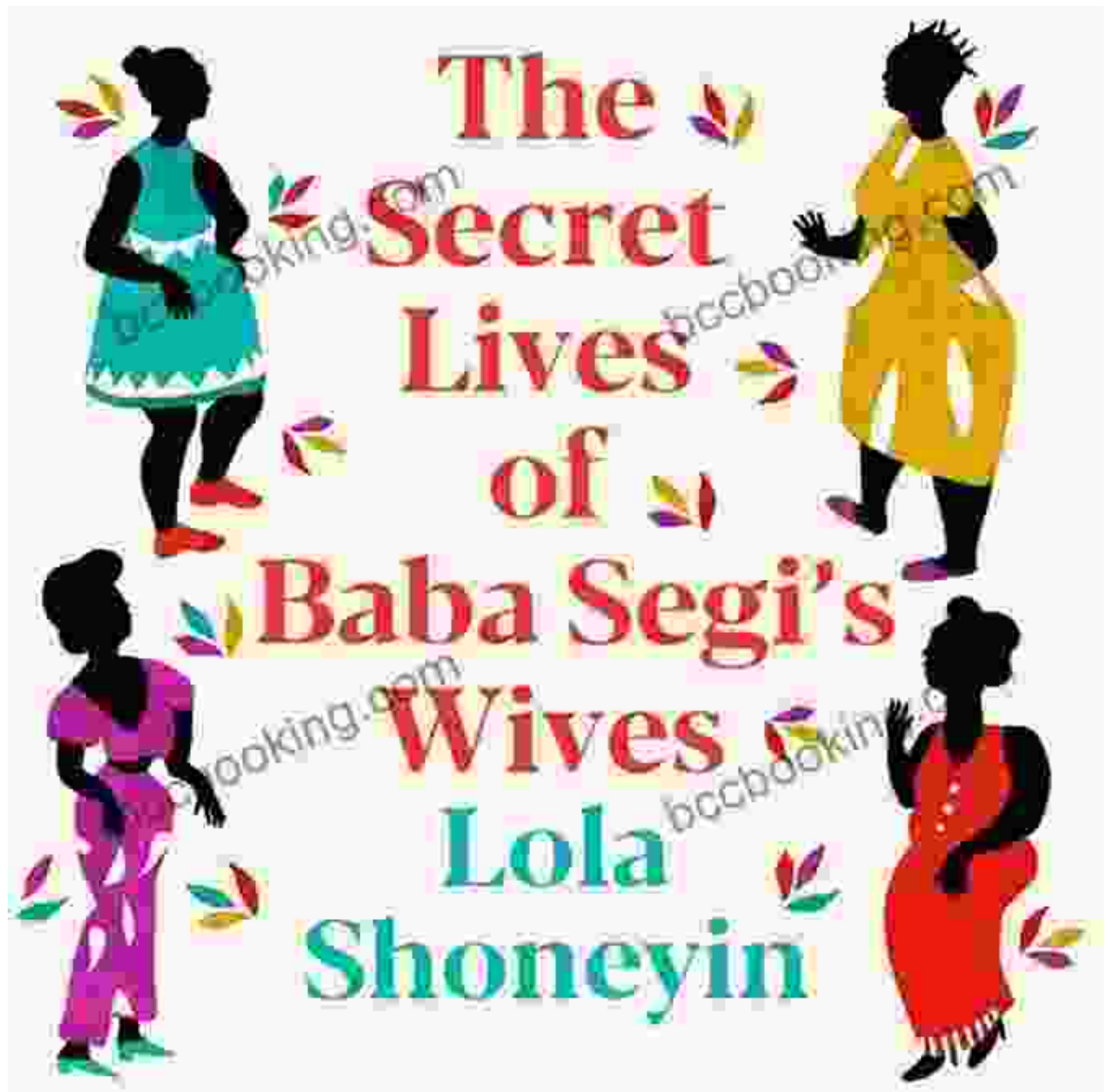
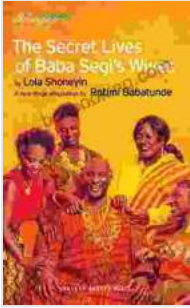


Unraveling the Enigmatic Lives of Baba Segi's Wives: A Literary Journey into Polygamy and Women's Empowerment



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Lola Shoneyin's 'The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives': A Critical Acclaim

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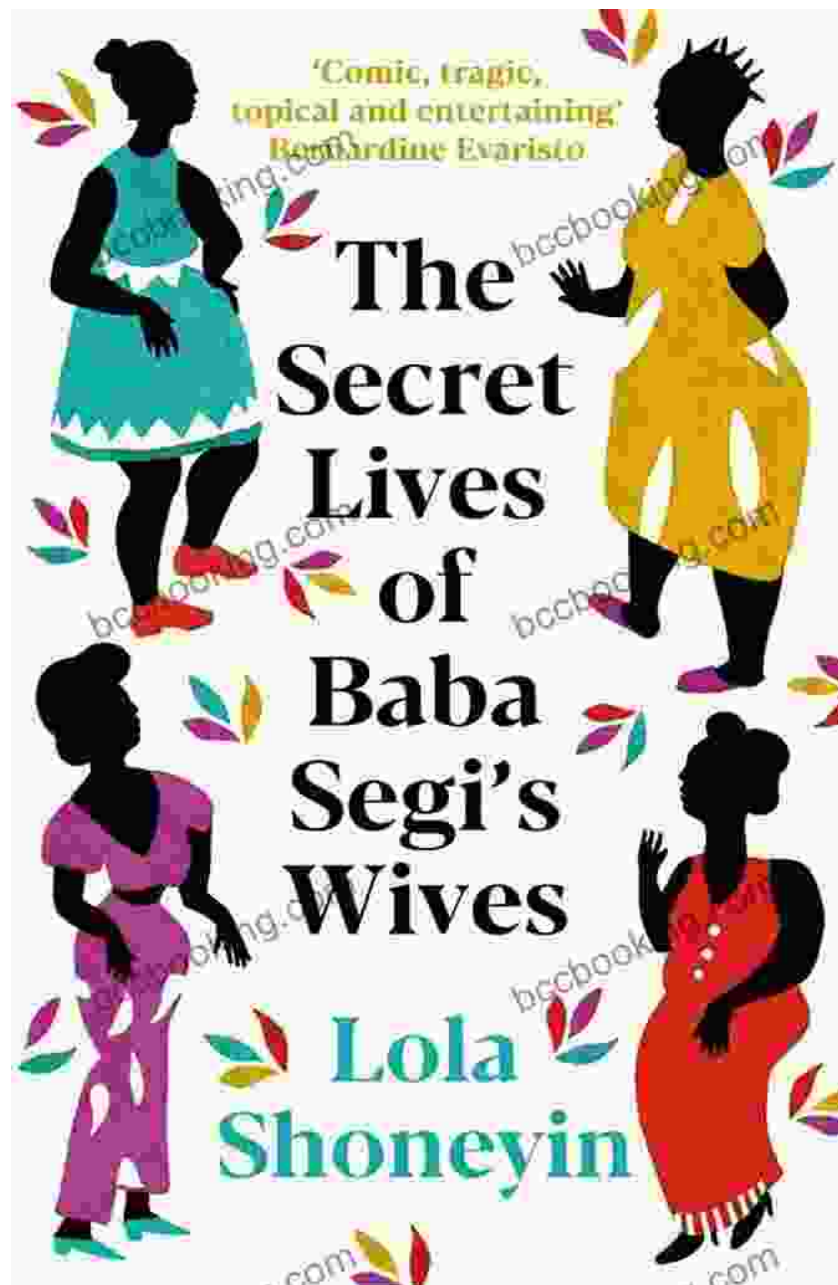
Baba Segi, the patriarch, is a wealthy and influential man who wields absolute authority over his household, including his four wives: Bolanle, the first and favored wife; Iya Segi, the shrewd second wife; Ayo, the rebellious and outspoken third wife; and Funmi, the young and ambitious fourth wife.

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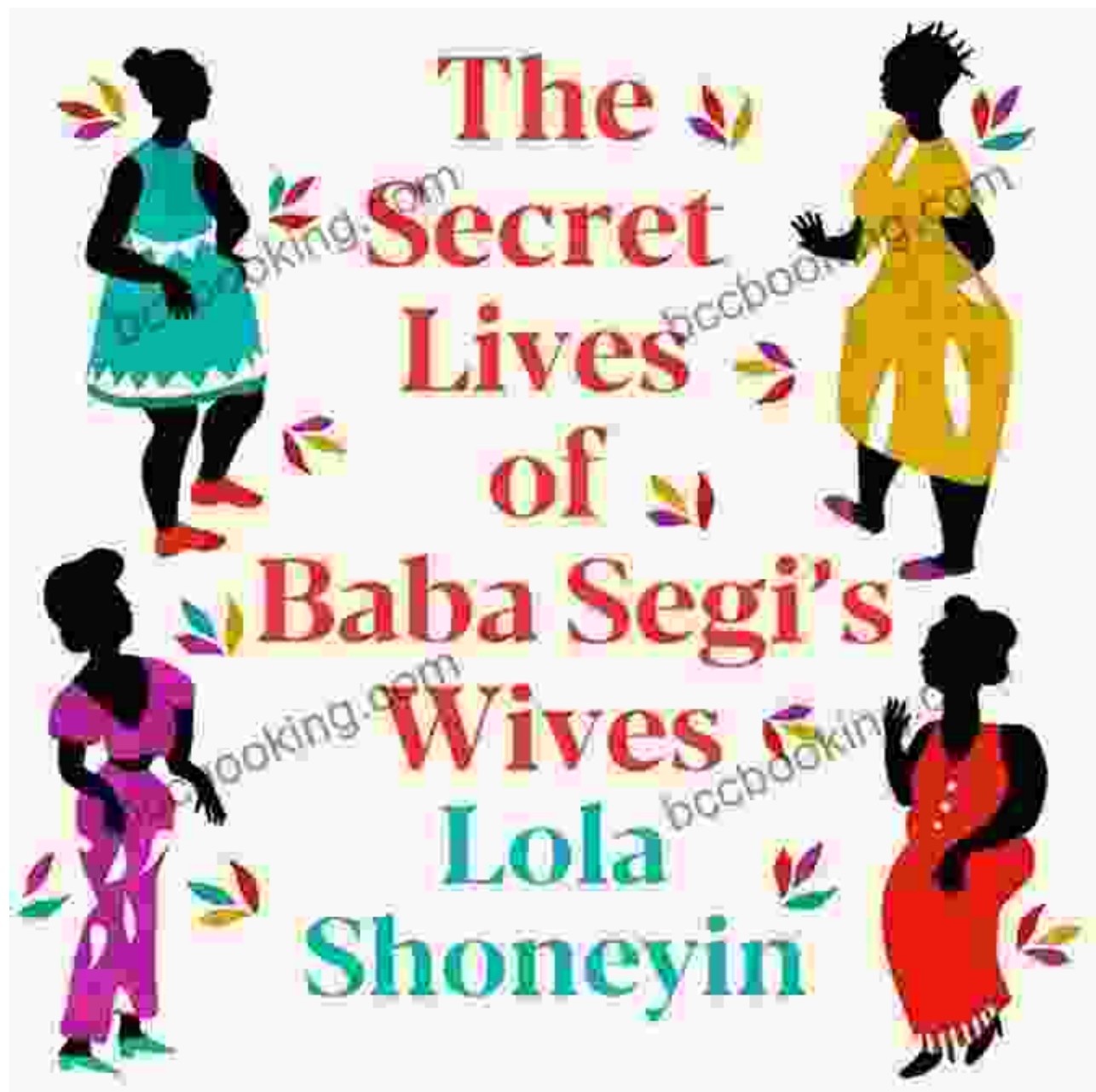
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Ayo: The Rebellious Third Wife



Funmi: The Ambitious Fourth Wife



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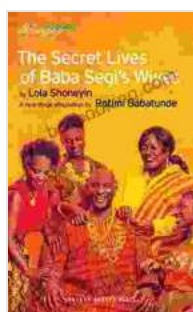
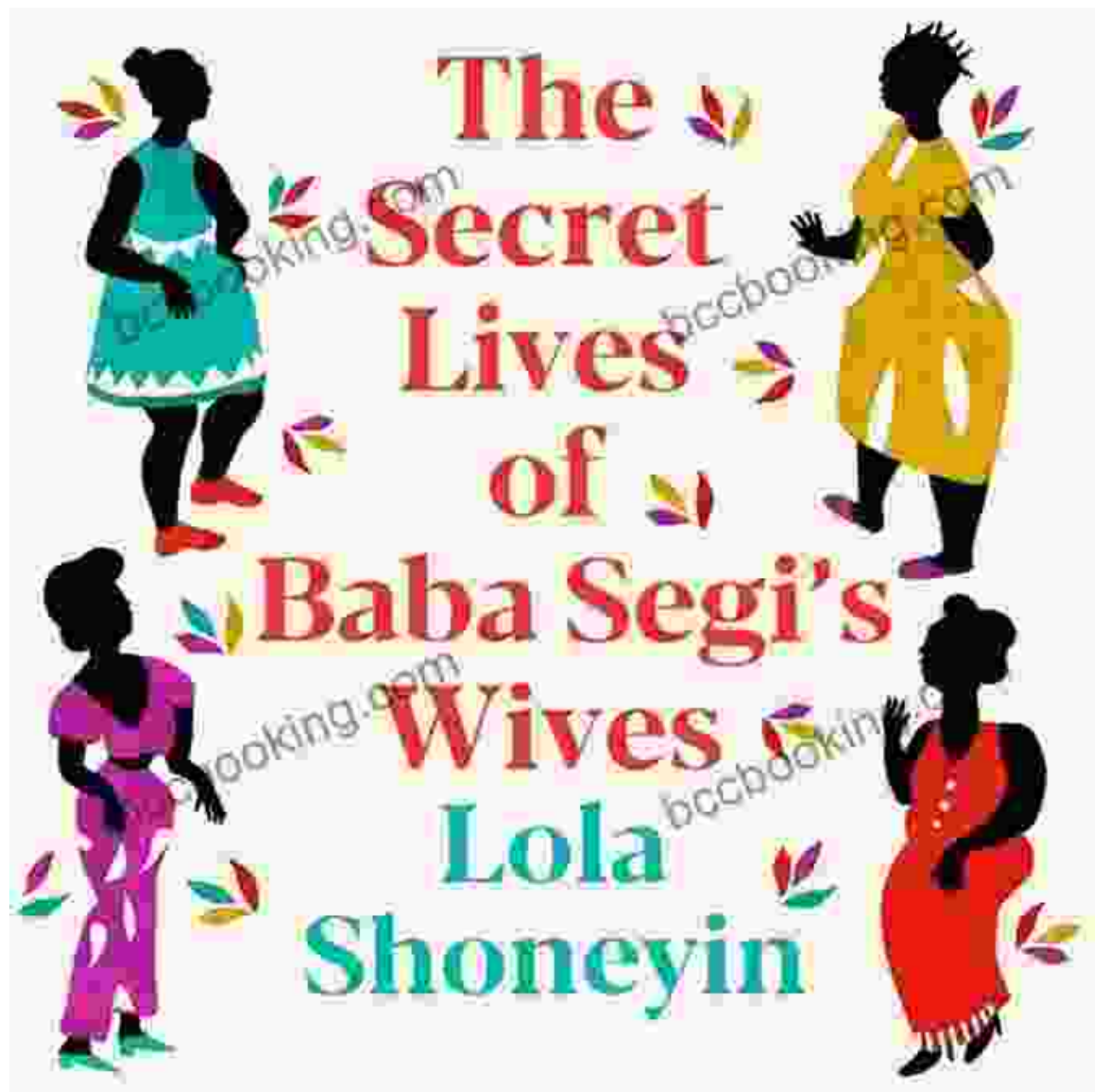
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