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Abandoned as a baby, spirited Maddie March has had to fight her way through life. So when she finds a home at Few Farm with Frank Brackenbury and his household, she welcomes the chance for a fresh start. Work on the farm is hard, but believing herself truly loved for the first time by the farmer's son, Michael, nothing can mar Maddie's newfound happiness. But 1947 brings a harsh winter, sweeping devastation over the farm and threatening the Brackenburys' livelihood. All seems lost, until Maddie has an idea that might save them all from poverty. But then she discovers she is pregnant...

The Tulip Girl Details

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Clare O'Beara says

I found this an excellent look at a farm family growing tulips in the south of England.

During World War 2 the tulip growers were ordered not to grow food crops instead. The reason was that tulip bulbs were light and valuable, and Britain could send them to Canada in trade for food and other goods - no point sending out empty ships.

The characters are varied and sympathetic, and include a young girl telling this tale from her viewpoint and living through the war. I can recommend this read.

Linda Klages says

Easy reading book - not hard to figure out the story but there is a twist at the end.

Ria says

A sweeping epic saga of adultery, murder, forbidden love and a whole host of other elements.

When Maddie March is split up from her little friend Jenny Wren and taken from the local orphanage by Harriet Trowbridge and taken to live at Few Farm with her, Mr. Frank, his son Michael and Harriet's son Nick a whole chain of events is set in motion.

Family secrets are brought to the fore when all things come to a head and the family are in danger of losing their farm when the cattle contract Foot and mouth disease but Maddie unexpectedly saves the day with her proposal to go into tulip cultivation.

Things are running smoothly but the simmering family problems are still seething below the surface and is set to blow the happy household apart.

But there is another snag on the way, Maddie is pregnant by Michael and this in turn causes jealousy and resentment from Nick who had ideas of Maddie being his.

Nick's obsession and love for Maddie is unhealthy though and ultimately leads to devastation and tragedy.

Can the rag tag family who have been brought together through circumstances survive what is to come?

Or will the "Tulip girl" lose the home and life she has managed to create?

An enjoyable historical / period novel that is so much more than just that appellation, it has so many ingredients to make this more than a run of the mill romance or historical drama, its exciting and a real page turner and you feel such empathy for the characters as the author has done a wonderful job on both the storyline and people involved.

Exciting and definitely well worth reading.

Kelly Batten says

Scenes from this book have become so ingrained in my imagination I refer to them all the time... a book that stays with you long after the pages are read

Fariba says

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Lucia Belakova says

Surprisingly, I enjoyed it more, than I have expected. The beginning was slow and dull, but then I found myself gripping the book tightly and gulping every word. It was sort of predictable and Maddie, the main character was very childish for her age. I knew what is about to happen even before the author knew what is gonna happen herself, I think.

Lacy Buttrick says

An unexpected brilliance!
Started off slow but has a lovely storyline.

Rebecca Barnett says

I think the prologue slightly spoiled the book as I then read throughout anxious that something bad was going to happen. Infact, not everything does go wrong that could, so it's not as depressing as I was coming to expect. The outcome is not quite as expected, but the detective work is entertaining and the story does make you want to read on.

Dawn says

An easy to read book. Had me turning the pages towards the end to find out what would happen next. A wide range of characters and set in the countryside. I learned a lot about Tulips. The author has obviously done her research. I am going to read some more of her books

Farideh says

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Eva Falconer says

Great story. Fast moving I could really empathise with the characters. I have never seen tulips growing in England but admired the colours in The Netherlands this was well described.

Vidya Viswam says

One of the best books I've ever read.I cried after reading the part where Micheal goes to join the Army.
Unexpected twists.....
WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW...Lovin 'it

Ghazaleh says

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Caroline Montague says

I was totally gripped by this story, I could not put it down. I thought I had the ending all worked out but there is a very unexpected twist at the end!
