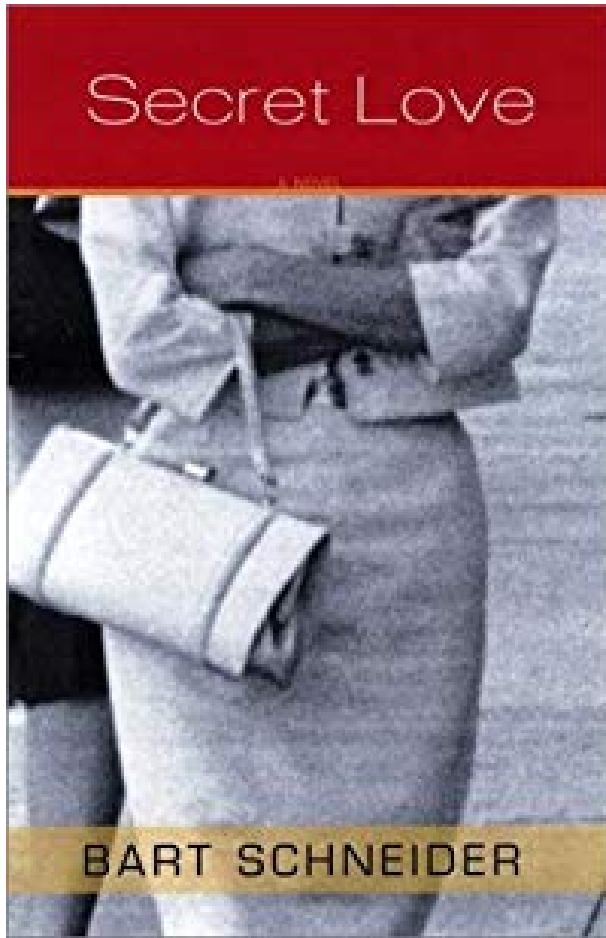


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When Nisa Bohem, a young black activist and actress, is drawn to Jake, the two start a playful, complex romance. Nisa's actor friend Peter also crosses the color line in his love for Simon Sims, the estranged son of a renowned Baptist minister, who tries to reconcile his homosexuality with his participation in the Nation of Islam. As they open their hearts to love, each struggles for personal and spiritual equilibrium a daunting task amid the political and social upheaval surrounding them in mid-1960s San Francisco. Hip, soulful . . . irresistible . . . Secret Love is simultaneously a love story and a fine-grained investigation of race relations . . .

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