

The Shell Seekers



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On the heels of a hasty wartime marriage, Penelope Keeling is left to repent at leisure in the English seaside town of Porthkerris, where her artist father and her French mother are spending the duration of World War II. Safe in the embracing arms of that warm household, Penelope forgets her sour husband and takes a lover, and in that relationship, too, she weathers the war's privations and its hardest blows. In a beautifully detailed family saga that shifts effortlessly back and forth in time, Pilcher (Under Gemini) recounts Penelope's story and that of her three children. When their grandfather's work suddenly comes into vogue, Nancy, obsessed over status, and sleek Noel, adept at getting the most and giving the least, join in urging their mother to sell *The Shell Seekers*, a painting that gives her great joy. Only Olivia, a cool and collected magazine editor, refuses to be party to their barely concealed avarice. Pilcher's 13th book is a satisfying and savory family novel, in which rich layers of description and engagingly flawed characters more than make up for the occasional cliche. 100,000 first printing; \$100,000 ad/promo; Troll Book Club main selection.

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Rosamunde Pilcher is the author of such worldwide bestsellers as The Shell Seekers, September and Coming Home. She lives with her husband Graham and their dog Daisy in Perthshire, Scotland.

Lisa Burgett is a classically trained actress who has appeared in many leading theatrical roles in London and Seattle. She was long associated with Book-It Theatre in Seattle, which specializes in bringing works of literature to stage, and she starred in the company's production of Lady Chatterley's Lover and A Prayer for Owen Meany. Ms. Burgett has also appeared in many British and American radio productions and played a leading role in the feature film, Around the Fire.

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Average, guess I was much impressed by her latest but no eye for the earlier ones. Family saga, but too lopsided really, to Olivia.

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