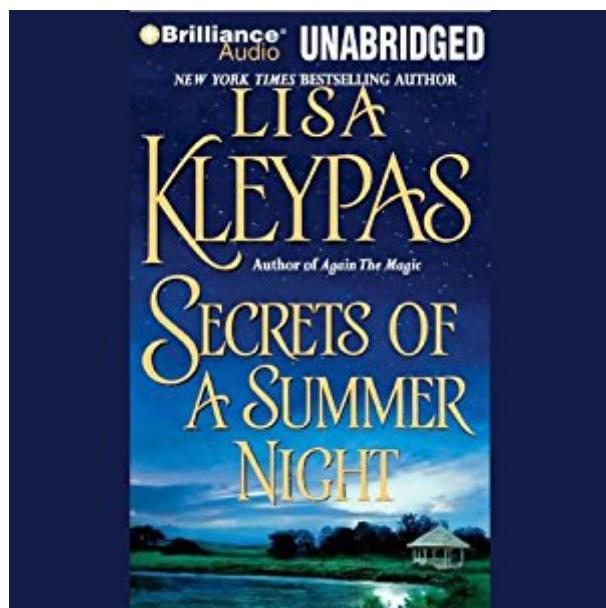


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# Secrets Of A Summer Night: The Wallflowers, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Four young ladies enter London society with one common goal: they must use their feminine wit and wiles to find a husband. So a daring husband-hunting scheme is born. Annabelle Peyton, determined to save her family from disaster, decides to use her beauty and wit to tempt a suitable nobleman into making an offer of marriage. But Annabelle's most intriguing - and persistent - admirer, wealthy, powerful Simon Hunt, has made it clear that while he will introduce her to irresistible pleasure, he will not offer marriage. Annabelle is determined to resist his unthinkable proposition...but it is impossible in the face of such skillful seduction. Her friends, looking to help, conspire to entice a more suitable gentleman to offer for Annabelle, for only then will she be safe from Simon - and her own longings. But on one summer night, Annabelle succumbs to Simon's passionate embrace and tempting kisses...and she discovers that love is the most dangerous game of all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I love regency romances! I've read a few of this author's books and liked them. This book was no exception. The premise was mildly intriguing - young, penniless debutante falls in love with rich tradesman who wants to make her his mistress. The heroine, Miss Annabelle Peyton, was compelling - beautiful and smart, if sometimes a bit ruthless. The hero, Simon Hunt, was also compelling - handsome and powerful, also sometimes a bit ruthless. They had great chemistry. The storyline was entertaining. I like the author's writing style. I'm looking forward to reading Lillian &

Westcliff's story in book two!

I just loved "Secrets of a Summer Night" I had read it a long time ago and remembered that I liked it, but this time around I just loved it I know I'm repeating what I just said but it just made me want to sigh when I finished it. I thought both Simon and Annabelle are wonderful! She's not only beautiful but smart and funny and she loves her family very much so she knows that she can't just seat and wait to see if her life turns out well, she has to go and try to make it , thankfully for her things don't go exactly the way she planned because of Simon ah there is just so much chemistry between them and it's great to see the way she fights against it but he just does not give up. I loved Simon as a Hero and that's saying a lot because I'm a snob I'm embarrassed to say when it comes to these kinds of books I always want the heroine to end up with somebody with a title the higher the title the better, but Simon is so great he does not have any hang ups because he comes from the working class he is proud of who he is and what he has accomplished as he should be, he is a little bit rough around the edges but very sexy and sure of himself and he wants Annabelle and he does not give up until he gets her I think he is so sweet in a grumpy ruff kind of way. Not only the main characters are wonderful but the secondary ones are very interesting too so it's great to know that each of the friends has her own book. When I read historical romances with this particular theme of the impoverished family without a father I'm just so happy that I live in this time period and not theirs because it's scary to think the lack of options women had and the way men would take advantage of them. It's so easy to criticize the decisions that some times women had to make but it must have been awful to be in a society that did not let women be educated and that if you actually worked they would look down on you. I highly recommend this book it's romantic, steamy, funny and much much more.

This is the first in the wallflower series and sets the stage nicely for the next three books. The four main characters are distinct, yet they share the common bond of being hindered by their inability to conform to society at large, forcing them into wallflower status. The prologue introduces the Annabelle and Simon Hunt in a unique way, which explains so much the animosity she shows him in the first few chapters. Annabelle is a ravishing beauty with her classic English looks, but she has no dowry as her father died unexpectedly leaving the family no means of a steady income. Kleypas does a great job of showing the struggles of women of the late 1800's while keeping her characters strong and in control. The romantic lead, Simon Hunt, is a self-made man, which I love. He doesn't care about the opinions of the aristocracy. He was born a butcher's son, and he is proud of the fact

that he came from humble beginnings. It's obvious from page one that he is taken with Annabelle, but the complexities of social status puts him at a distinct disadvantage. At times his pride makes him seem like a jerk, but then we are shown his softer side which makes him even more attractive. I also love that Kleypas allows the reader to grow with Annabelle as she discovers that there is life beyond the English peerage. There were times that I felt the story dragged a bit. I'm used to stories that move at lightning speed, and Kleypas' style of writing is to languish, allowing the characters to move slowly through an experience. I've come to appreciate that and hope to explore that type of writing in my next project. If you love settling in on a cold winter's night with a cup of coffee and a great romance novel, then *Secrets of a Summer Night* is just the book for you!

I read this series long before I began doing reviews and recently decided to go back and reread all of the books. I'd forgotten what a lovely story this was. I'm not going to go into detail because there are already hundreds of reviews. I'll just say that the reason it didn't get the extra star is because too many people, including the H, wanted to make the h their mistress. I hate this as a theme in a book. Anyway it was a romantic read and we saw how the main characters fell in love. Great start to this series

I found *Secrets of a Summer Night* to be a well-written, enjoyable romance story. The dialog between Annabelle and Simon was believable, painting a clear picture of the well-developed characters. I would give it four and a half stars, only because the ending scene was a bit over the top.

Lisa Kleypas continues to show what a talented writer she is with the start of *The Wallflowers* series. Why did I wait so long to start Book1? Maybe the idea of "wallflowers" was off-putting to me, but it shouldn't have been. I might have missed this exceptional historical romance. What I loved most about this book was the characters. They come to life in such a magical way that I felt I knew them well as their personalities unfolded. Simon was an amazing romantic hero who was everything you want and more. It took me a little longer to warm up to Annabelle, but she definitely grew on me. All the girls are great in this story, the way they band together and have all these bonding moments. You can just picture it all happening in front of you. Each one has a very distinct personality and they are quite entertaining when they get together. There is incredible sexual tension, hot, hot steamy scenes and a whole lot of love and emotion that just leaves you breathless. I can't wait to read the next "Wallflower" book!

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