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A heartrending tale of love and tragedy during The Birmingham Blitz. Perfect for fans of Katie Flynn and Annie Groves.

For Kathy O'Malley, life has not been easy with her husband, Barry, out of work and with two children to feed. Then when war breaks out in 1939, many of the local men enlist, including Barry, leaving the women to cope as best they can.

The years that follow are full of hardship: rationing, nightly air raids and endless shifts working at the local munitions factory all take their toll on Kathy who longs to feel the strong arms of her husband around her once more.

When she meets Doug, a handsome American GI, she is drawn immediately drawn to him but determined to honour her marriage vows. But after she receives a telegram informing that her husband is missing, presumed dead, she makes a decision that will have consequences, not just for herself, but for the lives of all those she loves too...

Love Me Tender Details

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beverley ann says

a fabulous story and do remember reading this back in 1999 as well the heartfelt story of wartime and kathys struggle really enjoyed it and thank you goodreads as i won this book off you

Carol B Davis says

Ok

This book was ok but not a book I would read again or tell someone else that it as great.

Bev Taylor says

in a time of war her promise will be hard to keep

welcome to kathy's life in birmingham just prior to the outset of wwII

life has never been easy with 2 children and barry, her husband, out of work. then he finds a job with overtime in a factory making supplies for what appears to be an impending war

he joins up and life unfolds for kathy and all those on her street, friends and families

a powerful, heart wrenching drama that details the sacrifices that one must make, both for themselves and their friends and families. told from the perspective of both young and old, good and bad u cannot hep to be moved and really feel that u r living their lives thru great characterisation

just surprised that barry joined up as his job would have made him exempt

also a shame that the cover did not depict a mother and daughter with jet black hair like kathy and her daughter, but that is a minor discrepancy

bev

Barbara Lock says

A fantastic book, you really felt you was there

Steph says

Had to give this book up after 50 odd pages and normally I'd give it to at least 100 pages if I wasn't feeling it but I just was getting no enjoyment out of it and this is mainly down to the characters.

I couldn't connect with them or care and so much in depth detail on the war and we've only started so not my cup of tea.

Perhaps if I'd stuck it out it would have improved considerably.

Denis says

I really enjoyed this book and enjoy reading about the war time era in particular

So for me personally I would recommend this fantastic tale of love and loss

Thank you to goodreads

I rate this book 4 stars

Hannah says

I won this in a Goodreads giveaway

I love History and a good historical fiction of any era is good for me! I especially enjoy WW2 era so I had a good feeling I'd enjoy this.

The story itself is well shaped and well written with some fantastic characters and themes of love, loss and war very well explored.

Kathy is a great character to read, she goes through seemingly endless hardships and is a realistic depiction of a woman in the North of England at this time. She is confused and wary but not afraid to go where her heart takes her.

The only issue I had with this book is that it's a little too predictable for my liking. I am aware that it's largely a romance novel and they follow a pattern but I do like to be surprised a little.

Overall, I would definitely recommend this!

Sharon says

A cracker of a story

What I loved about this story is the insight to to ordinary person and what they endured during the war. Anne Bennett has written in way that takes you right there. I could feel the pain and loneliness the terror and the love. Stirred so many emotions and I could imagine what my parents went through and how it changed their lives for it did and in ways I cannot imagine. A hopeful ending. Looking forward to reading another Anne

Bennett war story

Shirley Revill says

It was a pleasure to read this book and I enjoyed every word that was written on the pages.
I really enjoy books set in this era and this book was no exception. Storytelling at it's best. Recommended.

Susannah Bennett says

A good read once you get into it, it does jump about a bit but towards the last few chapters I couldn't put it down. You really feel as though you know the characters and it's a great insight into life during the war and the everyday struggles.

Aileen Quaintance-kampstra says

Family, hearTache, war..

Story revolves during war torn England, Ireland and how they survive with the strength and love that threatens they're bond.
I liked this book because it forces me to see the humanity that exists when war changes everyday survival for women and children who are left behind when husbands and lovers leave them behind.

Tracey says

I enjoyed this book. It's the story of Kathy O'Malley who is of Irish descent, and lives in Birmingham. She has a large family who all live near, and at the start of the story she had two children. It concentrates on the difficulties of living through the second world war while bringing up a family. It includes such topics as evacuation, rationing, air raids, working in a munitions factory and worrying about husbands serving their country. I felt the characters were very realistic, and the era was portrayed and researched well.

Tasneem says

This was a Goodreads Giveaway. I'd give it a solid 3.5 star rating. I enjoyed the story and the characters. I found some of it rather trite, but, that's just me. It was well written, and moving in the way it captures what war does to families, people and relationships.

LINDA HADDOCK says

Brilliant

Another brilliant book by Anne Bennett. Its a story of love and how the war affected the family. The two older children being sent to safety in the country, away from the bombing and how it changed their life for five years.. A story that so easily been true. Very detailed about 2nd war world. Brilliant
