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Woody Creek is gearing up for its centenary celebrations – but for many of its townspeople, it's just another reminder of the old days, when life was more simple, before so-called progress, technology and a growing population roared through the town, altering everything in its wake.

Not for Georgie though. Long encumbered by responsibility for her half-sister Margot, she's looking towards the future and more changes. Not having managed to move on from running Charlie's grocery store yet, as the clock ticks over to 1970, she's determined that the time has come.

She's not the only one of Jenny's children who's grown up and is moving on. As a six year old, little Jimmy Morrison was stolen from Woody Creek by his grandfather, and is now further away than ever from his estranged birth mother and sisters. Having inherited an estate in the United Kingdom, he's determined to make a new life for himself. If only he could shake off his one terrible attachment to Australia...

For Cara, Woody Creek has been the source of the most devastating news of her life, and a terrible mistake that cannot be undone. She's vowed never to step foot into the place again. But the old timber town has a way of getting under people's skins. And as it draws the much loved cast of Woody Creek characters back into its grip, confessions, discoveries and truths seem set to explode in the most dramatic of showdowns...

## **Ripples on a Pond Details**

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## From Reader Review Ripples on a Pond for online ebook

### Prue says

OMG I can't put it down!!!!

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### Sally Edgerton says

part of the woody creek series - loved them all

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### Lyn Ford says

I love the Woody Creek series and have enjoyed all five books in the series and can't wait for book 6 which unfortunately is the last in the series

It will be interesting to find out how the story ends

Joy Dettman is a wonderful storyteller and will be reading many more of her books

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### Deb Bodinnar says

I just love Joy Dettman novels..... Woody Creek series is an amazing saga over multiple generations. It is so easy to pick up the story from where it finished off last book with the summary at the beginning which outlines the main characters and their relationships with each other.

Looking forward to seeing if there will be book 6.... surely if there is...it will follow Georgie on her way.

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### Debra says

I absolutely loved it. Took me back to my Wood Creek family yet again. You become part of the story. I wanted to get it read because I enjoy the story so much, but at the same time did not want it to end. Joy takes us into the life of Cara this time, so many twists and turns, a wonderful read from a wonderful author. I hope she does a 6th, there is a possibility for it even though she tied so many ends this time. Otherwise I hope she creates a new series for us to read with a new family to enjoy.

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### Karen says

This was a great read. I have waited a long time for this one to hit the shelves. As always Joy Dettman captured my attention and imagination early in the book. I love the way she sprinkles crumbs through the book that take you straight back to storylines in the previous installments of the Woody Creek series. Yes I agree that sometimes the coincidents are a little stretched but they always catch you by surprise.

As one other reviewer said I read this book in a matter of a day and a half and now have a long wait till the

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last book is published.

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### **Rachel Mateo says**

5 stars

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### **Lisa says**

The final book in the Woody Creek series which I thoroughly enjoyed. Life in an Australian small town... Interesting characters.

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### **Olivia Taylor says**

Love love love this book! It made me lose a lot of sleep but well worth it. The plot of the series thickens and the ending leaves you hanging for the new book

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### **Kate Nichols says**

I think I did woody creek a disservice by starting with ripples on a pond rather than at the beginning. There was way too much history to catch up on. That aside, I found the narrative dull, repetitive and implausible. The characters also annoyed me with their relentless talk of 'feral bitches', clutching at fags and dole bludger sledges. Georgie was perhaps one exception. Was also offended by the association drawn between drug users, hippies, bikies, welfare scammers and crime dens. Sadly, I don't think I'm going back to woody creek

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### **Donna Lloyd says**

5th book in this series. As always Joy Dettman very hard to put down. One of my favourite Australian authors. 'Henry's daughter' is still my favourite!

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### **Maria Magdalena says**

Love the Woody Creek series. I am not a fan of 'serial' novels, but since I read all Joy Dettman's novels, I got hooked on the Woody Creek series. The characters are at the same time so real, sympathetic, down to earth and un-real. Sometimes the 'coincidences' are a bit far fetched. But I cannot help but being sucked in. The only problem is, that after waiting so long for this edition (number 5 in the series) - I could not help but read it in 1,5 days. Now it's gonna be a hell of a wait for the final one to be published.

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### **Nicole McCann says**

A great read as always from Joy Dettman. She has a great gift of telling a story that is never predictable. She is an amazing storyteller. I mean, this is book 5 in the series and I kind of expected her to be just rounding off everyone's stories but no, she kept me enthralled with the events and it kept going at a really good pace. I am pretty sure this is the last one in the series though. Time for another series Joy! I will miss Woody Creek.

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### **Bronwyn Rykiert says**

I enjoyed this book as much as the rest in this series. When I started reading it I wondered how I could have missed Jenny getting back with Jim and them being married, then I found out that somehow I had missed a book. I will have to read it out of sequence now.

I have to admit that I think Cara is a bit over the top, but then I have not lived her life and it would have been devastating finding out that the man you loved was your half brother, I can't believe they had not had that discussion earlier, but maybe Jim (Morrie) would have told a tale there anyway.

They all want to repeat their lies agains for the next generation. I think that Jenny and Jim should tell Trudi the truth about her beginning, though it may be already too late.

This story was mostly about Cara with a little Jim (Morrie) thrown in along with a little Georgie.

I look forward to filling in a large gap with the reading of the 4th book in this series.

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### **Catherine James says**

Number 5... I'm getting lost, the story has certainly become other people's and very much removed from the original characters, although their legacy's still shine on through the book. Finally towards the last quarter of the book things started happening and had a feeling of actual developments rather than everyone plodding along through life and putting up with their lot.

I will read Number 6 but only because I'm committed to it!

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