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Wendy Wallace, author of *The Painted Bridge*, is an award-winning freelance journalist and writer.

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An elegant, emotionally suspenseful debut, *The Painted Bridge* is a story of family betrayals, illicit power, and a woman sent to an asylum against her will in Victorian England. Just outside London, behind a high stone wall, lies Lake House, a private asylum for genteel women of a delicate nature.

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Wendy Wallace, the author of *THE PAINTED BRIDGE*, conducted extensive research on the Victorian era in order to accurately depict the time period. Assign a topic to each member of your book club for further exploration and research: How did women dress in the mid-Victorian age?

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The Painted Bridge, the story of a woman tricked into a Victorian asylum in the year 1859, is my first novel. I grew up in Kent, in England, and later graduated in Media Studies from what was then Central London Polytechnic.

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'*The Painted Bridge*' is a very impressive first novel, set in the 1800's it highlights the plight of women who found themselves in asylums for various reasons at the hands of their husbands and families, nothing is ever questioned, it is the word of the husband and another doctor on the basis of what the husband has told them.

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The Painted Bridge supplies the reader with more of an emotional and symbolic view that lies heavily on the poetic messages of: love, hope, courage, faith, religion, and family. All wonderful and beautiful qualities and I applaud Ms. Wallace for blending this light with the background darkness of a Victorian Asylum, but sadly this combination became an overall beige tone in the end.

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review 1: This book tells the story of Anna, confined by her elderly husband in a Victorian lunatic asylum, and her attempts to escape. The treatments meted out to these (mainly sane) women were unbelievably cruel. The book also deals with infidelity and anorexia. It is well written, an...

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