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**An exclusive free sample from Sarah Winman's new novel, A YEAR OF MARVELLOUS WAYS.**

**From the author of the bestselling WHEN GOD WAS A RABBIT comes this spellbinding new novel.**

Marvellous Ways is eighty-nine years old and has lived alone in a remote Cornish creek for nearly all her life. Lately she's taken to spending her days sitting by the river with a telescope. She's waiting for something - she's not sure what, but she'll know it when she sees it.

Drake is a young soldier left reeling by the Second World War. When his promise to fulfil a dying man's last wish sees him wash up in Marvellous' creek, broken in body and spirit, the old woman comes to his aid.

*A Year of Marvellous Ways* is a glorious, life-affirming story about the magic in everyday life and the pull of the sea, the healing powers of storytelling and sloe gin, love and death and how we carry on when grief comes snapping at our heels.

## A YEAR OF MARVELLOUS WAYS: Exclusive Chapter Sampler Details

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## **From Reader Review A YEAR OF MARVELLOUS WAYS: Exclusive Chapter Sampler for online ebook**

### **Suzanne says**

What a beautiful book. A story of healing and of love.

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### **Catherine Walbran says**

Marvellously captivating!

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### **Kara says**

I just did not want to leave the magical world Winman so imaginatively creates in this simply stunning little book. I loved Marvellous and the tender sweet relationship between her and Drake. The crazy Marvellous tenderly and carefully cares for Drake and under her spell he slowly heals from the horrors of war and lost love and he finds a gentle life in the Boathouse by the river. I am just left to imagine how Drake's life will unfold from here and where new love might come from - I just hope it is not too far away - no spoilers here)! This book is absolutely enchanting, captivating and beautiful. I love Sarah Winman's really individual writing and superb story weaving and will keep an eye out for whatever comes next.

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### **Debbie says**

I love this book & will definitely be reading it again, Sarah Winman has an amazing way of writing & you can't help but become involved with the characters.

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### **Cath Taylor says**

Somehow my second magical realism novel featuring mermaids in a row... But this one was really beautifully done. Out of the box, but a delight to read, every word, which is who will like it most I suspect... People who love words :) Sarah Winman is a writer for sure.

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### **Ben says**

Personally speaking this novel offers me everything I could ever want out of a book. It is captivating, mystical and intriguing. The writing is poetic to the point of salivation, yet the story rolls on nevertheless without an entanglement in poetic seriousness. I will not read this book again: I will eat it.

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### **Alisa says**

A poetically written magic-realism book with some beautiful metaphors. It was a bit difficult to get into and the book never really gripped me. Set in Cornwall in 1947, the main character, Marvellous Ways, is a caring and wise eighty-nine year old woman who has lived alone in remote creek for most of her life. Francis Drake is a soldier who has returned from the Second World War only to witness the death of his true love. He washes up in Marvellous' creek and she nurses him back to health, both physically and mentally. She recounts her tales of life and love throughout the book. The book touches on existentialism and what it means to truly live. As Marvellous comes to the end of her life, she helps Drake continue with his. I would recommend this book to people who love good prose, are patient readers and are looking for a philosophical read more than an interesting story.

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### **Jean Osuliivan says**

Just not sure about this book, different

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### **Michelle says**

From reading a few reviews, I suspect I am at odds with a lot of readers in not liking this novel. Instead of finding it magical I found it irritating and unbelievable.

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### **Karin says**

Amazing book, thought provoking and mystical.

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### **Susan Wallace says**

A wonderful read

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### **Rosemary says**

Thoroughly enjoyed this book, which is another entry into my books about WWII. This one has a magical realism flavor. There were moments when I had trouble following the story, which accounts for the downgrade to 3. But I really loved this book.

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### **Gwynn says**

I did not read the kindle "chapter sampler", but the whole book, which I loved.

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I really enjoy Sarah Winman's style of writing and her quirky characters, such a refreshing break from the run of the mill romance and thriller genres.

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### **Karen Whittard says**

Interestingly written. Sometimes it made me shake my head and question what i was reading as in was it meant to be funny or serious. I have never read a book quite like this before. It puzzles me slightly and I'm not sure if that was in a good way or not. But nether the less I can see where other people were coming from when they said it was magical. At times I certainly felt that I had unwittingly had a 'special' brownie. But it was different and it was ok. Just leaving me with a felling of being slightly strange. But a very sweet ending.

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### **Sara Lucas says**

Enjoyable and easy to read

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