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As the questions begin, an extraordinary story unfolds. A story of love and loss and caring, of separation and reunion. Of small acts of heroism in a distant and war-weary English village, now half a century ago.

As her grandmother shares this story with Marissa, the two discover that the most precious gift of Christmas is that of the present. And the season of giving is not limited to once a year.

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Beverly says

If I could, I would be giving this book 4.5!

Although it began with much sorrow and anger and disappointing hurt, Love and Honesty and a special understanding between grandmother and grand-daughter was forged over a Christmas holiday which brought healing to body and soul for both.

This was a deep and moving story where the lessons from the past, helped to open the door of comfort and hope which brought much Joy in the end!

What a wonderful story for the season which as the Vicar Collin exclaimed has as its essential message, "For those who accept God's gift, all is well."

Christy says

Okay, so I admit it might not be a literary work of art. But it is just my kind of book. There's 1940's classiness, running off to Europe, Orphans, and old people talking about the love stories of their 20's. What more could I want in a book!?

Julie Barrett says

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Love this story. Starts out with Marissa and she's bedridden and her family leave for their Hawaii vacation. She's to stay with her grandmother. It's been a year since her grandfather died.

She is recovering what some say is leukemia, some say it's hepatitis. Marissa has had it with tests and needles and her grandmother will protect her. Marissa has lost a Christmas without her family. So has her grandmother and

she tells Marissa the tale of her trip to England in 1945. She tells her the whole story of why she was there and what happened and why it drew her back to church and God and faith.

Gerda Leek says

good, uplifting

Pauline says

I love this story--quite possibly because my Dad was stationed in England in WWII and my Grandmother

was from England. I've read it at Christmas the last five years and this year read it aloud again to my husband who doesn't normally love novels. The difficulties, sacrifices and love during the war years tie into a modern story of grandma and her ill granddaughter. It just sets my heart right and makes me smile. It's a short book but packed full of a good story. IMHO, This should be on everyone's list to read during the holidays.

Libby says

What a great well written story. Historical fiction combined with a more contemporary story woven together wonderfully. The historical fiction part starts just after the end of WWII . I love historical fiction that is well researched and I learn while reading! While the contemporary story line takes place during Christmas don't let that stop you from reading it any time of year.

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Karen says

An illness keeps 14-year old, Marissa from joining her family for their long-awaited Christmas vacation to Hawaii and feels miserable that she must spend the week with her grandma instead. Over numerous cups of cocoa her grandmother shares her life before she married grandpa. It gives them a chance to share a part of the past as well as their future.

This was a good Christmas read. I liked the grandmother's stories of London following WWII and through her bad choices, not only her life but many were impacted/changed by this decision.

Marlo says

“And look at the wonders the Lord has wrought in my own heart!”

That is the story of Christmas and Christ’s mission. Tidings of Comfort and Joy fits the mood of the Christmas season just so and is a lovely combination of historical fiction and inspirational reading. It truly is a reminder that all is well.

Kristin says

My favorite holiday read! Highly recommended - great departure from the usual commercialized Christmas stories.

Denise says

I debated on my 4 star rating but in the end I know this book and its message will stick with me and that

makes it a 4 star vs 3 to 3 1/2. A different take on a Christmas tale and in fact the story is more about life in the 1940's and more specific at an orphanage of the time. Emily was going to meet the love of her life, in another country, on a leap of faith it would all work out, but finds him gone when she arrives. Now she is stuck in a different county where she knows no one, until a neighbor/landlady takes her in, both in housing and heart. Soon the heart factor becomes bigger than all other life dealings as Emily becomes part of an orphanage where her life truly begins. The twist is that Emily is now a grandmother retelling her life story to her ill granddaughter that arrives at her home bitter and mean as her family leaves her for a holiday vacation. The meaning of Christmas is not lost in the tale, while there is romance and feel good ending, life is real and hard and we have to remember who truly is in control.

Dixie says

For a holiday feel good book, this is definitely one of the better ones.

Fedora says

This is actually by T. Davis Bunn.

A very lovely story about a grandmother sharing her history with her granddaughter, both as encouragement and as a way of preserving her own memories.

Beautifully done.

Gena says

Not a literary masterpiece by any stretch. Some aspects of the writing were really annoying to me. One character is continually addressed as "child" and another as "dear" in ways that made the dialogue sound silly. But the story is sweet and I was looking for something Christmas-y. Enjoyable WWII era historical aspect to the plot. Nicely drawn relationship between grandmother and granddaughter.

Poiema says

I don't like to do heavy reading during the holiday season, so this title fit the bill. I read most of it on a long road trip and it made the miles go by pleasantly. It was written in the style of a children's series I used to read to my girls, *In Grandma's Attic* by Arleta Richardson. A Grandmother tells the story of her coming-of-age--- her romance, heartbreak, and the refashioning of her character that resulted from a season of suffering.

The setting was Britain, post WWII, during the time that loss and destruction were most acutely felt. Emily had a choice: join the "Grim Brigade"--- the ranks of women who were locked into a permanent state of sorrow---OR, throw herself into relieving the suffering of others. There was a valuable moral to her story, that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The story was simply told, not syrupy sweet like a lot of cheap Christmas stories. Bunn has a solid Christian worldview and dropped a few wisdom nuggets along the way that gave me pause to think and digest. I expected to give this 3 stars but happily elevate it to four because I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Lori Henrich says

Marissa is forced to stay with her Grandma while the rest of her family heads off to a Christmas vacation in Hawaii. Marissa has been ill and the doctors can't seem to figure out what is wrong, but her Grandma suspects hepatitis. Emily decides to keep her granddaughter entertained by telling her about how she had met her husband and how she knew what was ailing her. The story takes place in a small town near London where a group of orphans are being cared for by the local townspeople.

Thoroughly enjoyable story. Characters are likeable and engaging. The story line warms the heart as it unfolds. The effect the story has on Marissa had her attitude about her illness isn't the only thing that changes as Emily tells her story.

Thumbs Up!!!
