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Years later an unwanted and unloved young girl is taken from her dreary life in London and finds a new home amongst former members of the Victory crew on the Isle Of Wight. She finally finds the love that has been denied her for years, but also gets the feeling that there are secrets that her new found family aren't telling her.

Another winner from Kerri Turner, with wonderful characters and a great sense of time and place. I was soon sucked in by the drama and escapism of the Victory, and it kept me turning the pages long into the night to find out what had happened. The angst felt by a young girl is particularly vivid and heart wrenching. I have no hesitation in recommending this book to all lovers of historical fiction.

My thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Brenda

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It was when Evelyn came across an old tramp steamer in the Thames called "The Victory" and was introduced to the performances she put on each night that her life changed. Joining the crew, making new friends, and working with her beloved lights again meant much to Evelyn as they travelled up and down the coast, performing the sorts of acts she had never envisioned before. Evelyn was happy!

In 1963 ten-year-old Lucy felt desperately unloved and unhappy, but that was to change when she was removed from that household and taken to the Isle of Wright where she lived with Bee and Humphrey. Lucy was tentative, scared she’d be sent back, but the love and warmth she was shown gave her a glow she hadn’t felt before. She knew there were secrets in the house, but no one would tell her anything. Would she ever find out who her parents were? Why they were no longer with her?

by Aussie author Kerri Turner was a sensational read, with a gorgeous cover. I loved her previous book,

(her debut) and this one didn’t disappoint. Based on fact, which is an interesting read in itself, the strength of character that Evelyn portrays is outstanding. Kerri Turner is an author to watch and I’m keen to see what she writes next. Highly recommended.

With thanks to HQ – Harlequin AU – for my uncorrected proof ARC to read in exchange for an honest review.

Mandy White

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This book is told in 2 time periods. During World War 2 we met Evelyn. She wants to be part of it all and do something useful. She joins the all female searchlight regiment, helping to keep London safe from bombings. She sees her fair share of the darker side of the war and watches innocent people die, despite her best efforts. When the war is over she struggles to go back to domestic life. She is not the kind of woman that is happy to marry and have children while the man works. She needs more to life. She accidentally stumbles upon The Victory, a boat in the Thames that hosts a nightly show. The show is a mixture of ballet, burlesque and cabaret. It is like nothing she has ever seen before and soon she is part of the crew working the lights. Her time on the Victory is exciting and colourful and has her travelling, much to her sisters disgust.

Fast forward to 1963 and we meet Lucy. She is motherless and living with her aunt but is not loved or cared about. That is until she is rescued by a stranger who says he knew her mother. She moves to the Isle of Wight and finally has a home and people who care. She learns more about her mother and father and the secrets that have been kept from her.

This book made me laugh and it made me cry. It made me glad that I was not born at this time in history when women were not given choices. I can not recommend this book highly enough. I am looking forward to reading more from Kerri Turner.

Thank you to Harlequin Books Australia for my advanced copy of this book to read. All opinions are my own and are in no way biased

Brooke - One Woman's Brief Book Reviews

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****Thank you to Harlequin Australia for sending me a free advance reading copy of this novel; due to be published 20 January 2020****

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After the war Evelyn is saddened to be sent home to a dreary domestic life with her sister's conservative family. She needs something more so finds herself taking on a job aboard a boat named "The Victory". She uses her skills from the war manning the lights for the shows performed. The Victory travels from port to port, hiding from the law and putting on night shows which are performed from a boat on the water giving the audience risk and lively performances.

Part 2 " We're taken to the early 1960s and the Isle Of Wight where Lucy a young ten year old is rescued from her cruel aunties and is welcomed into a family of ex-performers. Here she is treated with love and kindness but there are secrets they are hiding from her. Will she ever find out the truth?

There is tragedy, mystery, complicated relationships and post war trauma in this story. The characters are well thought out and wonderfully interesting, I especially fell in love with Bee's colourful character. This is such a unique story and beautifully written. I look forward to reading more books from this author,