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When Sam Grey joined the ATS, she wanted to find adventure, not end up doing office work in Liverpool. Sam wants to show that she is as brave as any man, and when she doesn't get the chance, her lively nature leads her into confrontation with her authoritarian boss. Sparks also fly when she encounters Johnny, whose heroic work in bomb disposal makes him very attractive to many but Sam is determined not to fall for his charm. Meanwhile, Sally wants nothing more than to protect her small children while her husband is a prisoner of war. She works hard to stave off poverty, doing shifts in a factory and singing at the Grafton ballroom. But help is at hand, from a most unlikely source.

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Elisha Chan says

Kind of liked it. Love story in the war time. Like how the writer took time with descriptions. A time when time was slower

Debbie Trammell says

Very touching book

So much emotion! Makes you feel like you are there with these folks. Very evident is that during the war you had to keep in keeping on. I will recommend this book.

Catherine Matsubu says

So good

I truly enjoyed the adventures in this story! There were times I got a bit confused by the way the author chose to change characters but eventually caught on

Adam Beddoe says

I'm not really keen on war books but as this was a book club choice I thought I ought to make an effort. The book had some real positives that deserve credit. It was so readable I found myself able to pick it up and immediately get right back into the story. It also gave a glimpse into living life during wartime and how values changed. I don't however feel I can recommend it for a couple of reasons. I was disappointed that the story descended into a Mills & Boon style love story with excruciating love scenes. I also think the characterisation was poor, all characters except the two main protagonists were one dimensional and cliched (Johnny Everton) and the main characters seemed to merge into one. I was often genuinely confused as I realised I'd read entire passages not realising which person I'd read about!

Annette Hart says

Another good read from Annie Groves. I enjoyed the fact that it involved many of the same characters as another of her books but from a different characters perspective.

Glenys says

A wartime saga set in Liverpool about the girls in the ATS and their friends and off duty evenings out in the Grafton Ballroom.

Georgia says

Heartbreaking and warming. Just a nice book.

Shirley Revill says

I read this book some time ago and I really enjoyed the story. Think it's well worth reading again in the future. I really enjoyed the books by Annie Groves and this one was no exception. Storytelling at it's best. Recommended.

Frances Bell says

This is writing that I could do. Which means to say - not great. She loses the suspense all the way through by interrupting dialogue to refer to past events... it was very difficult to engage with any of the characters because it was all very "surface" with no depth or insight and quite frankly I couldn't care about any of them. The speeches she had characters making were far too long. This is schoolgirl writing and I fail to see how she's sold so many books. The ending had all the loose ends tied up a little too neatly

Mary says

AS TIME GOES BY was an enjoyable read. I liked the day to day details of life in WWII England. I did find the love interests to be predictable & I felt the ending was rushed a bit.

Layla Ashby says

Read many years ago would re-read loved this series. 5 star rating. R.I.P. Annie Groves.

Victoria Shepherd says

Having read a number of books by Ms. Groves, the characters and storylines are all markedly similar, but are so meticulously researched and lovingly written, they are a homey, comforting reads.

Pauline says

Didn't enjoy this one as much as I have others by her. To much chopping and changing from one story to the next so none came out really strong.

Suzanne says

Things happen to people in war especially relationships between people. Sally has a POW husband who borrowed money from unscrupulous money lenders before he left and now Sally must pay it back. Sally also has two small boys. She must work all the time for money to pay them so she has to leave her children with neighbors. The doctor thinks she may not be a fit mother when the boys get sick and she is not there.

Sam is still a tomboy waiting to become a woman. She has great sympathy for those who are weak and hurting. She has not learned to cut out dead weight for the benefit of the whole team. A painful lesson to learn. Another painful lesson is learning to trust men.

The first part of the book was lots of unfairness and an ugly look at human nature. The second part showed more of the kindness of people.

Dark-Draco says

I really, really wanted to like this. I thought I was in the mood for a novel about female fortitude during the war, about plucky characters with a bit of romance thrown in. Sadly, by about the sixth chapter, I found myself a little bored by it all. I quite liked the characters Sam and Sally, and could see how their stories were about to become entwined, but I also think the obviousness of it all depressed me ever so slightly and I got to the point where I didn't want to see how their happy endings came about. A shame, as maybe I would have enjoyed this if a different mood.
