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Secrets at St Bride's
by Debbie Young

Secrets at St Bride's (*Staffroom at St Bride's Mystery #1*) by Debbie Young

When Gemma Lamb takes a teaching job at a quirky English girls' boarding school, she believes she's found the perfect escape from her controlling boyfriend – until she discovers the rest of the staff are hiding sinister secrets, such as:

- *Hairnet, the eccentric headmistress who doesn't hold with academic qualifications*
- *Oriana Bliss, Head of Maths and master of disguise*
- *Mavis Brook, Geography teacher, surreptitiously selling off the library books*
- *Even McPhee, the school cat is leading a double life*

*For fans of cosy mysteries, gentle romance and English humour, **Secrets at St Bride's** will make you laugh out loud at the antics of staff and pupils alike. This gently satirical take on boarding school life is perfect for anyone who grew up hooked on classic school stories such as Malory Towers and The Chalet School or the humour of Molesworth and St Trinian's, and for anyone who has ever wondered what goes on behind the staffroom door.*

It is also a welcome companion series to Debbie Young's acclaimed Sophie Sayers Village Mysteries, which take place a short bicycle ride from St Bride's. There's also some amusing crossover, with Sophie and friends making cameo appearances in the St Bride's stories.

About the Author

Debbie Young (59) writes in Hawkesbury Upton, a small village in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds that has been her home for the last 28 years. A very active member of her local community, she founded and directs the Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival, now in its sixth year. She also spent 13 years behind the staffroom door at the nearby Westonbirt School for girls. Her affection for boarding school communities – and her bemusement by them - inspired this first in the **Staffroom at St Bride's** series. She is now writing a sequel, **Stranger at St Bride's**, due for publication in the spring of 2020. On completion, the six-book-series will span an academic year.

Reviews of *Secrets at St Bride's*

- “Perfect book! I loved it! Thank you for writing such an entertaining and intelligent book.” – *Katie Fforde*
- “Wonderfully witty – huge fun to read.” – *Caroline Sanderson*
- “Oh, what fun! Wonderful characterisation, cosy humour and intrigue, and a natural, carefully paced writing style that makes it easy to keep turning the pages!” – *Karen Inglis*

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