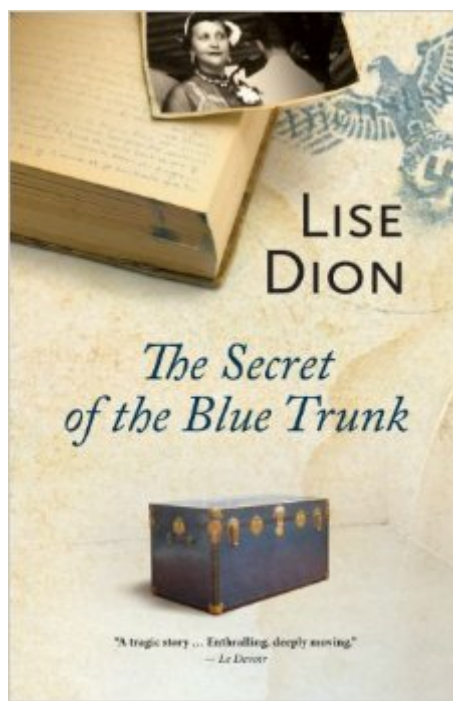


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# The Secret Of The Blue Trunk



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superintendent of her building and asked him if he would mind going to her apartment and checking on her. The superintendent was more than happy to do that for her and said he'd call her back in fifteen minutes. Half an hour later, Lise still hadn't heard back from him and she was worried sick that something was very wrong. Finally, after forty minutes he called her back and told her to come to her mother's apartment right away. He wouldn't tell her over the phone why. When, Lise drove up in front of her mother's apartment building she saw police and paramedics. She found out her mother had been dead for two days. She had died from a pulmonary embolism and had lost consciousness immediately so hadn't suffered which was a relief for, Lise.

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