

– Margaret Evans

Then a phone call sends her racing to the hospital where her father, invalid Judge Talbot Simpson, is battling a failing heart. Searching for his medical power of attorney in his personal files, Bay encounters a document that completely stuns her. How could her father have kept such a shocking secret from her? Has her entire life been based on a lie? Desperate for answers to her own personal mystery, she stumbles across another clue, this one in the possession of Lavinia Smalls, her father's longtime companion and caretaker and the one person Bay thought she could trust completely.

With time running out – perhaps for her father as well as the girl – Bay struggles to untangle the web of secrets and lies surrounding both her own family past and that of the dying child . . . until she encounters the strange women of Covenant Hall, who may well hold the key to everything.