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By 1943 the world is in the thick of war and the home-front continues to play a vital role. The Mulligans of San Francisco do their part in the war effort, but hardships and deprivations are taking a toll and each the four Mulligan sisters are tested in their own way. The war years urge young Molly to grow up quickly. Besides playing family 'war correspondent,' Molly manages the victory garden, finishes high school, and takes an internship at the newspaper. Meanwhile Bridget, an Army nurse in a dangerous region of the South Pacific, is attracted to a young doctor but so are all the other nurses. Margaret runs the family store, but suffers the loneliness of a single parent as she cares for her young son and frets for the welfare of her husband Brian as he serves on the European front. As an up-and-coming movie star, Colleen's life might appear glamorous, but film making comes with its challenges she tries to conceal her grief over her lost flyer as she helps out in the famous Hollywood Canteen. Each of the Mulligan sisters grow stronger more capable as the war wages on working and hoping and praying for victory.

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Angela Davis says

Wonderful sequel

I have now read all the books so far. Love every one of them. Storyline is captivating. I am a huge ww2 fan and SFO is absolutely my favorite city
Anyways so how could I not love these books?

From the ending of this one I look forward and to knowing about
More about Margaret and Brian, Colleen. And Geoff as well as Molly and Patrick.

Marlene Moore says

Again, this Author really has the ability to capture the emotions and family dynamics that were happening during WWII. She was able to show the fear, pain and anxiety of both the wounded and the family at home. She didn't shy away from the gritty truth of how the men (and women who were nurses) came home. Even if there wasn't a combat injury, there was the mental and physical toll that was hard for all to deal with. Great writing!

Chris Unwin says

First of all just let me say although this appears negative I love the series. The typos in the kindle edition are a hundredfold! It spoils the reading but I love the characters so I keep reading to find out what happens next. There are words that I think the author over uses. For example the word "chuckle". Does no one in the series just laugh? I have not seen the word laugh used at all in the whole series. Everyone chuckles!!!
????Every other sentence someone chuckles. Clean read

Linda Merrill says

Loved the whole series!

Love the stories about families during WW2, and this series is one of the best! Down to earth stories about family love, sharing hardships and happiness. You get to know the characters and can sometimes empathize with them.

Shelley says

The war continues: Colleen's career takes off more, Margaret continues to struggle, Molly holds everything together. The pacing on this was odd--big events took place entirely off page, and bland minutia was detailed. I have so much empathy for Margaret, who really seems to struggle with anxiety and depression

and has no one to turn to, she's so afraid of causing added stress to anyone so she holds more in than she ought. And now things are sure to get even harder. Molly remains pretty perfect and Colleen has become bland. I'm so disappointed in where the book left her. There really wasn't much conflict here, just a lot of people interfering in each other's lives. I'm glad Molly called Patrick out on some of his crap at the end, which gives me hope for her, at least. And what was up with the 2 pages of Bridget POV? So weird.

Gerald M Griswold says

Picked this up to read some time after the others...

..and it was just as good! Melody's writing is so effortless. I feel like I can picture where her character's are and who they are, even besides the fact I am from California and familiar with San Diego, LA and San Francisco. I have stayed up way too late reading this particular book (as I did the others.) I just don't want them to end! Could there be a sequel?

Cynthia Siermienski says

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What an amazing story. This series will be my all time favorite. The good news, the sad news and the happy ending. As happy as it can be in a war. I truly recommend this series to anyone who knows about WWII or loves a great love story.

Lorraine lepel says

The pearls

A well written novel of an Irish family , their lives together during an uncertain time in our history. A fast moving story of 4 sisters, their growing up and one brother 's death during W W11.

karen crisp says

Really good reading. Kept me captivated throughout the entire book.

Really good book. Number 3 of the series. Kept me captivated throughout the book. Loved the history. I will continue the series.

Alex says

I absolutely love this series, and am thrilled that there will be one more book after this one.

Molly has always been my favorite, but I really love Colleen now, too. Margaret is still annoying, and Bridget is a total mystery. Will we ever have a chapter from her, or even see brief glimpses of her life?

I did think certain (very important) scenes were basically fast forwarded through in this book, however. There was one particular scene that I really wanted to see through Colleen's eyes, and I felt a bit let-down that it happened completely off-screen. (I'm keeping it vague as to avoid spoilers.) It didn't stop me from loving this book, though.

I can't wait for the next and final book to see how all the sister's lives end up!

Claudia Cheyne says

As the war rages on many fronts the Mulligan family experiences joys and sadness in day to day life. Molly becomes the victim of vicious gossip from the other girls in her class. Colleen remembers how someone was able to graduate a year early from high school and passes the idea along to Molly. With lots of hard work and extra evening classes Molly is able to do just that. Colleen is offered another part in a movie. She uses her income to help the family pay bills. Margaret is having a difficult time. She is lonely, tired of managing the grocery store and overwhelmed with taking care of the baby on her own. News of the men in service is both good and bad. I will not say what happens because you need to read it for yourself. Excellent book. Can't wait for the next in the series.

Connie says

3rd book in the Mulligan Sisters series. Exemplary book. Ms. Carlson very realistically describes the WW II era and the stresses and joys of this era. Hoping that there will be a 4th book. My guess is that she will finish this series with a 4th book that deals with the end of WW II.

Peggy Payne says

Wonderful book.

This was a great read I couldn't put it down made me feel i was there and living it. I would recommend this book to anyone to read especially WWII buffs.

Katie says

Really cute. I love this mulligan sisters series

GABRIEL LOMBARDO says

Love following the Milligan sisters.

It is 1943 and the sisters lives are getting more complicated. Molly the youngest graduates early and gets involved with an internship. Colleen is an actress who not only gets into a few movies but also married. Life is getting exciting for all 4 sisters. I can't wait to read book 4.
