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If she was to make a mark on the world, she would have to do so

in another way. It is 1932, and the losses of the First World War are still keenly felt.

Violet Speedwell, mourning for both her fiance and her brother and regarded by society as a `surplus woman' unlikely to marry, resolves to escape her suffocating mother and strike out alone. A new life awaits her in Winchester. Yes, it is one of draughty boarding-houses and sidelong glances at her naked ring finger from younger colleagues, but it is also a life gleaming with independence and opportunity. Violet falls in with the broderers,

a disparate group of women charged with embroidering kneelers for

the Cathedral, and is soon entwined in their lives and their secrets. As the almost unthinkable threat of a second Great War appears on the horizon Violet collects a few secrets of her own that could just change everything.

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