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The compelling new bestseller from the author of The Mersey Daughter and Winter on the Mersey.

Alice Lake has arrived in London from Liverpool to start her training as a District Nurse, but her journey has been far from easy. Her parents think that she should settle down and get married, but she has already had her heart broken once and isn't about to make the same mistake again.

Alice and her best friend Edith are based in the East End but before they've even got their smart new uniforms on, war breaks out and Hitler's bombs are raining down on London.

Alice must learn to keep calm and carry on as she tends to London's sick and injured, all the time facing her own heartache and misfortune while keeping up the Spirit of the Blitz...

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Leigh says

With some reluctance and anxiety I embarked on another Annie Groves series. The reluctance comes from the fact that last two series suffered from Casteel syndrome. Any VC Andrews fans will know what that is for those who aren't it's when a series changes author in the middle and even though the new author is good they don't have the same vision for the characters and storylines as to the original writer. Now with this new series my hope is that this series will not have the same fate.

The story begins in early summer 1939 as Alice and Edith begin their work at the Victory Walk district nurses home in the East End of London. Alice is serious and prefers to stay in at night with a good book to going out (My kind of girl) while Edith is fun loving and enjoys breaking curfew and flaunting rules. The girls soon settle in and meet fellow nurses Mary a flighty type with her head in the clouds or the sand so who is at times infuriating, Fiona who is in charge, Gwen her deputy who is stern serious and looking for any slip ups from her nurses and Gladys the maid. Each of them have their own stories from Alice who is mending a broken heart to Edith eager to escape from a large poor family and Fiona and Gwen who hope to avoid the devastation of the last war as another one looms on the horizon. While on her rounds Alice meets young mother Kathleen, whose husband has gone off to sea and has left his wife and child to fend for themselves. Through her Alice and Edith also meet the Banhams and friendship and romance blooms. As war is declared new friends depart for the various armed forces, the nurses assist in evacuations, teaching first aid and tending those wounded in blackouts wondering if the war will be over before it really began. But with the spring of 1940 the Nazis are on the March and Dunkirk brings the first casualties and tragedy to the home front. This was a promising book and I'm hopeful it will continue to impress. Ending just after the evacuation of Dunkirk before the blitz and reality of war really sets in it'll be interesting to see where this story goes.

Rachel Muumbo says

A lovely book, I hope there's another one as there is still so much that could be told.

Shirley Revill says

Absolutely brilliant story written by Annie Groves set around the lives of the district nurse in wartime Britain. A story of friendship, love, loss and hope that I really enjoyed reading. Recommended.

Alison Boniface says

Fantastic start to a new series

This book was a great start to what I hope is a new series by Annie Groves. Despite the change of author this was still written in true Annie Groves style. It immerses you in a period in time that must really have been filled with so much uncertainty whilst showing you the courage and strength of the people it affected. I

would definitely recommend it.

Sandra says

Having been a lover of books from the Annie Groves pen name i was looking forward to this new book. It is a beautifully written story of life as a District Nurse during the second world war, of the friendships forged and of love. Alice and Edith are best friends and formed a close bond since training together. When they arrive at Victory Walk they are met by the superintendent and made to feel at home given an idea of what their job will be they embark on a new chapter in their young lives. I can highly recommend this book and can't wait for the next book. Well worth the 5*

Julie Davis says

Over the last few years I have rediscovered my teenage passion for books about nurses at the same time as discovering a new love of women's fiction set in the wars.

This book ticks both boxes as it tells the story of nurses Alice and Edith as well as the families they help in their role as district nurses. The story is well written with believable characters and I hope there will soon be more books in the series

Joy says

Not as good as Donna Douglas.

Jennifer Mawdsley says

I really enjoyed reading this book. I read it because I am training to be a nurse and wanted to read about what nursing was like during ww2. I found it really interesting and able to relate to the characters.

Maggie Kiely says

First read by this author apparently taken over by another author following the death of original author Anyway this is an easy read with not a lot going on and without depth of characters in my opinion I would recommend it as a light read or beach read

moira manson says

District nurses

What a story war, love ,loss ,and the district nurses it had it all a must for readers who love war sagas and nursing 5 STARS.

Mary Geraghty says

A really good read!!

Loved this book, the characters and the fine details written with such care. Cannot wait to read more about the times.

Layla Ashby says

Enjoyed this book. but felt the writing wasn't the same under the new author who now writes since Annie Groves Died in 2011.

Having read books when Annie was writing them I can see the differences.
still a good book don't let this put you off, A nice new series about 3 nurses in WW2 .
The story line is good and is a nice read, just isn't the same for me since Annie Died as was so used to her writing style.

rated 3 stars.
