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From the author of *The Nightingale Girls*, *The Nightingale Sisters* and *The Nightingale Nurses* – perfect for fans of *Call the Midwife*

1937 sees new challenges for the trainee nurses

Dora and her old enemy Lucy are paired up on the children's ward for the final three months of their training. The two nurses couldn't seem more different, but they may have more in common than they think, as each hides a secret heartache.

... and new faces at the Nightingale

Jess is the feisty eldest daughter of a notorious East End family and determined to prove herself as a ward maid.

And new trainee nurse Effie can't wait to escape her small Irish village, and make her way as a nurse in London. But Effie's sister Katie soon begins to worry that Effie's behaviour is out of control.

Nightingales on call and in crisis: have they got what it takes?

Nightingales on Call Details

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Coco says

Meine absolute Lieblingsreihe.

Andrea Arnold says

What can I say. Fab

Sarah says

Another great read in the series.

Janice Jackson says

Didn't disappoint

Once again an excellent read following the lives of the nightingale nurses and the friendships they had with each other

Dani says

Another great Nightingale book full of interesting characters. The only issue I have is that I would like to have heard more about Helen and Millie who featured in the first three books. And now that Dora and Millie are married, I guess they won't feature so much in the next book, although I hope that they, or their families come back as patients! Saying that, I grew to like the new characters of Effie and particularly Jess. Will be reading the next instalment soon.

JUNE JOHNSON says

An excellent easy read, loved the story line and would recommend it to everyone. Can't wait to read the next one in the series.

Coming from a nursing family though it is fiction so many of the story lines are so true to life.

Holly (2 Kids and Tired) says

As the nurses enter their final year of training, new faces appear and an old nemesis finds herself taken down a notch or two.

Dora and Lucy find themselves roommates and working together on the children's ward. Still proud and arrogant, Lucy is hiding the fact that her father has lost his fortune and she and her mother are nearly destitute. Dora and Nick are working to find the money to be able to be married and the last thing Dora needs is Lucy as her roommate. But, as often happens with trial and suffering, hearts are softened and friendships formed. I enjoyed Lucy's path to redemption.

And Jess? Jess was awesome. Loved her role as maid in the nurses house and seeing that side of the hospital and her interactions with grumpy Nurse Sutton, the old House Sister. I look forward to seeing more of Jess.

Picking up after The Nightingale Nurses leaves off, the story could stand alone, but these should be read in order. I love these girls. I love this soap opera called Nightingale. Seriously.

jane says

As expected

Again an excellent read and will be downloading the next in series - Donna Douglas never fails to deliver with each book in this series

Kim says

A charming read. Perfect to de-stress. Sometime all you need is a good cup of tea and to know the worst problems in life are passing exams and cleaning bedpans. I return to this series often, and will continue to do so. It is a perfect literary palate cleanser.

Di Schlenk says

This excellent nursing series continues and the girls enter their third year of study.

Living in close quarters and having diverse backgrounds, feuds and discontent brew.

A wonderful on-site into nursing in the 1930s.

Can't wait to start the next instalment!

Josiemaus85 says

Es war wieder ganz wundervoll ?

Anne says

As with the other books in this series, Nightingales On Call can be read as a stand-alone novel, but having been a fan of these stories from the very first one, I'd urge readers to get hold of the other books too. Donna Douglas gives enough background information within Nightingales On Call to enable new readers to enjoy it just as much as old fans, but doesn't get too bogged down by things that happened earlier in the series.

This story concentrates mainly on Dora and Lucy who are almost at the end of their three year training, and will soon become Staff Nurses. These two girls have always had a tense relationship; Dora comes from the East End whilst Lucy's family are rich and she's been very spoilt by her parents. Their relationship changes dramatically throughout the course of the story as each of them deals with their own hidden secrets and shame. They find that they do have more in common than anyone could have guessed.

New characters are introduced, including ward maid Jess and trainee nurse Effie. Both of these bring a breath of fresh air to the nursing school in their own special way.

Once again, Donna Douglas effortlessly takes the reader into the world of student nursing before the NHS. The attention to detail is excellent and life on the wards for these young women is portrayed so well, from the back-aching scrubbing of the floors to the constant reminders that they should not grow close to their patients. Most of the nursing is playing out on the children's wards and I found this particularly fascinating. Imagine your beloved child is sick and in hospital and you can only visit him once per month? Imagine being able to pay for your child to have a private room on the ward, and being able to visit whenever you want to, but not bothering, and sending your housekeeper instead? These things happened and are played out in the story.

I'll admit that the Nightingale series is not my usual genre but I really do have a soft spot for these stories. Donna Douglas has created a cast of characters who have grown and matured throughout the series. Her research and historical detail is so well done. I enjoyed Nightingales On Call just as much as the others in the series, and really hope that there is more to come from the Nightingale Girls.

Mari Shawcroft says

Love, love, loved it! Loved them all! I have read all the books in the series in order. The characters are multifaceted, the stories excellent. I have laughed out loud, cried, and shouted to the characters my outrage, support, and encouragement. I have been reading and listening to the audio versions together. The audio version is extremely well done.

Amy Gennaro says

I love this series of books that tell about the nurses of the Nightengale Hospital in East London. How they train, how they learn and work, and how their lives mesh with life as a nurse in the 1930's at the preeminent nurses training hospital in London.

You will love the characters and the stories---give it a try- you will love them.

sue says

I have read and enjoyed all this series. Although these books can be read individually as a stand alone, its lovely if you read them from book 1 onwards. It doesn't matter as the author gives enough background for you to pick up but you would equally miss out on some things. In MHO anyway.

We have seen these sisters come through thick and thin.

I can't help but admire the author for doing all her research thoroughly this has enlightened me to the past pre NHS. Imagine you on your hands and knees scrubbing the floor. I was shocked to know that rich people can pay for a room of their own for their child who is sick and then send their maid to visit them, this was awful and cruel.

It makes me realize how far we have come in society.

Well, I've swung through the highs and lows of this family story and I thoroughly enjoyed my journey.

I would like to thank Random House UK, Cornerstone via Net Galley for my copy to review. Here ends the series.....or does it.
