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An emotional and heart-warming portrayal of the lives of four women living in wartime London.

For the girls living at No. 13 Article Row, life has never been tougher.

Tilly is left heartbroken after the love of her life, Drew, returns to his hometown of Chicago to visit his family and decides to stay there. After he ends their relationship via a letter, Tilly is desperate to find out the truth behind their break-up.

Agnes is shocked to discover that she has inherited a house from her estranged father who left her at the orphanage all those years ago. After not having family for so long she now has a cousin who is very keen to get to know her, but is it for the right reasons?

And for Tilly's mother, Olive, her repressed feelings for the unhappily married Sergeant Dawson are finally in the open, but can either of them ever recover from the guilt?

Meanwhile, Sally's life is in turmoil when George is killed in an air raid, leaving her alone and pregnant. With so much tragedy surrounding them, the four girls must support each through the hard times.

A Christmas Promise Details

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Kumicky Sally says

A good read and I love how the ending of this book even though there some errors going on.

Fran Mewse says

Another good read for Annie Grove lovers. It was hard to tell that it wasn't written by her. I am so glad it ended as it did - a great conclusion. My only regret was I read the books in the wrong order.

Victoria Shepherd says

A pleasurable end to a charming series.

Louise Ansell says

A light hearted feel good historical (ww2) romance .

Carol B Davis says

Great

I loved this s set f three books set in with else war two and the stories and characters who made up the stories.

Diane Heath says

This was written after the death of Penny Hallowell aka Annie Groves. It is apparent that the author has changed. There are some frustrating continuity errors where things that happened in prior books are forgotten or altered. The book also uses flashbacks or differing chronologies so some things get confused

Vicky Thomasson says

This book was ok, I suppose. If you looked beyond the badly written text, the characters were actually very likeable. I felt like the story was a bit weak in some places but it was a good try. Also, I'm not entirely sure what 'A Christmas Promise' had to do with it because as far as I could see there was no promises made at

Christmas! It tied up quite nicely at the end though and like I said, it was a good try.

Janice says

I read this on the kindle

This is the last in the series I found that part of the synopsis is wrong as it says Sally is left expecting after her husband George dies she is not left expecting & her & George didn't marry, also there wasn't a letter which Tilly wants to get to the bottom of but a letter that not given to her

Enjoyed this as you see Agnes come in to her own, Dulcie who is enjoying motherhood with her daughter Hope & her nephew Anthony who she is looking after for sister Edith, Sally is still coming to terms with that her father & her friend & new wife are killed she is looking after her half-sister Alice
Then there is Olive who is mother hen to all she is also mother to Tilly, I did find that Olive tried to call the shots with her so much so that she kept a letter from Tilly who joins ATS & goes off to serve
Then there is Archie Dawson the police Sgt & Barney who is the boy who he takes in

The series was a good series & while the synopsis is a bit wrong it still has you want to read it but you do need to read the earlier books I did miss the 1st book not knowing that there was an earlier one so I read from book 2

The last 2 books are done by a different author using notes ect by the original author but kept the name as Annie Groves was fiction name for her

Kim says

It was lovely to catch up with the last book in the Article Row series , written by another author after 'Annie Groves' sadly passed away. The new writer has taken over seamlessly and I was engrossed in the story. I was pleased to read that she will write more books as Annie Groves.

Robin says

I didn't like this book at all. Hugely dull and confusing with uninteresting characters. However, I had not read the others in the series. I don't believe it is a stand alone book. Also, this book was ghost written, as the original author is now deceased. I believe she is trying to tie up all the loose ends. It just didn't work for me.

Raine says

Hadn't read any Annie Groves before--it's lightweight historical fiction. And sometimes that fits the bill. Nothing special, the last several were written after the authors death and were much weaker than the first few.

Lianne says

I am only on page 10 of this book, and think I have already found a continuity error (this is book 5 in the series). What a shame. I think in book 2 or 3, Sally saw her father and Morag with their new baby, but this book says Sally knew nothing of the child. Am I right? I don't have the other books any more to check! I know it's a different author to the first 3 books, but I do feel that the author and also the proof reader should have picked up on this.

I will carry on with the book...

Update: I have now finished the book, and although it was a nice story, this is let down by the two continuity errors that I found and the numerous spelling/grammatical errors. Maybe it was just my copy and hopefully this has all been sorted out in later editions. So this book only got 3 stars as the mistakes spoilt it!
