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This is an ACE of ASIN:B005A74400 Katheryn's Secret

Interweaving elements of mystery and suspense with a message of hope, Linda Hall's seventh novel brings healing to those wounded by legalism in the church. In *Katheryn's Secret*, mystery writer Sharon Colebrook finds herself the unexpected recipient of her deceased Aunt Katie's journals-and hopes to learn about a murder Katie had hinted at years before. But as Sharon and her husband, Jeff, begin to investigate, the carefully kept facade of her strict religious family begins to crumble. Secrets, long buried, begin to surface-and only God's grace can put this family back together again.

### About the Author:

Linda Hall is the author of seven novels and six nonfiction books, including *Margaret's Peace*, *Island of Refuge* and *Katheryn's Secret*. A graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Linda has worked as a journalist and a creative-writing instructor. She and her husband, Rik, live in Fredericton, New Brunswick. They have two grown children.

## Katheryn's Secret Details

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## Nadine says

Linda Hall had a unique way of presenting her story. The mystery kind of sneaked up on me, and then suddenly it was all there and began to be solved in bits and pieces.

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## Kim says

Was a good book. While investigating a long-unsolved murder, mystery writer Sharon Colebrook and her husband Jeff, find unexpected secrets, startling revelations, and dangerous truth within their own family tree.

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## Penny Evenson says

Mystery writer Sharon Colebrook finds herself the unexpected recipient of her deceased Aunt Katie's papers, and hopes to learn about a murder Katie had hinted at years before. But as Sharon and her husband Jeff head from the west coast of Canada to the east coast of Maine to begin to investigate, the carefully kept facade of her strict religious family begins to crumble. Secrets, long buried, begin to surface, and only God's grace can put this family back together again.

Great mystery plot and an amazing ending! I want to read more of her books!

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## Eric Wright says

The main character in this book, Sharon, a successful author from Vancouver, seems to reflect the career and hopes of the book's author. Sharon Sullivan Colebrook is offered a chance to have her Summer Whitney series chosen to become a TV program. She is being pressured to produce another in the series by a certain date. At this juncture she receives word of an inheritance that will plunge her into a real world mystery. She leaves Vancouver with her husband, a news editor, to travel to Maine to help settle the estate she and her brother have inherited. Her brother's whereabouts are unknown. Did he commit suicide? The law firm searches to find him.

Meanwhile Sharon and her husband move into the inheritance, an old house on the coast that she remembers from her childhood. Her memories are not altogether happy. Her stern grandparents and their daughters lived there and attended a strict local church. One aunt was stern and cold, the other eccentric and artistic, a teller of tales, including stories of murder.

The house and family hide many mysteries. Is the house haunted? Are there skeletons in the family closet? Who was murdered? Sharon Colebrook and her husband try to make sense of the characters they meet in this this mysterious world of whisper and religious legalism Their wandering daughter arrives with her strange ways further complicating the story. Sharon's father seems lost in a world of his own, a world of meteorology. The maid is skittish and filled with superstition.

Although I felt the story started slowly, I become engrossed in the mysteries. The ending was quite unexpected and satisfying. This is one of Linda Hall's better novels.

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### **Barbara Derksen says**

I loved the mystery of a murder committed long ago that is uncovered in Kathryn's Secret and it's continuing affects on the people involved. Secrets keep people in bondage and it's wonderful to see how, once the secret is revealed, how people change. Good job, Linda.

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### **Mallory says**

I thought this was okay book. It's about Sharon, a successful mystery author, a woman who had no close relationship with her family except for her Aunt Katie. When Katie dies and Sharon inherits Kaite's house. She wants to write a biography of Kaite's life. While researching her life she finds truth to some of her stories, even the one about a murder on the beach next to her house, and an aunt that died at age 17 and then was never metioned again. It's a good book about finding those relationships with your family again.

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### **Sheila says**

Mix of suspense and mystery Sharon ends up with her aunts home that has a ghost that haunts her until with the help of long lost friends help her uncover. Good book.

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### **Maid4life says**

One of my favorites so far from this author!

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### **Heather says**

Sadly, I didn't enjoy this nearly as well as I hoped. Linda Hall certainly has a fine writing style, but I didn't connect with the characters; they just seemed whiny for most of the book, but the whininess never paid off. I also found a few of plot/character developments felt unfinished at the end of the book. I guess I've been spoiled with other great writers I've read recently. So, overall, I found the story underdeveloped and the emotions did not ring true to me.

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### **Diana says**

The main character, Sharon Colebrook, is an author of a successful mystery book series. Her Aunt Katie dies

and leaves her and her estranged brother the cottage in Maine. Sharon and her husband, Jeff, travel to Maine to settle the estate. As Sharon reads through Katie's papers, she realizes she wants to write a biographical novel about her aunt's colourful life. As they delve into the family history, they unearth family secrets which have long been buried. Ghosts, shame, pride, murder, and misunderstandings are uncovered. It is an interesting book which kept me turning the pages to see what happened next. The author lives in Fredericton.

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### **Lynne says**

#### **Good book**

This was a good book, but the first two were better I think, and I missed the main character from the other two, where were they in all this.

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### **Krista says**

A skeleton or twelve have been uncovered in a beach house left to a niece of a storytelling spinster. Sharon has to sift through memories or stories to find one real one about a murder, then try to solve it years later.

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### **Jeanette says**

Another book that takes place at a beach. Really enjoyed it. Lots of mystery.

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### **Crystal Hunter says**

Well-written, with enough suspense to carry the reader through to the very end. Interesting characters.

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### **Melissa says**

This is a story first and foremost about keeping up appearances, trying to be good or look good to the church and others. I struggle with this, so the story hits close to home. Motives are key, and this book goes into that. The mystery starts slowly, and grows in intensity and interest, leading this way and that. It is not that action-packed, as are some mysteries, but there is a depth of writing skill, smells and pictures coming alive, moods that you feel along with the characters. Though I somewhat disagree with the book's message that rules are bad, I do agree there should be much grace and care with people, and the how and why of things. We cannot earn salvation, for sure, as the author subtly points out. She seems to go beyond it a bit and say Christians shouldn't concern themselves about much of anything, such as what music to listen to, etc., so I had mixed feelings about that. Overall a pretty good read with more meat than some novels I've read.

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