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America's Heartland, 1946. World War II has ended, and everyone is pursuing peacetime's bright promise with fresh energy and hope. Newly-arrived in a small Wisconsin town, Christina Tucker now dares to chase her long-cherished dreams: put her wartime nursing skills to use and reconnect with country life. But helping a shell-shocked veteran recover soon tests her determination and disturbs town memories best left buried. She has no choice but to turn to her patient's seemingly-irresponsible brother, Tyler Sutter. A restless ex-soldier, Tyler can't believe this pretty ladylike nurse can heal his family. Yet as Christina begins to understand Tyler's own fears, the two grow close, then closer still-as a terrible secret sparks one man's violent, vengeful spree. With both the guilty and innocent alike in harm's way, Tyler and Christina must face all their fears . . . or never live to see the future.

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## **From Reader Review Come a Little Closer for online ebook**

### **Kristen says**

I don't know how this got on my tbr list, and I am not sure why I finished reading it, other than the fact that it was nearly done and on a vacation with little else and a nonfunctioning wifi connection.

About halfway through I thought the plot was maudlin and filled with addicts and crazy murders. Then came the totally there to sell the book sex scene. Which I personally skipped over since I was thoroughly disgusted with the writing by that time. And then came the epilogue. I should have just turned to the back, read that and returned the book to the library and saved myself the pain.

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### **Jennifer Warner says**

Too much going on, and the main character was very flat for me.

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### **Jennifer says**

This book was a little all over the place for me and I didn't feel like there was enough emphasis on the developing romance.

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### **Faye says**

A very easy read. Just pure entertainment. Good plot but pretty predictable. I I didn't realize this was number three in the series. I will have to check out number one now

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### **Lisarenee says**

They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, but no one comes out of war unscathed. Some are haunted by the images, some retreat into themselves, some retreat to the bottom of a bottle or whatever narcotic can bring them escape, some are permanently scared or damaged by the carnage reaped on their bodies. No, while you might come out alive, you're never the same even if the scars can't be seen.

When Christina came to Longstock, Wisconsin she was looking for a new start. It was the end of World War II and after years spent helping soldiers recover from war injuries, she needed a change. When a fellow nurse declined an offer to work in the small town of Longstock, she asked if she might have the information to apply. While she loved helping others, seeing all the men who passed her way whose lives would never be what they once were left her wanting a job that had a less depressing atmosphere.

Upon arrival to the small town, she wondered if she'd made a mistake. The doctor she works for is addicted

to morphine, one of his nephews was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (although it didn't have a name at the time), and the other was bitter toward his older brother for reasons she didn't yet know. While her new life may not be what she was hoping for, she soon came to realize she was where she was meant to be.

I have to admit the beginning of this book didn't really grab me. I liked it, but it wasn't until later that I got "lost" in this book. I don't always read the description on the book before I start reading, and it'd been awhile since I'd requested it. Originally I wanted Christina to fall in love with the other brother, Holden. To me he was the more intriguing of the two. I liked how he came out of his shell because of her and how the dreams which he had decided would never be, became a possibility again. I wonder if Ms. Garlock will create a happily ever after for him in the near future? \*crosses fingers\*

Tucker's and Christina's relationship started off rather bumpy. Tucker was not out to impress when he first met her and later realized he'd sort of messed up his chances. He's a rather complicated individual, and Christina had to peel away the layers to get to the heart of the man. I like how they understood each other because each had an older siblings whose shadow they seemed to walk in. Slowly, we get to see the real Tucker which he hid behind snide comments and an abrasive facade.

Garlock added some extra drama by adding some secondary characters who were anything but normal. One had an obsessive compulsion for Tucker and had been for years. The other had an unjustified need for vengeance against Doctor Barlow for the death of his brother.

I enjoyed the poem included at the beginning at the book called the 'Unspoken Words from the Beekeeper'. It was a great tie in to the story--Tucker is a beekeeper. I also loved how the prologue nicely showed how Christina came to be the type of person she was. I felt the words her sister imparted to her years earlier, "Everybody, no matter who they are, no matter how old they are, gets scared sometime." were very profound to what went on in the story. Plus, Charlotte's words of wisdom, "Your going to learn not to turn tail and run away from what scares you." played a key role in how she dealt with Holden. I felt it was a nice way to make the story go full circle.

On the Lisarenee Romance Rating Scale, I gave this one a FAN rating - the temperature in the room seems to have suddenly gone up a couple of degrees and a fan would be nice. Overall, I gave this one **3 1/2 out of 4 roses**. I truly enjoyed it

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## **Brenda says**

I have been reading Dorothy Garlock books for years, and I can always count on them to not only transport me to whatever setting she is writing about but she also allows me to connect with the characters she is portraying. In "Come A Little Closer" we get the character of Christina Tucker and the year is 1946. WW11 has just come to an end and instead of heading back to her hometown of Carlson MN she decides to accept a nursing position in the small town of Longstock, Wisconsin where she will be working with Dr. Barlow the town doctor. When she arrives she is invited to supper with the doctor's sister and her two sons Holden and Tyler. Holden is dealing with issues from the war and has locked himself in his room, not even taking meals with his family. When Christina volunteers to take his supper to him, they connect and becomes determined to help him. Meanwhile Tyler comes off as a bad boy but he has his own issues as well, and while Christina

tries to help Holden she can't help but be drawn to Tyler, but someone in town is determined to do whatever it takes to keep her from Tyler.

The historical aspect of this story is what drew me in, but the characters and plot really kept me reading. While there is a romance, the author gives the reader so much more. Holden was suffering from PTSD, something that many soldiers deal with. It was nice to see him slowly learn how to handle his problems and realize that he could have a future. I enjoyed how the romance between Christina and Tyler progressed. I thought the secondary story of Luther and the blame he placed on the doctor for his brother Donnie's death added to the story. There were several secondary characters to round out this story and one of my favorites had to be the feisty Eunice Hester, and the impact she had on the doctor.

If you're a fan of Dorothy Garlock you're going to love this story, and if you're not then what are you waiting for, pick up a copy of "Come A Little Closer" and see why she is one of today's best selling authors!

rating 5/5

\*A complimentary copy of this book was provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Pat says**

This was your classic American Love story. My mother would have loved it, and that's a compliment. While reading the first couple chapters, I was drawn back to my much beloved Cherry Ames. I became a nurse because I so loved her stories! This is a story of post WWII, in a tiny little town of Longstock Wi. The young Army nurse coming to town to get some distance from battle weary, wounded soldiers. She comes to work for the lone, gruff, drug addicted Doctor, with a sad past. There are heroes, villains, and ordinary townspeople, who just want to live their lives. The "heroes" are two brothers with PTSD, trying to deal with their grief in their own way, which is isolation for the most part. Along comes Christina! This is a sweet tale, no murder, (only attempted) no violent sex, no paranormal and no vampires! Just a sweet romance with a hope for "happily ever after". I enjoyed the simplicity of its story.

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### **Joanne says**

This was my first experience with Garlock and although I did find some enjoyment through this novel, it fell short for me somewhere along the way. We follow Christina as she starts a new life in a small Wisconsin town.

Since Christina grew up in a rural Minnesota town, life in Longstock, Wisconsin is not too much of a shock to her. She sees many similarities that range from the area business, the townspeople, and even the people that have been affected by the war. The last thing that Christina expects is to fall in love while she is helping a war veteran conquer his fears.

Holden Tucker is the man that served in the war who Christina helps to face his demons. When Christina is not spending time with Holden she usually can be found with his brother Tyler. While she develops a protective affection towards Holden, a deeper emotion is sparked with Tyler. This, of course, will create an unsavory love triangle.

Many events are brought to Christina's attention within this novel. An obsessed woman sets Christina as a target, while a town drunk is finally ready to fulfill his act of revenge. One of the most endearing storylines

involved the doctor that had a morphine addiction. Christina helped him deal with his addiction as she helped Holden confront his fears.

This book caught my eye because I liked the cover and noticed it was a post WWII novel. I enjoy books from this time period, but this one didn't hit home for me. I did enjoy most of the story, but I have to warn you that there is a sex scene towards the end that made me feel that I was listening to an erotic novel. I did not enjoy that part at all. While I didn't find much enjoyment from this book, I do think that those of you that enjoy romance novels would want to give this one a try.

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### **Megan Marvel says**

It was OK for a random book I bought for \$1. Most of the characters were underdeveloped and the plot was not worth the read. The love triangle was predictable and happened faster than in Disney movies. Luther's reasoning for going after the doctor was ridiculous and the doctor's addiction was not necessary to the story whatsoever. The dialog was terrible! It felt very armature.

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### **Teresa says**

great book. Third in trilogy.

Third in the trilogy. Well written. About the little sister. Third in trilogy.

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### **Robin Brennan says**

Enjoy many of Dorothy Garlock's books, but not this one. Something about the characters grates and doesn't ring true. Finished the book, but... Hopefully her next book will be better.

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### **Suka says**

Really liked this book. Dorothy Garlock is always a great read.

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### **Dorothy says**

Christina has moved to Longstock, Wisconsin to be the nurse in their clinic. Her first night there the doctor takes her to his sisters house for supper. While there she meets the two sons but the meeting is not very pleasant. Of course things change as the story progresses. Also there is a bit of mystery and danger thrown in to make it a good story.

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**Danthony74 says**

I usually enjoy Garlock books, but this one was very slow and just not a typical Garlock read. It was okay because I didn't really have to concentrate and my mind wondered.

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**Marianne says**

Garlock's books are a usual interlude between more serious books and provide a nice diversion. I enjoy them for the glimpse into life in America right after WWII.

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