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Foreign aid worker Ayla Harris is struggling to bring hope back into the ruins of post-tsunami Indonesia. But when she discovers that her disreputable brother-in-law is missing, she sets out to find him and soon realizes that her own life is in terrible danger.

Gold and Fishes Details

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From Reader Review Gold and Fishes for online ebook

TeriC says

An amazing story of relief work after the tsunami. Human emotions run the gamut in this story of help and survival.

Teri Young says

The story had potential but was way too laden with detail. While it was interesting to learn about the aftermath of the tsunami in Indonesia, the minute by minute account of the events bogged down the plot of the story.

ABCme says

Anyone who has a heart should read this amazing story! It's about the relief-work of a Canadian group of aid-workers, about compassion, strength and love. Paralleled with greed and abuse by a Western businessman and the Indonesian rebels. Pageturner!

Mary says

Brought to my attention again with details the terrible tragedy of the South-east Asia tsunami. As I finished the book, I heard on the news that a little girl who was lost so many years ago has just been found by her grandfather. Think she has been lost for seven years. The book describes the Canadian aid workers as it also weaves in a mystery. Carrick is a good story teller. I looked up another of her books, and found The Noon God - which was free on Kindle. Excellent book.

Marian Allen says

GOLD AND FISHES is a wonderful, haunting novel, part mystery, part thriller, all human. The characters are all complex and compelling, the setting -- Sumatra after the 2004 tsunami -- is gripping.

I dropped a star because I felt the climactic scenes were too rushed, although a writer of Ms. Carrick's power would have made them unbearable, if they had been as fully realized as the rest of the book!

Kat says

A great fiction story against the backdrop of an historic event that devastated an entire area of the world. While, for most of the book, I felt the story was lost among all the facts and events that did occur and what the protagonist experienced as a relief worker, those facts and events actually made the story feel more real

and believable to me. It brought a piece of history alive to me while providing some form of entertainment (the fictionalized story). The author did a great job of putting fiction and fact together. However, I did feel that there was too much emphasis on the fact part and, towards the end, the story felt a little rushed and almost unbelievable. As a whole, I enjoyed this book and would definitely recommend it to others.

Diamond Wilson says

Moving and chilling read!

I really enjoyed the various storylines I'm this book, as well as the skill in which historical events were incorporated. Well done! I didn't want it to end.

Phyllis Peterson says

Preachy tome on disaster relief that is barely held together by a plot that is dropped at the end like a hot potato.

Alison says

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Sharon says

I won't pretend this was an easy book to read, strictly from an emotional perspective. Donna Carrick's protagonist, Ayla Harris, is a nurse who goes on a humanitarian relief mission to Banda Aceh in the wake of the 2004 tsunami and floods. Her mission is two-fold: help the people recover, and find her missing brother-in-law, who was vacationing in Thailand.

Carrick draws us into the difficult world of the relief workers as her characters experience shortages of supplies, theft, religious intolerance and more. Yet, while this is an emotionally harrowing book on some levels, it is also a story of triumph and courage as Ayla works with survivors to help bring normalcy to the troubled region.

Discerning readers of literary fiction are sure to enjoy this book.

Diane says

Get an up-close-and-personal account of relief efforts following the 2004 tsunami, in this fictionalized story. It's a staggering tale, and all-too-human, in every possible variation of humans, at their best and at their worst. Definitely worth reading!

R.G. Phelps says

The author takes you on the most difficult tasks taken by aid workers from Canada who responded to the December 26, 2004 Tsunami off the coast of Indonesia, Sumatra Island, Banda Aceh. Over 300,000 people died or were missing when all was said and done. You will struggle with the aid workers, and the terrible conditions they worked through will come to light while feeling you were right there with them. I compliment the author for all of the research which was necessary to give a more complete picture of how terrible the situation actually was. Not only were the aid workers dealing with all of the trauma of death and destruction, they were required to do so without offending the Muslim population's customs and beliefs. It's a tragic story told through the eyes of a nurse aid worker who finds deep and caring friendships while on her mission to help the poor people of Banda Aceh. I can't say I enjoyed the book, but I respect the author's presentation and learned things about a tragedy I may never have heard. I usually end a review by saying, enjoy, but this time I'll just say be prepared to learn about the tragic results of a Tsunami and the conditions aid workers are put through.
