shoes, skirts, and overalls. She is great with both children and the elderly. Fern loves her job at the library, but DO NOT ask her to help you with the printer or photocopies because she'll pretend she didn't hear you or pretend she hears someone calling her. And Fern will discard your food if it's too stinky...

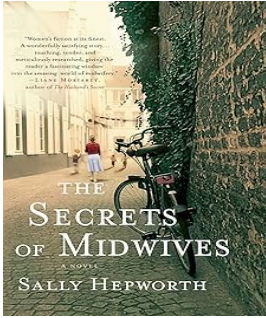
Rose's diary tells us that Rose and Fern had a painful upbringing, via a cruel, mood-changing mother, a mother who always favored Fern over Rose. When Rose and Fern were twelve, Fern did something very, very bad, and Rose helped make up a story so that what Fern did wouldn't be discovered. This bad thing is what reminds Fern that she can never really be on her own, that she'll always need Rose to look after her and fix her mistakes.

But things in the past might not be as they seemed, and things in the present might not be as they seem. One of these women wants something so badly that she'll do anything to get it.

I highly recommend this book!! The book flows well and you will love and hate the characters!!

Technical Assistance provided by appointment only Tuesday-Friday 1:30-4:00 PM

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!



Title: *The Secrets of Midwives*

Author: Sally Hepworth

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
@ 2 p.m.

Three generations of women.
Secrets in the present and from the past.
A captivating tale of life, loss, and love...

Neva Bradley, a third-generation midwife, is determined to keep the details surrounding her own pregnancy—including the identity of the baby's father—hidden from her family and co-workers for as long as possible. Her mother, Grace, finds it impossible to let this secret rest. The more Grace prods, the tighter Neva holds to her story, and the more the lifelong differences between private, quiet Neva and open, gregarious Grace strain their relationship.

For Floss, Neva's grandmother and a retired midwife, Neva's situation thrusts her back sixty years in time to a secret that eerily mirrors her granddaughter's—one which, if revealed, will have life-changing consequences for them all. As Neva's pregnancy progresses and speculation makes it harder and harder to conceal the truth, Floss wonders if hiding her own truth is ultimately more harmful than telling it. Will these women reveal their secrets and deal with the inevitable consequences? Or are some secrets best kept hidden?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates are subject to change:

- MAY 6-BOOK LOVERS LUNCH @ 12 PM
- MAY 7-PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @ 11 AM
- MAY 8-LET'S DISCUSS BOOK CLUB @ 2 PM
- MAY 12-GARDEN CLUB, FAIRY GARDEN @ 4
- MAY 14-PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @ 11 AM
- MAY 15-LIBRARY CLOSED
- MAY 17-SATURDAY STORYTIME @ 11
- MAY 21-PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @ 11 AM
- MAY 26-LIBRARY CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY
- MAY 28-PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @ 11 AM

GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting will be Monday,
May 12, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

We will be making fairy gardens.
There will be a \$ 20.00 fee to help
the library offset the cost of pur-
chasing the materials needed.

Please RSVP no later than May 7,
2025

Call 989-345-2235

****Saturday Storytime****

Join us at the Library

Saturday, May 17, 2025

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.