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Darien Library's Novel Tea Fundraiser on March 25 Features Novelist Lara Prescott

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Darien Library presents the fifth annual Novel Tea fundraiser featuring Lara Prescott, bestselling author of "The Secrets We Kept" at a March 25 luncheon held at Wee Burn Country Club.

— *Darienite.com* previously published articles about the upcoming visit by Lara Prescott. This announcement from [Darien Library](#) has more information about the Novel Tea fundraising luncheon.

“We look forward to having Lara Prescott who is touring with her first novel, *The Secrets We Kept*,” said Alex Eising, development chair for the Board of Trustees.

“This is a gripping novel inspired by the true story of spies, the Cold War and *Doctor Zhivago*. You won’t want to miss this event!”

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The Secrets We Kept was an instant New York Times Bestseller when it was published in September 2019, and it was also named a 2019 Reese Witherspoon Book Club selection.

If You're Going ...

The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 25.

Single tickets are currently on sale for \$150. You can [buy tickets and find out more online](#) or contact the Darien Library Administrative Office at 203-669-5220.

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Barrett Bookstore. There will also be a silent auction featuring items that can only be found at a Darien Library event.

All funds raised from the Novel Tea will be dedicated to library resources, including new technology, purchasing new books and materials and supporting programs and guest speakers.

A limited number of Benefactor and Sponsor Tables are also still available. All Benefactor and Sponsor Table guests are invited to a private meet-and-greet reception with Lara Prescott, and will also receive a signed copy of "The Secrets We Kept."

The Novel Tea is sponsored by The Wyper Family Author Fund, New Canaan/Darien Magazine, DR Bank and David Harvey Fine Jewelers.

About Lara Prescott

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Lara Prescott received her MFA from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas, Austin. She was previously an animal protection advocate and a political campaign operative.

Her debut novel, *The Secrets We Kept*, was a 2019 Reese Witherspoon Book Club selection, and its first chapter won the 2016 Crazyhorse Fiction Prize.

Her stories have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Hudson Review*, *Crazyhorse*, *Day One*, and *Tin House Flash Fridays*. She lives in Austin, Texas.

About Darien Library

[Darien Library](#) is among the busiest in the state with over 1,300 people visiting on an average day, the highest per capita circulation in Connecticut, with more than 32 items per resident, and nearly a quarter of a million Wi-Fi and computer uses a year.

The library collection includes 125,000 books and 300 newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

In addition, the library presents over 1,500 public events annually, hosting a lineup of bestselling authors, the latest in coding and technology classes, and workshops for small business owners and entrepreneurs.