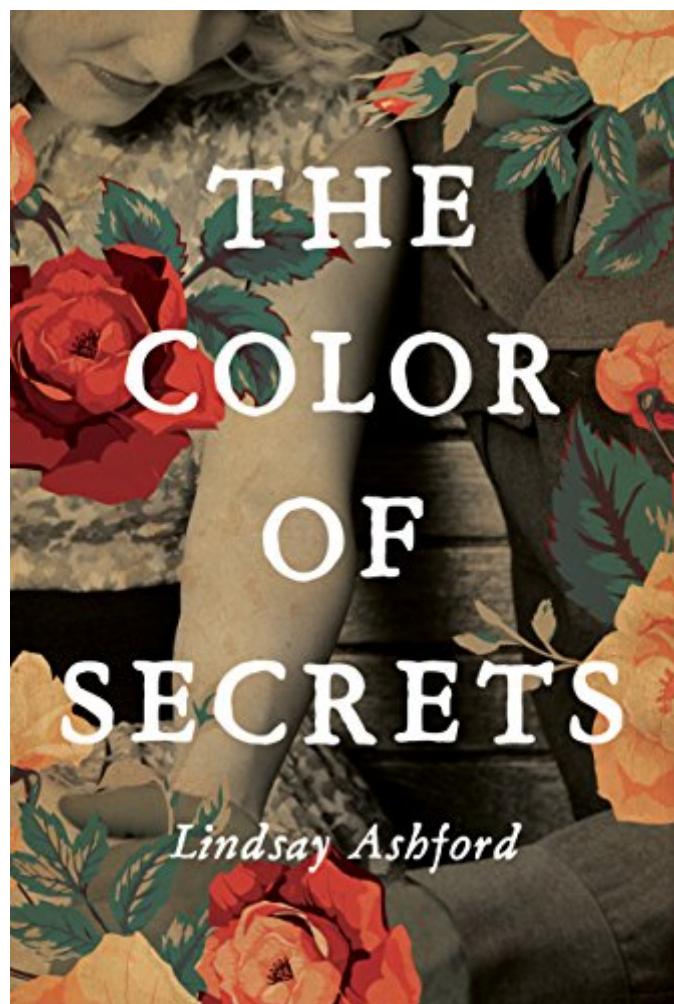


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I won this book in a goodreads giveaway. I thought it sounded interesting when I saw the summary about the book when I entered the giveaway and I thought it sounded like it would be quite good. It wasn't- it was fantastic. It is set from 1943 up until 1978 and is very well constructed. It passes logically through time, never flitting backwards and forwards, so it's really easy to get into and follow

the story. It begins with Eva's story, her husband is missing in action and she doesn't know if he is dead or alive. The book is based on fact-the author has interviewed many people and used their experiences as a basis and created a fictionalised account. I loved it, the book really set my emotions going. The characters felt very 'real' and believable, for example Eva is not some slim supermodel type-she still hasn't lost her baby weight and, due to rationing, hasn't much of a choice of clothes when going to a dance and so she has to wear an old one which she can't fasten up properly at the back and has to get all hot and bothered as she has to keep her jacket on to hide all this. So really realistic and you get to feel for the characters. The book started off beautifully and right from the beginning it was so easy to 'get into' and picture the events. Obviously very well researched, eg. films and other details mentioned I did check and they were all accurate to that time. I wasn't sure about the 'crocodiles' bit in the title-I had hoped it didn't turn out to be something silly but it is explained later in the book and makes perfect sense. I became totally involved in the book, it had lovely moments, sad, shocking and surprising moments. It was totally unpredictable. Very moving-one of those books you remember long after reading that really touches you.

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