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## **Enduring Love Details**

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### Shelly says

I thought this series was really good. I liked Hannah and Johns characters. All the other characters were very realistic and down to earth as well. There were some good points of faith in here without being overly preachy. The kind of moral dilemas that real people face. I found the first book to be the most exciting as I am crazy for a story with pain and suffering. Hard trials that I will never have to face. Each book was like a piece of the puzzle and I definatly say you must read all three, in order to appreciate the end.

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### Jan Springer says

Wow, what an interesting third book. I applaud Ms. Leon for exploring this unique storyline. I was frustrated with John in most of this story but I did enjoy Hannah's inspirational insight. It actually has allowed me to look at life differently which is quite a feat. lol

I wished John had been able to fight the system harder but I understand why he had to submit due to those times marriage vows were for life.

To have Hannah and John so viciously ripped apart made me mad, but I was thrilled with how things ended for them. :-) I can't wait to read Ms. Leon's other stories.

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### Amanda says

This book's genre isn't one that I would typically get, but I wanted to try something new. I won this book from this site, and was excited to get it started. I was completely surprised that I enjoyed this book very much. I was pulled in from the beginning, and my interest piqued a few chapters later. I haven't read the first two books of this series, but the author did a wonderful job of keeping me up-to-date. Now I plan on going and getting the first two books because I enjoyed the third one so much.

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### Kristelle says

While the end was predictable I felt for Hannah in this story. The idea of your husband's dead wife showing up would be hard for anyone to deal with. The was Leon dealt with the conflicting emotions in Hannah was very well done along with the way so many people reacted so the situation.

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### Michele Minor says

This is the third book in the author's Sydney Cove series. John's thought to be dead wife comes back to Australia in order to search for him, invalidating his marriage to Hannah, the woman that he loves. He tries

to make a life on the farm with his wife Margaret while still having feelings for Hannah. He has to live apart from Hannah in order to flee from temptation since this is a Christian fiction book. Throughout the book both him and Hannah have to learn how to live apart since it is very difficult to obtain a divorce in the time period that the book is set in. The two of them also have to raise their adopted son separately. Hannah finds out the real reason that Margaret had reappeared in John's life after being gone for a long period of time and betraying him along with his cousin.

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### **Ester says**

\*\*\* Contains spoilers \*\*\*

I was eager to read the final book in the Sydney Cove series, and this one had a rather grim main idea, I must admit. Hannah and John find out that John's deceased wife is in fact, alive and wants to continue the marriage from where they left off. How awkward is that? Or rather, sad. How sad for the couple who have only recently just managed to eek out a life together.

What I love most about this book though is Hannah and John's resolve to do what's right even though it's extremely hard for them both. Yes it's painful to read about them being separate when it is clear they belong to each other but their desire to be obedient to God is stronger and this will really make you think about situations in your own life where God has called you to be obedient during a hard time.

The only problem I had with this book, and it happens in Leon's other books as well is she keeps on repeating annoying phrases. In this book it's 'That it is.' Seriously, almost every single question is answered with this phrase by all the characters! It gets soo ANNOYING! I can think of one hundred and ten other ways the characters could respond to a question but since the author is writing in older english (or is attempting to) she seems to think that this is the only way people responded to questions in that time period. I think there were other phrases as well but I can't remember them right now.

All I can say is the repetition of some words and phrases make the characters less distinctive and boring, which is why I wouldn't give it 5 stars. Nevertheless was a great read.

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### **Heather Honey says**

Remarkable ending to a fine series of Sydney Cove. Book 3 is ever the better than 2. I'm happy to have finished this tear-jerker. So happy that John and Hannah have the happy ending they truly deserve. Full marks!

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### **Roberta Monroe Clark says**

5 star rating teams I loved it and cant wait to re read it.

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### **Tiffany says**

Once again, I felt the first half of the book was a little slow. A lot of background. A lot of suspicion. A lot of setting the stage. Once the drama started to unfold, I couldn't put it down. I wanted to find out how it would end. I was a little sad about the ending. It felt somewhat abrupt after everything the characters had just gone through. Overall, it was a great read!

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### **Brandi says**

I loved this book but MERCY! It kept me in a frustrated tizzy! Then again, that tends to make for some good reading. :) Once again I felt such connection with the characters (especially Hannahs spirited best friend Lydia). It is so refreshing to read books that hold the beauty of the Lord with nothing there to be a temptation of the heart but rather make you want to draw closer to your friends, family and the Lord Himself. I heard someone say they read this book without reading the 1st 2 books first. NOPE....dont do that. Character development is so important in this series. You couldnt understand how Mighty the Lord is to bring them from literal squaller to a higher place for His glory. Anyway....my fave series read this summer.

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### **Kathryn says**

This was my favorite book in the series. After all the hardship that hannah and John have endured to get the prosperous sheep farm, accept an orphan child as their own...you think nothing can tear them apart...but honor does.

margaret, John's first wife who supposedly died before he left for prison is not dead at all and comes back to claim her husband. At first John isn't inclined to believe her tales of devotion, but then after trying to get his marriage to Maraget dismissed, he finds no one will do it because there has been no wrong done. The problem is he can't have two wives and the reverend has said that Hannah and his marriage is voided with this new revelation.

John and Hannah try to do what's right and at fist John stays in the barn. Hannah then moves back with the Atherton's and works as a housemaid. She tries to still her heart and train her mind to not think of John, but it is difficult. Her friend Lydia tells her of rumors of Margaret's unfaithfulness and with the help of Dalton and Lydia they find truth to the rumors...a plot to kill John and take his wealth that he is unaware of.

Even though John has accepted that Margaret is his wife legally, he doesn't act as her husband and often compares her to Hannah. When Hannah has Quincey tell him of the plot he is full of thoughts of revenge for Weston Douglas and Margaret and can't wait for them to get their just reward for the hurt they've cost his family, but Hannah's sense of compassion helps him to feel sorry for margaret instead. Hannah is then able to tell John that they are going to have a great life together and their new addition. It just goes to show that our timing isn't always what God has in mind, but He is always mindful of us.

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## **Louise says**

Story Description:

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Just when things seem to be looking up for John and Hannah Bradshaw, their world is turned upside down. Years ago, John was in prison when he was told his first wife, Margaret, died. So how is it that she shows up in Sydney Town looking to pick up where they left off? Her marriage now null and void, Hannah is distraught. But she and John feel they must separate to allow John's first marriage to continue. But is Margaret hiding something after all? And just what will she do to get what she wants? This conclusion to the Sydney Cove trilogy will draw readers in with its suspenseful, romantic, and tender narrative.

My Review:

Hannah and John Bradshaw and their son, Tommy, are happy living on their sheep farm in Sydney Town. Little by little they are adding more and more sheep to the farm so they can begin shearing and selling the wool to finance their lives.

A few years ago when John was in prison, he was told that his first wife, Margaret, had died. John, of course, was devastated. Once out of prison he met and married Hannah and together they took in Tommy after both his parents died and they've become quite the family.

Well, lo and behold, the long dead, Margaret, shows up in Sydney Town alive and well and wants John to take her back. She found out that he was out of prison and living on the farm. John had a terrible decision to make – stay with Hannah or take Margaret back. It was an easy decision since he was still legally married to Margaret making his marriage to Hannah null and void. John couldn't even have a judge grant him a divorce from Margaret because there were no grounds.

Tommy and Hannah moved out making way for, Margaret. Tommy was terribly upset that he and his mother were being forced to move but as a 10-year-old child, he didn't have a choice.

Soon one of Hannah's friends gets word that, Margaret, isn't all she professes to be and is up to something, but what? Hannah isn't totally convinced at first but when a second person repeats a rumour they heard about Margaret, Hannah decides she had best investigate. What she learns will throw the entire situation into a heart-pounding conclusion. This is the last book in the Sydney Cove trilogy which I thoroughly enjoyed.

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## **Karen Logan says**

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## **Mom says**

This book was so much better than #2 in the series. I liked this so much I had a hard time putting it down. The suspense of Hannah and John being separated when Margaret shows up in the picture was fun. It left me wondering how they could be torn apart and would they get back together? And what about Thomas, their son. By the end of the book, I was disappointed that it ended so abruptly. Obviously, you can guess what happens next. But I would have loved it if the author would have gone a little farther into what life would have been like for them.

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## **Angelic says**

I was lucky enough to win this book from the Goodreads Firstreads contest!! I hadn't read the first two books in Leon's Christian 'Sydney Cove' series, but she did a great job of getting me up to speed in the first chapter. Set on a sheep farm in 1807 Australia, John and Hannah have already been through many hardships by the start of this book. The main conflict of "Enduring Love" starts right away when John's presumed dead former wife returns to him. John and Hannah, and their adopted son, Thomas, are torn apart by Margaret's return. Leon tells a simple, tender love story that will pull at your heartstrings.

I didn't have a lot of sympathy for John's character, perhaps because I didn't read the first two books to get to know him. I felt very uncomfortable as he tried to fall back in love Margaret. It seemed like he was betraying Hannah. Thankfully, the supporting cast felt the same way that I did as a reader, that Margaret was up to no good and that John needed to shape up! Hannah was a very kind and loving character that Christian fiction readers will love. Thomas, their adopted son, was my favorite character in the book because he wanted to take care of his mother and keep his family together--the things I would have liked to see his father do!

The book never comes across as preachy and the Christian elements are very relatable and not forced. There are plenty of tender, emotional moments and lots of action as well in this fast-paced read. Overall, this was a nice, satisfying piece of Christian historical romance that I think fans of the genre will love!

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