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Set in Liverpool during the Depression and the Blitz of the Second World War, Anne Baker's dramatic saga brings a close-knit community vividly to life.

It is the day of the Grand National, 1933, when Susie Ingram's fiance, Danny, is killed in a tragic accident. In a cruel twist of Fate, Susie discovers she is carrying Danny's child and, shunned by his parents, she turns to her mother for support. Louise Ingram, widowed during the First World War, knows how hard it is to bring up a family alone, but with the help of her eldest daughter, Martha, who lives next door, they manage to survive. When little Rosie is born there is no doubt that she is Danny's daughter, but it is destined to take many more years of heartache before the two families are united again...

Wartime Girls Details

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Book Addict Shaun says

Wartime Girls is Anne Baker's 33rd novel which is quite remarkable, I have read a few of them over the years and as is usually the case when one finishes an author's latest book, I have been left with the urge to check out a few more. Luckily my library has a brilliant saga section. It is always difficult to find something different to say about family sagas, for the most part you know what you are going to get when you pick one up and, being from Liverpool myself, stories from the likes of Anne Baker are always my favourite.

Wartime Girls tells the story of a number of characters, notably Susie Ingram who finds herself pregnant with her dead fiance Danny's child, shunned by his parents she must turn to her mother for support. Louise Ingram and her daughter Martha are there to help Susie bring up little Rosie who is so obviously Danny's child, but it will be some years before the families are united again... There's such a fantastic sense of place in Wartime Girls, the setting coming to life quite vividly in my mind. I especially enjoy picturing the places that I know today as places vastly different to those described here, some no longer even existing. Similarly with the characters, always strong female characters attempting to make the best of their lot in a time of poverty with Anne Baker portraying them as realistic characters, who you very soon come to care for.

Family sagas typically follow a formula and despite the at times lovey dovey nature of some of the stories, it is not always the case that our characters will receive their happy ever after. Along the way there is often plenty of death and heartache, which is of course a realistic portrayal of that time and so there were a number of surprises during Wartime Girls. As said previously, Anne Baker creates characters that you genuinely care about and as such it can be a little bit emotional in places. Overall a solid read and one that I very much enjoyed. I have mentioned in the past that family sagas have a certain audience, yet I do think that is a bit of a lazy assumption as stories such as this can be enjoyed by a much wider audience if people are willing to take a chance on them.

Patricia says

Girls with Grit

This is my 1st Anne Baker book but certainly not my last..WWII may have been mainly fought by men. But Women helped win it...Susie..Martha...Louise..Becky.. Gave all..and then some..

margaretdoolin says

A good read

An enjoyable read, birth's deaths marriage this book has it all and , Anne bakers books have never disappointed me

Andrea says

Thought this book was slow but got better in the end thought the characters jumped to one story to another read one of her books which I enjoyed abit better.

Christine OGrady says

Wartime Girls Review

I enjoyed this story all the way through. At one point it seemed too good to be true but then it had its fair share of disaster and sadness. The family and peripheral characters were interesting too, just as they would have responded in the pre-war and the forties, so different to the 21st century.

I particularly liked the historical information, the Anderson shelters and the Morrison, shelter during the raids, table tennis for play. The food situation seemed good - as rations were small. Good food came from garden produce and a family's own poultry - poached eggs on mashed potatoes.

An enjoyable read all round.

Catherine Matsubu says

Excellent

Thank you Anne Baker. You made the air raids so real. I look forward to reading more of your books!

Amelia R Reagan says

Very good.

It was very exciting. I like the ending. I had been in a war zone. I know the hardship that went with war.

Christina J. says

Rambling

This book could've been 150 pages shorter with a good editor. I swear, Baker is a pen name or vise versa for Rosie Clark. They both write in rambling sentences and repeat themselves over and over. That said, this was an okay story. Consolidated down, it would've been more enjoyable. I did like the characters good enough, but it was a mediocre read.

Teresa Booth says

Meh..... way too predictable, at least what I read of it. Lost my interest early on. It might be someone else's cup of tea, just not mine.

Psammead says

Once again enjoyed Anne Baker's story. Got a little slow in the middle but soon picked up and became a 'can't put down' book.

Kept you wondering how it would end right to the beginning.

christine ethel porter says**Good read**

Just could not put the book down many a late night ?just to get to the end will defiantly read ann be baker again

Bylinda A McCabe says**A family saga**

Heart wrenching story of a families ups and downs and how family should stand by each other. WWI and WWII affected how this family found love, forgiveness and loyalty to each other.

Heather Copping says

A really enjoyable read about a family in Liverpool between 1933 and 1947. Readers of WW 2 sagas will love this book.

Bernadette Firth says**Brilliant**

A fantastic read, love every minute of it. Author wrote a fantastic book. Would highly recommend you read

this book

Jenni says

More my kind of book this one. About a family and their life through the war in Liverpool, i enjoyed this and now onto another one of Annes books called Liverpool Gems, only published this year.
