

A charismatic department store dynasty, founded on guilt and betrayal



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Frankfurt in 1901: Bettina Wessling has devoted her life to creating the most luxurious and modern department store in the city. Her husband, Arnold, is the head of the respected family. Yet Bettina's secret passion is for someone else: She loves Richard, Arnold's hated brother, but feels duty-bound to suppress her feelings.

Bettina is hiding not only this one secret. Just as her marriage is based on lies, so the department store and the wealth of her family is founded on guilt and betrayal. One day an unknown young girl from Paris comes to the Wesslings. Everything seems to be in danger of exposure, and the future and happiness of the coming generations are at stake ...