

Mr Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3rd person narration?
2. Do you like having a prologue where the reader meets a person that we know is destined to die?
3. Is the Prologue a good way to introduce the setting?
4. What do you think of including parts of Churchill's most stirring speeches?
5. How do you feel about a historical mystery that uses the actual history as such an integral part of the plot?
6. What do you think of Maggie Hope?
7. Do you like reading from the perspective of the villains like Michael Murphy's observation of the bomb he set?
8. Does it take a while to differentiate the secondary characters?
9. Is Maggie's frustration that she can only be hired as a typist even though she is more qualified than most of the private secretaries who are all men understandable?
10. What do you think of Mr. Churchill's cats?
11. What do you think of the mystery of Maggie's family?
12. What do you think of Maggie's friend, David?
13. Does the fear of the invasion of Britain make perfect sense in the context of the book?
14. We know in hindsight that Churchill prevented it, how does this influence your view of the book?
15. Maggie was raised by her aunt and when Maggie's grandmother died and left Maggie her house, Edith tried to hide it from Maggie, does this seem really odd?
16. Do you like John, Maggie's potential love interest?
17. When she corrects his calculations and gets excited about doing math again, can you empathize?
18. Who do you think Claire really is?
19. What did you think of the description of the first air attack on Britain?
20. Does a bombing at the end of Maggie's date with John seem a fitting ending?
21. Did you expect Paige to die?
22. What do you think of Edith based upon her letters to Maggie?
23. Were you surprised that Paige was Claire and faked her own death?
24. Did you expect Maggie's father to be insane?
25. On the other hand, were you surprised that he was faking it?
26. What did you think of the kidnapping of Maggie and her father?
27. Is it easier when the villains are completely evil?
28. What did you think of the climax?
29. Do you think Maggie is more suited to MI-5 than as a typist?
30. Did you like the book?
31. Do you want to read more in the series?