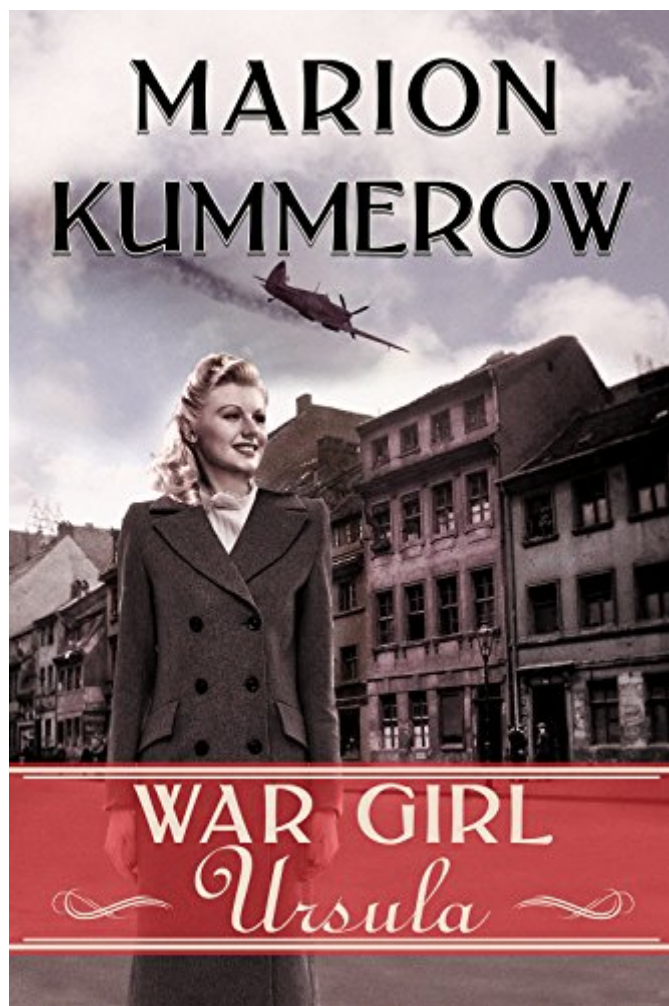


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Synopsis

Berlin 1943: Compassion is a crime. A prisoner escapes. A guard looks the other way. Why does Ursula Hermann risk her life and brave the Gestapo to save a man she barely knows? Ursula has always lived the law, never broken the rules in her life. That is until the day she finds escapee British airman Tom Westlake and all the right she's worked so hard to maintain goes wrong...He runs. And she does nothing to stop him. Torn with guilt about what she did, Ursula battles with her decision when suddenly Tom returns, injured and pleading for her help. This is her opportunity to make things right. But shadows from the past tug at her heart, convincing her to risk everything, including her life, in order to protect a man from the nation her country is fighting. As they brave the perils and dangers of the ever-present Gestapo, will Ursula find a way to keep Tom safe? Or will being on the opposite sides of the war ultimately cost both of them their lives?

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Customer Reviews

I wasn't ready for this story to end. Fortunately there is more coming soon. From the beginning I was intrigued by learning about the Stahlhelmtrauung practice that occurred in Germany during the

war. I wasn't familiar with this, so I learned something right off the bat. The characters were also very real to me, and I just zoomed through the book enjoying a very good read.

I am fascinated with the stories of how life was for the people who lived in Germany and other countries affected by WWII.

I met the character Ursula, when she played a minor role in the authors earlier novels. She was a prison guard at the Plotzensee Prison in Berlin which during World War II was used to house prisoners sentenced to execution. I enjoyed reading this novel that focused on her life, and how she as a loyal German responded to the Nationalist Socialist government of Hitler, but began, like many Germans, to question certain things. An obedient person all her life, Ursula wanted to be a true, loyal German. As a loyal German, she responded to the positive changes national Socialism brought to her nation in the early years. After her country went to war, and the conflict wore on, she questioned some of the things she saw happening within her country. The war was personally devastating to members of her family. She hated the English for sending their bombers to destroy her city and nation. The death of her husband on the Eastern front changed her. The author masterfully wrote of the emotional roller coaster Ursula found her cell phone, her fears, and her decision to follow her moral compass instead of blindly following the rules dictated to her. She faced several challenges, and in spite of setbacks and her feelings of inadequacy, overcame them. The romance elements in this book were bittersweet. It ended with a hopeful ending as opposed to a happily ever after ending. The story was thoughtful, insightful and well-written.

War changes people. Ursula has just married her fiancé Andreas in a Steel Helmet ceremony and awaits his return from the Front so they can be a real wedded couple and perhaps even have a family. But it is not to be. Then she is transferred from her job at one prison to another housing traitors, spies and anyone objecting to Hitler's Nazi leadership. Here, through random acts of compassion and generosity, she gets the nickname "The Blonde Angel", a name which sees her begin to question the events going on around her. When British bombers launch an attack on the prison and 4 prisoners escape (a true event), Ursula's life changes in ways she could never have foreseen. No longer happy to follow the rules, she now sees the real atrocities behind the propaganda and is determined to help. This is an amazing story that portrays the bravery of so many who fought back in astonishing ways to save the lives of those doomed to die under the Nazi regime. Although this is a fictionalised account, it is based on many truths. People like Ursula and

Pfarrer Bernau existed and resisted throughout the war and thankfully such stories survived to be told. I'm so looking forward to more by this author. Lotte's story promises to be equally as fascinating.

Not all Germans were Nazis or believed in Hitler. As the story opens, Ursula is marrying her love long distance... steel hat ceremony.. and while she waits for him to come home, he dies and his death changes her. She begins to see that Hitler and the Reich are not what they promised. With that realization, Ursula After her transfer to the new prison, she sees the inmates as people, not the enemy. when 4 prisoners escape, she decides it's time to stop blindly following the masses and be a leader among followers. The action, suspense, love and redemption, you feel them, and you have to know what happens next.

I enjoyed reading these books. I began with the Unwavering, Unyielding and Unrelenting, and then went on to the War Girl Group. Read like this, the story begins before WWII and tells how insidiously Hitler put his plan to work until the horror of the beginning of the war occurs. It is quite realistic and the suffering, hunger, relocation, separation from families, death and near death and how some people actually had compassion. The ending was not what I would have hoped for but war "is what it is." Her books tell a story with some truth and some literary license. I will continue to read her books in this genre. Am looking forward to "War Girl Lotte.

This book is so enjoyable I couldn't put it down!! I literally read it in one sitting, and am looking forward to Lotte's story! If you like books about World War Two you won't want to miss it!!!! I so appreciate this book as well as the trilogy being part of KINDLE UNLIMITED making it affordable for me to "INHALE"/READ!!!!

This is an excellently written book that really gets down into the heart of the Germans who started to see that their leader may not have their best interest at all. You feel their concerns, confusion and pain as this family struggles through the war. The pain is palpable and you can really understand their feelings. This is a very well written book about the toll WWII took on so very many. You'll not want to put this book down once you start reading it!! I was gifted this book for an honest review.

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