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SECRETS IN TIME, San Francisco
a novel by Merla Zellerbach

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Firefall Editions announces the coming release of
Secrets in Time, San Francisco, a historical romance.

The Plot

Yvonne believes marrying a good man like Marc is the right thing to do, but her heart still belongs to Paul Amory, a soldier she believes to be dead.

Soon after her stylish marriage, Yvonne's father, James Tyler Stockton, the family patriarch and publisher of the *San Francisco Herald*, dies, leaving the fate of the dynasty he's created in doubt. His four children from two different marriages seek their own paths.

The lives of his offspring mirror the time they live in, differently. Indeed, his family delivers fashion and news among the rich and powerful on a daily basis. The differences bring them into decisive conflict, complicated by the loves they pursue, and the secrets they protect.

The Author

A native San Franciscan, Merla's "My Fair City" was a featured column in the SF Chronicle for 23 years. She was also a four-year panelist with June Lockhart on ABC-TV's game show, "Oh My Word." Articles under her byline have appeared in *Cosmopolitan*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Reader's Digest*, *Town & Country*, *Prevention*, etc.

After twelve years as editor of San Francisco's popular *Nob Hill Gazette*, Merla stepped down last October to get back to writing. Her eleven published books include six novels and five self-help medical books (two written with doctors).

The Reading Experience

No one knows the inner workings of San Francisco society better than Merla Zellerbach. The novel is a chance to closely experience the entanglements of a powerful newspaper dynasty, and enjoy the family's secrets over time in San Francisco.