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“Lovely and assured writing. Adele Laveau's haunting voice and Leslie Nicholl's journey toward understanding lingered long after I read the final page of this engrossing tale.”—Julie Kibler, author of *Calling Me Home*

“A beautifully crafted page-turner with many twists but a simple theme: no matter how far you run, you can't escape your past. Part contemporary women's fiction, part historical novel, the plot moves seamlessly back and forth in time to unlock family secrets that bind four generations of women....A stunning read from the first page to the last sentence.”—Barbara Claypole White, author of *The Unfinished Garden*

About the Author

After spending more than a decade in the jewelry business, **Barbara Davis** decided to leave the corporate world to pursue her lifelong passion for writing. *The Secrets She Carried* is her first novel. She currently lives near Raleigh, North Carolina with the love of her life, Tom, and their beloved ginger cat, Simon.

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