



## [The Box by Sherri Turner - Setting the Scene](#)

In an office where the over-sharing of personal information is the norm for her colleagues, Julie piques their interest with her recent purchase of a box whose contents she refuses to reveal.

### Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

Keep us in suspense  
Hugged it to her chest  
Secrets  
You can tell us  
Grumbling  
Corner of her desk  
Need to know all and to tell all  
Husbands' habits and their finances  
Manners and a bit of decorum and privacy  
Plain black and shiny  
Curved edges  
Coffee machine  
Rudeness was rewarded  
Locked  
Badgering her for half an hour already  
Pick the lock with a bent paperclip  
As she left for the day  
Eyeing the bag  
Got home  
Dressing table  
So desperate for her to tell  
Antique shop  
Key