

# THE *Hatmaker's* SECRET

JILL TRESEDER

## Key selling points

- “An original and imaginative novel, which bravely confronts head on the issue of racial prejudice and its corrosive effects on relationships.” Christina Laird
- From the author of *A Place of Safety* and *Becoming Fran*.
- An enchanting family saga which explores the complexities of the lives of three extraordinary women.

## About the book

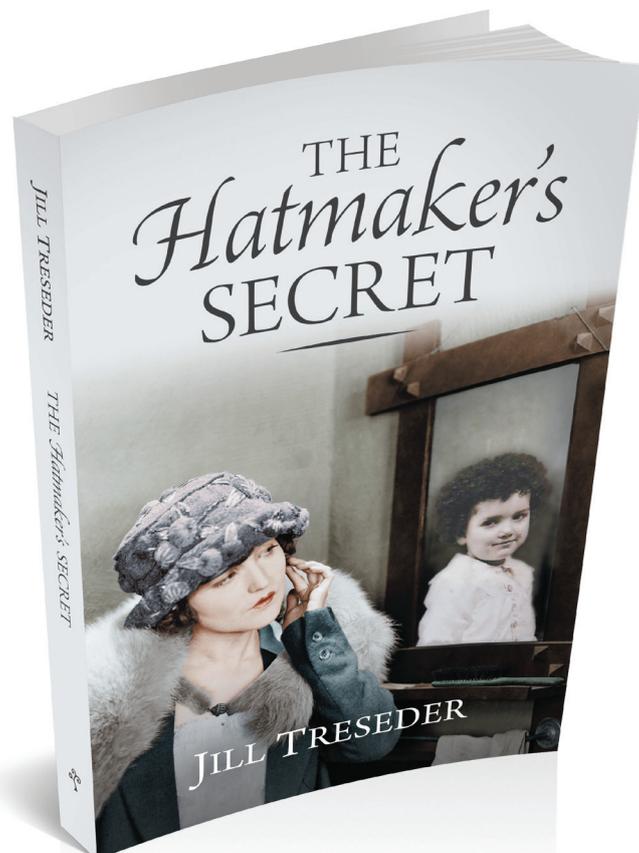
Thea's sense of self depends upon keeping her secret. Her daughter, Vanessa, is confused about her own identity. And there's Kate, Vanessa's own daughter, whose marriage is threatened because of her grandmother's deception. Issues of racial prejudice, betrayal, forgiveness and trust echo through the years as Vanessa – caught between generations – tries to make sense of the past. The more truths she uncovers, the more enigmatic her mother appears.

Who was Thea? How did the beautiful young hatmaker turn into the controlling parent Vanessa remembers? Can Vanessa reconcile the two and find peace? And what will the future bring for her own daughter and grandchildren?

## About the author

Jill Treseder was born in Hampshire and lived all her childhood in sight of the sea on the Solent and in Devon, Cornwall and West Wales. She now lives with her husband in Devon overlooking the River Dart.

After graduating from Bristol with a degree in German, Jill followed careers in social work, management development and social research, obtaining a PhD from the School of Management at the University of Bath along the way. For the last decade she has focused on writing fiction.



*Two babies are born a century apart  
and three generations of women are  
blighted by a family secret.*

## Book information

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