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Love, marriage, birth, death and betrayal in the East-End of London make up life in Mulberry Lane, perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries, Cathy Sharp and Donna Douglas.

Maureen Jackson knew being as a trainee nurse wouldn't be easy, but she didn't expect her hospital to be badly bombed on her first shift. Plus Maureen still has her family and friends in Mulberry Lane to keep her busy – she's needed as much there as she is by her patients.

Running the pub on the corner of Mulberry Lane, Peggy Ashley is used to taking in all sorts of waifs and strays. But the arrival of a dashing American Captain has got tongues wagging about Mulberry Lane's favourite Landlady...

Janet Ashley husband is back from the frontline. Which is more than so many of the wives of Mulberry Lane. But her beloved Mike is a completely different man to the one she fell in love with – and what's more he doesn't remember her, or their young daughter. How do you cope when your darling husband is a virtual stranger?

As WW2 continues around them, the women of Mulberry Lane know that community spirit and friendship is the key to surviving The Blitz.

A Wedding at Mulberry Lane is the second book in the riveting and heart-breaking Mulberry Lane series from Rosie Clarke.

A Wedding at Mulberry Lane Details

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Alison says

I'm at my happiest when immersed in a good historical novel based around WWII, not sure if it's because I'm getting older and can appreciate them more but it's certainly a genre that hits the spot lately. I was absorbed in the first book of this series, The Girls of Mulberry Lane so as soon as A Wedding at Mulberry Lane became available I wanted to read it.

This continues on from the ending of the previous book, it would help to read in order but you should be able to pick up the story sufficiently without.

The things that keep me hooked with these books is the talent of the author to describe the tension of the time. It really is a sense of community, each person looks out for the other and has the 'we will survive' attitude, make do and mend as they say.

It may seem like an awful lot disasters hit these folk but view it as a story condensed into one area not as a factual basis. War was tough, life was hard and this shines through. I love the in depth look at the characters and really feel their emotions. There is a lot of drama crammed into one book and it will transport you back in time if you let it. A story that will pull at your heart strings, full of emotion but has just the right amount of 'feels' at any one time.

Once again I thoroughly enjoyed this and I'm pleased to see there will be another instalment. A series well worth putting on your wishlist and I happily recommend.

Thanks to the author, publisher and netgalley. I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Kathleen Gray says

This is wonderful historical fiction that is so character driven you'll wish these women lived on your street. Clarke is a storyteller, which is less common than not these days. She'll pull you into the lives and loves of Maureen, Peggy, and Janet quicker than you'd think, even if you haven't read the first book. WWII UK was a tough place to live; these three experience some of the worst of it. Thanks to Netgalley for the ARC. Try this one if you want a good read full of heart and hope. I'm looking forward to the next in the series.

Melanie Farmer says

A Wedding at Mulberry Lane is the second in the Mulberry Lane series by Rosie Clarke, and it really was lovely to catch up with Maureen, Peggy, and Janet again. When I read The Girls of Mulberry Lane I had been disappointed about the way it ended due to the number of loose ends it left - thankfully Rosie put me right on Twitter and let me know that the next book in the series would be out on the 1st December!

So back to the book in question...A Wedding at Mulberry Lane see's us return to London to find out how

Peggy, her daughter Janet and their friend Maureen are coping with what life, love and war are throwing at them.

Maureen has left Mulberry Lane (and her ungrateful father) behind her as she starts her nurse training. She is determined to assist in the war effort by caring for those injured in the war whilst fighting for love - the love of her childhood sweetheart Rory, but also the love of her friends as the bombs continue to rain down across England, putting everyone she loves in harms way.

Peggy loves her life as landlady of the Pig & Whistle in Mulberry Lane. Despite shortages and rations, her pub remain the hub of the lane, a place where the local residents feel safe but also a place where celebrations happen - celebrations of love and life. Whilst caring for her customers, Peggy is left dealing with her own demons...the discovery of her husbands secrets, but also the arrival of a rather handsome American soldier.

Janet is delighted to have her beloved husband Mike home from the war, but what she discovers is that war can really change a man. Along with their young daughter, Janet finds herself fighting for a man who doesn't remember either of them, whilst he struggles to deal with his injuries.

I am a big fan of the characters in these Mulberry Lane novels. Peggy, Janet and Maureen are all strong females who are forced to fight for love and life at a time when death and destruction were so prevalent.

Whilst the three of them are fictional characters, the setting they find themselves in is anything but fictional.

London during the Blitz was a dark and dangerous place to be, where death could find you even if you weren't a soldier fighting at the front. Despite the nightly air raids, the unexploded hidden bombs and the total destruction of homes and livelihoods, Londoners were forced to go on, day in and day out as they waited for news of their loved ones, ever hopeful that their friends and family would make it home safely.

The role of women during this time was so important as they held together their families and worked hard to keep businesses afloat. Rosie Clarke captures all of this within these novels, and I cannot wait for the third instalment in this series to find out where the war takes these strong, hard-working women.

Thank you to Rosie Clarke, Aria and Netgalley for providing me with an ARC in exchange for my review.

Shirley Revill says

I love books that are from this era and this book was absolutely brilliant.

Very well written and very hard to put down. Storytelling at it's best. Recommended.

Christina J. says

Good but run-on

This was a pretty good sequel, but her books need a good editing. The sentences are run-on and repetitive. The book has a lot of heart ache and anguish, and I had hoped some loose ends would have been tied up better, such as Janet and Mike's tentative marriage, how Peggy made out (SPOILER ALERT) after the baby and how Tom mended and if Tilly recovered enough to get home. If you're looking for historical fiction that produces information about WWII, this is not your book. It's about a small community and their lives during the war.

Donna Maguire says

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

I am having a binge on historical fiction books at the moment so I was delighted when I found this book! I liked the cover and the blurb drew my attention immediately so as soon as it arrived on my Kindle I got stuck in!

I loved the characters and their interaction made the story a really great one to read. The story was well written and I really enjoyed every page, it was a delight to read for me, five stars from me and I really, really enjoyed it - looking forward to reading the next book in the series!

Sarah Davies says

This was a really nice good story to read, followed on nicely from book one.

It was interesting reading how some of the characters had moved on from book 1.

This could also have been read as a stand alone story as it finished nicely and explained the history of the characters.

Still a great mix of characters with their own stories mixing with others, with some newer characters being added.

Well worth a read, well written and easy flowing storyline.

Sandra says

Excellent book but then i have not been disapointed with any of Rosie's books.The friends of Mulberry Lane join forces to help each other and to help others,i love a good story and wasn't let down at all from start to finish i felt i was among them fighting on the home front.Well worth the 5* and i look forward to many more books from Rosie.

Joanne says

A Wedding at Mulberry Lane by Rosie Clarke is the second book in her popular Mulberry Lane series and I think it was just as absorbing and heartfelt as the first. If you haven't read the first book then don't worry you'll soon be totally immersed in Ms. Clarke's amazing storytelling and the lives of Maureen, Peggy and Janet.

Maureen has left Mulberry Lane to train as a nurse despite her injured sweetheart Rory begging her to stay by his side in London. For the first time in her life Maureen is doing exactly as she wants following her

dream of helping others through her nursing, but with Rory begging her to marry him every time she visits her heart begins to be torn in two.

Peggy is still running the Pig and Whistle pub at the end of Mulberry Lane and is providing comfort for all those around her. Things with husband Laurence are particularly cold and all Peggy wants is someone to give her some comfort.

Janet has been reunited with missing husband Mike but their reunion has been bittersweet as Mike has no memory of his wife or young daughter Maggie.

Each of these women faces moments of heartbreak and joy throughout this book and the way Ms. Clarke writes it's as though I was right there with them feeling every emotion with them. I was a glad that one of them manages to find happy ending but for how long nobody knows.

I won't say anymore as I don't want to spoil this wonderful read, just that I highly recommend it to anyone who is fans of Lynsey Hutchinson, Nadine Dorries or Diney Costello. I adored every page and am so looking for the next instalment with these wonderful characters.

Thank you so much to Aria for sending me a copy to review and inviting me to be part of the blog tour.

Grace J Reviewerlady says

What a pleasure to be back in the Pig and Whistle and be re-acquainted with all the residents of Mulberry Lane!

Rosie Clarke's second book in this series continues with the ongoing saga of life in London during the Blitz. We find out how Peggy and her family are managing in the local pub, struggling to maintain a business despite rationing and bombing. Janet, her daughter, is striving to come to terms with her injured husband having lost his memory but has to keep going for the sake of their baby daughter Maggie. Son Pip is now serving in the RAF, with very intermittent trips home. Her husband, Laurie, continues to work for the war effort and is posted far from home, but the shadow of his affair with a younger woman casts a long shadow. Friend Maureen's life continues but no longer at the beck and call of her father, she has taken up nursing and has Rory back in her life. She finds herself with a whole new set of friends through her new career and is feeling loved, valued and happy with her vocation. We pick up the threads of life with all the characters from the first novel popping up, and it's a truly great sequel.

The strength of the local women during this time is astounding .. surviving on low rations with a dearth of goods in the shops and yet they look after each other and it is easy to see why they didn't go back to being subservient after the war was over. Having to make decisions on a daily basis to keep not only their families, but the community, together. This is both a fascinating and entertaining read. I've always been fond of books set in this period and am already looking forward to the next in this series. Definitely a set of novels not to be missed!

My thanks to publishers Aria for approving my copy via NetGalley. This is my honest, original and unbiased review.

Hannah Symonds says

This is the second book in the Mulberry lane series, and even though I have not read the first one I

thoroughly enjoyed this one. It is set in the East End of London and it is around the time of World War two. I found the story heartbreaking but also very interesting. I find reading about the nurses in those days really interesting and the story itself was very informative. A really interesting read.

joan caryl jewitt says

Great book

I have enjoyed reading this book and couldn't believe I had reached the end as I felt there were still further answers needed! Probably all will be revealed in a later novel!!!

Debbie Southwell says

Although I hadn't read the first book in the series I found it very easy to get to know the wonderful characters in this book which is set during World War 2.

The story has different threads for the different characters but they are all entwined in some way due to the Mulberry Lane setting of the title.

This story is primarily a story of the strength of the women and the way they handle the hardships and the separation caused by the awful war.

I would highly recommend this book and sincerely hope that there is another book in the series in the pipeline as I want to know more about what happens to Peggy, Maureen and the other brilliant characters in the future.

Thanks to Netgalley and Aria Fiction for providing me with a review copy of this book in return for an honest review which is completely my own opinion.

Kathy E says

Just could not put it down.

Following the lives of the people who lived around Mulberry Lane and following the stories of Peggy, Maureen, Janet and other residents of Mulberry Lane. The love and heartbreaks that they all suffered through this part of WWII. You could feel as though you were living with the characters. This is the second book in the Mulberry Lane series and was even more enjoyable than The Girls of Mulberry, now I am looking forward to the next one Mulberry Lane Babies. It seems to me that whatever Rosie Clarke writes is very good reading.

Susan Duthie says

This is a 5 star story and is the second in the Girls of Mulberry lane, story. The series is set during World War 2 in London. In this book our main character is Maureen. She is a friend of Peggy, the publicans wife. Maureen has had to give up a lot to help her dad run the local shop. So when he remarries she decides it's time to start a new life on her own. I look forward to the next one!

