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War rages, but the women and children of Liverpool's Dr Barnado's Home cannot give up hope. *An Orphan's War* is a gripping saga about love and loss on the Home Front.

LIVERPOOL, 1940

When her childhood sweetheart Johnny is killed in action, Maxine Grey loses more than her husband – she loses her best friend. Desperate to make a difference in this awful war, Maxine takes a nursing job at London's St Thomas's hospital.

A BROKEN HEART

She takes comfort in the attentions of a handsome surgeon, but Edwin Blake isn't all he seems. And as the Blitz descends on the capital, Maxine faces more heartache. When she returns to Liverpool, she harbours a secret.

A BRAVE SPIRIT

When Maxine is offered a job at a Dr Barnardo's orphanage, she hopes this is the second chance she has been looking for. Do the orphans know that she needs them as much as they need her?

A gripping story of love, friendship and hope in the darkest of places. Molly Green is an exciting new voice in saga fiction, perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Katie Flynn.

An Orphan's War Details

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Kathy E says

This story gives you the main character of Maxine who trained as a nurse in Liverpool and then went onto St. Thomas's in London. Then she returns to Liverpool after a love affair that has gone wrong and left her pregnant. She has her baby adopted and as she had not finished her final training could not get a job as a fully trained nurse. She finds a job at Doctor Barnardos Orphanage as a nurse on the understanding she takes her finals. This is a job she loves.

If I go on anymore I will spoil it, so my suggestion is to read this book.

One thing I found out about this author Molly Green there is another book called An Orphan in the Snow which is a tie-in with this book it is on the Matron of Barnardos that employs Maxine, so I am now reading this one.

Shirley says

Heartbreak, Romance, and the love for a child

A nurse Maxine running away from heartbreak finds love and romance while working as a nurse at Dr Barnardos orphanage. The children are as delightful in the second book as the first. Great read, I would highly recommend it.

Sandra says

Having read the first book about life at Dr Barnardo's I was looking forward to An Orphan's War and was not disappointed. Maxine Grey needs a fresh start in life and takes a job at the orphanage, she loves working with children it was always her dream. War changes places and people but Maxine is determined to help those children who need it. Peter Best is an enigma not much is known about him but Maxine and the Matron are sure it will all be sorted out. I loved this book and it is worthy of my 5*

Patti Stewart Goetsch says

A must read

This is a wonderful and heart-felt novel with a very intriguing, and as it turns out, factual, setting. I've read probably hundreds of wartime novels, but never one set in an orphanage. I highly recommend curling up and giving it a go. Or as in my case, I listen while I paint! Happy reading.

Deanne Patterson says

Being that I have already read a Dr Barnado's Home book by this author I knew what to expect from this one and I wasn't disappointed. Maxine is a nurse during wwII. She needs a fresh start after heartache and is now a nurse at Dr Barnado's Home. Dealing with children helps her to forget her troubles and worries and she loves caring for the children. Enjoyed!

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Helen Hollick says

This book has received a Discovering Diamonds Review:

Helen Hollick

founder #DDRevs

"Memorable characters, a well written, plausible plot and very good descriptions of the time and place...This was an easy, pleasant read."

moira manson says

Maxine ,Peter .

A nurse and a lonely little boy together because of the war like Molly's other books this is a heart wrenching story but amazing and definitely a 5 STAR review .

Diane Cunningham says

This is the first book I've read by this author, but I absolutely loved it, and it won't be my last. Set at the start of the Second World War it follows the life of Maxine. To do as her mother wished she trained as a nurse even though her heart was set on teaching. Maxine married her best friend Johnny but unfortunately he became a casualty of the war leaving her a very young widow. Against her families wishes Maxine leaves her home in Liverpool to finish her training in London. There are lots more twists and turns in Maxine's story that I won't reveal only to say I recommend that you read this lovely book.

KeRRy BECK says

Good

Good book a really good story with some memorable characters in .a nice easy read wanting to find out what happens next

Shirley Revill says

I really enjoyed listening to this audiobook and I thought the narration and storyline was absolutely brilliant. This is the second book that I have read by this author and I will certainly be looking out for more. Would give ten stars if I could. Recommended.

Jane says

I was asked to review this book by Lovereading

This novel is about love and loss - set in 1940. The main character Maxine trains as a nurse and works in St Thomas Hospital in London which was damaged in the blitz. Rather Mills and Boon she falls in love with a surgeon - who is not all he appears to be. She then takes a post with Barnardos and throws herself into helping children whose lives have been changed by the ravages of war.

Well written and would appeal to fans of Nadine Dorries. As you would expect it is heart wrenching but a thoroughly good read and well researched by the author.

Marlene Moore says

This is a great WWII saga that covers the lives of those whom live and work at Dr. Barnardo's Orphanage. The author has given us back stories of all the characters which has been such a great part of this book. I enjoyed the writing style and felt that this book could go straight to a movie or television series! I'd love to have a television series involving both books about the Orphanage. The author, Molly Green, has a writing style that I really enjoy. She builds her characters so that you will really understand who they are and how they interact with others at the Orphanage. I can't wait for the third book in the Dr. Barnardo's Orphanage series to come out. I loved this series and will highly recommend it!

Heather Copping says

Maxine is newly married to her childhood friend but not necessarily her sweetheart at the beginning of this book. As he volunteers for the army she is left still living at home with her parents, after he unfortunately dies in a POW camp Maxine is devastated and makes the decision to transfer to St Thomas's hospital in London. At first she enjoys life in the busy hospital but then things go from good to very much worse and Maxine is left with a terrible choice to make. After returning to Liverpool and staying with her cousin for a while she applies for and is accepted as a nurse in the children's orphanage run by Dr Barnardo's on the outskirts of Liverpool. She soon fits in well here and enjoys looking after the children especially a young boy called Peter, but as it seems with him, Maxine soon finds friendships with some of the staff, but unfortunately not all and will romance blossom with her RAF friend. There are moments of sadness when

the orphanage suffers more bombings and all the time Maxine has thoughts running through her mind with the big decision she had to make earlier in her life although someone does get their comeuppance which pleases her. Will all end up well at the orphanage? This is a lovely story which I absolutely loved reading. I had previously read the first book by Molly Green, An Orphan in the Snow which I also loved and I am so pleased that there is a third book An Orphans Wish coming out in November 2018 and I can't wait to read this. I have given this book five stars and anyone who enjoys wartime or family sagas will love this book too.

beverley ann says

set in 1940 WW2 maxine taylor nee grey is widowed shortly after her marriage she goes to work at st thomas hospital london and has a fling with edwin that results in a pregnancy then she puts the baby boy up for adoption. maxine takes a nurses job at dr barnardo's orphanage. i loved everything about this book full of heartache, but happy times come along for maxine. well worth a read

Leslie P Koch says

Good love story

It was less about the conditions for orphans than I expected from the title. The relationships could have been developed more but overall it was a gentle story.
