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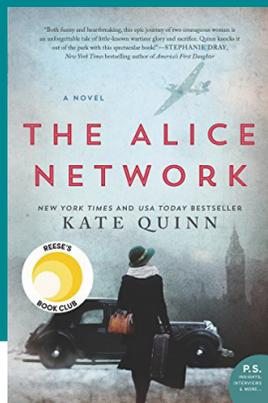
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Book Review

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Young Adult

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Pages

560

Year

2017

ISBN

9780062654199

Publisher

William Morrow

Eve is recruited into the Alice Network, a band of spies working in France during World War I. Charlotte is a pampered American, pregnant with an illegitimate child. Eve is Charlotte's best chance to find her cousin who disappeared in World War II with an illegitimate child of her own. Through the search, the reader is taken on a gut-wrenching ride through two brutal world wars. Charlotte discovers her own courage as she steps up to the plate to keep her baby and find her cousin, a mystery that ends in grief. Eve has always had heaps of courage, but she is finally able to defeat her enemy and find freedom in his demise.

The courage of the women in this book is accentuated by the truths in the story. The Alice Network was real and many of the events in the story are true, which makes the unilateral brutality of war real to the reader. The story is crafted for slow revelation of the characters traits and history. This allows the reader to get to know them in a very intimate way, at the same rate that they become acquainted with each other and with themselves. This intimacy makes each of their personal victories and defeats very real as well. The reader feels the pain, the suffering, and the self-will that gives this story its beauty. And it is a beautiful story - well written, full of passion, and emotion evoking on a dizzying scale. This is a highly recommended read.

*Contains severe sexual content, severe violence, and severe language.