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Young Kitty Drinkwater lives in Paradise Court, just off Burlington Street. Life is tough in Liverpool in the years after the First World War and Kitty is always hungry and dressed in rags. As the eldest child, she is the scapegoat for her feckless, drunken mother. She dreams of a better life...Lilac Larkin's prospects, by contrast, are very different; she is beautiful, self-possessed young woman, and even when her pleasant job as a lady's maid comes to an end and she starts work in a bag factory, she is sure that her life will be full of promise and excitement...So when the two girls meet by chance in a millinery shop, neither can have any idea what changes in their lives the encounter will bring nor how strangely fate will work to bring them together once more.

The Girl from Penny Lane Details

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Rana says

I've read it 2 years ago . It was one of the first novels to read and I loved it , such a great story about struggling through life and hope

Dianne says

An easy read that had a good enough plot to raise it above the average. Whilst the characters weren't always believable 100%, they were portrayed well enough for you to invest in them and suspend the most critical doubts. ...even enough to wish for a sequel.

This is a rags to comfortable life story of overcoming the odds and harsh, unjust treatment as well as an emotional journey that ultimately has a feel good, restoration of faith that there is good in the world, despite the ugly, cruel and hard.

Enjoyable for the most part to read.

Elizabeth Blows says

Loved it ,a steady twisting story

Dpic says

Enjoyable story

Scarlett O.H. says

Lovely would be the word to describe this book, not very exiting but a nice satisfying read. Also the book with the best ending I have red in a while.

Clare O'Beara says

This is a Liverpool tale from between the wars, with many rambles up and down the streets, past landmarks and slums alike. A better off girl from Penny Lane meets a kid from a slum called Paradise Court briefly, but years later their lives cross again. In between they lead quite different lives and we see that work was so cheap in the city, and workers so plentiful, that it was much better to go on the tramp out to the Welsh countryside and look for work. Farms always needed labour, and they harboured less disease.

Some of the characters appeared to be from earlier books and had briefly met characters who made appearances late in the tale. The constant references to their pasts can be a little confusing if you haven't read those books. But, real people do talk about their life experiences and friends or relatives, so I guess it is true to life. The writing is pleasant and descriptive, and while there isn't much action, starvation and disease are dramatic enough. Women particularly will enjoy the story but we do see some men's points of view too.

This is an unbiased review.

Shirley Revill says

Really love the stories by Katie Flynn and this book was no exception. Recommended

Ayny says

Quick read, more like two stories that merge at the end.

Mrs MJH Compton-Edwards says

virtually two stories in one, but join up again before the end, quite interesting.

kathleen dorning says

Couldn't put it down

All readers this is a lovely story a bit slow at times 2 stories in one loved it Ned to read more of this lovely lady

Diana says

Really enjoyed this lovely book. Based in Liverpool just after the war it painted a desperate picture of life in the slums. Hope hope determination and love win the day and it ends happily.
