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TO LIVE IS TO FLY

Sometimes life is handed to you. Sometimes it's taken away without warning. For Kate Starr, her life is now about moving forward not knowing if her husband has been killed in his tour of duty. Suddenly Kate must raise their two daughters by herself and struggle with the U.S. government to get news of her husband. Slowly but surely, her fight to be heard transforms Kate into a successful businesswoman ready to find love again and live life to the fullest—by learning to let go of the very things that mean the most to her...

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Melody says

Slow To Start

A teacher once told me to read the first 30 pages of a book before deciding I'd I didn't like it. That's what I had to do because I thoughts this one was really slow and boring at first. I was really wrong. Once I got past that 30th page, I was hooked.

It's a sad, but I'm sure quite true story of what many families went through during the Viet Nam War. Even today, some families are just positively finding out a loved one is officially dead and there still are many MIAs.....or are there? Reading this well written book will have you wondering as it's left me.

Jennifer says

This was an okay book. I've tried reading Fern Michaels before and just didn't get into her books.

Carol MacInnis says

It's the 1970's and young and pretty Kate Starr is married to Patrick Starr, a pilot in the Air Force and they have two small daughters, Betsy and Ellie. When the military calls on Patrick to serve his country over in Vietnam for a year, Patrick is more than eager to 'fly the skies'. But just mere months before his return from war, he is MIA and Kate is devastated. Although Kate was always proud and happy to be the best Mother and Wife possible she had no other skills. So she bettered herself by going back to school to earn her degree and build a successful career. After no word from the military of her husband's status for over 10 years Kate believed it was time to move on as did her youngest, Ellie. Betsy, on the other hand, refused to look ahead and felt it was her sole duty to find her father and bring him back to the family. As the years went by, Kate found a new love and now, 20 years later believed she might to be able to love again. Or could she?

I really enjoyed this book from start to finish.

Samantha Wilde says

I don't often read pure "romance." My neighbor gave me this book and I loved it. Michaels is a plot genius, like so many romance genre authors, and the book grabbed me and I couldn't stop reading. It's also intelligent and uplifting. I do always like the sense of hopefulness and possibility and this book has it in spades. I think it's also a true story about women's lives and experiences--and the details about POW and MIA from the Vietnam era were intriguing. Michaels, who has sold more then 70 million books (!!!) is doing something very right (write!).

Pirouette says

This is my favourite Fern Michaels book. I have read a few which I have not enjoyed, but this one is sweet, sad, touching and talks about the war in Vietnam.

I read it about 20 years ago and it is one of the few books from that period which I have kept and reread. It gets me every time.

Sharon Forbes says

This book really was far beyond what I expected, in a very good way. Fern Michaels is a very gifted writer, she really told a gut-wrenching tale here. Kate Starr was a woman who started out as someone very meek, unsure of herself, and extremely dependent on her husband and others to make some of the simplest decisions in life. But then, her life was turned upside down, and she was forced to change in some very dramatic ways. I got so caught up in the way Ms. Michaels told Kate's story, the hours flew by. Granted, I DID put the book aside for a while, as you can tell by how long it took me to finish it, but the last half of the book was read virtually nonstop. This is the first book I've read by Fern Michaels (I know, crazy, right?!), but it certainly won't be the last. I very highly recommend this book to just about anyone, the story is that good, most everyone who enjoys reading should find this a great read.

Marjorie says

I wasn't sure I was going to like this book as it is about a pilot who goes missing in the Vietnam War and the struggles his wife has trying to raise their two daughters while having no skills. However, I soon found myself caught up in their struggles, especially where the government doesn't really give her satisfactory answers regarding what they know about his disappearance.

This can be a tear jerker for those of us who lived through that war but at the same time it also shows the strength of the women who had to pick up the pieces of their lives.

CK Geiger says

A breathtaking book that will have you on the edge of your seat till the end.

Ruth Turner says

This was a real eye opener. What happens to a veteran of the Vietnam War after being held POW for twenty years. This is a good look at the lives of the veterans family while waiting for news and the way a veteran is treated once he is released.

Christine says

Loved this book and how a Kate did what she did to move on for her and her children after her husband was shot down and MIA in Vietnam. I could not put this book down and am a big fan of Fern Michaels from here on in. I was very happy with the story and how she captured how a widow Mother of 2 goes through the motions of life and struggles to get what she wants in life no matter what obstacles get in her way. There are a few unexpected twists and turns in this book some were very surprising and made me read more and loose time while I was reading. I had (have) a hard time with the ending but will not spoil it for anyone else and with that said I would definitely recommend this for others to read.

Sondang says

yeah, again one book that I bought just because I thought the story reminded me of an old movie that had soundtrack the song from Elton John : Your Song.
Of course, false expectation.
A so-so book absolutely

ReadingWench says

My mom told me I just had to read this book. I borrowed it off he kindle and read it. I loved this book. I think this is the best book she has ever written. Although this book is fiction, I can see how some women could relate to parts of this story. I would love to see this as a mini-series, but only if she was the screen writer.

Debbie says

Nice light reading for sitting in the summer sun! Good story!

Freda Larimer says

I loved this book.

Ruth says

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MIA, & Kate must rely on herself for the first time...and for the next 20 years. " Can't really believe that I picked this book up and read it as I normally try and avoid this genre. Fern Michaels is the pen name of Mary Ruth Kuczkir, an American author. (1933-)
