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When her friend and business partner Edwin Brown dies it seems as if Katherine Carter's own world has ended. Not only has her closest companion been taken from her, she's also lost the successful restaurant they built up together, as well as the comfortable home they shared with her young son. Now all this has been snatched away, for Edwin has left no will and his lecherous brother Gerald presumes he's inherited Katherine along with the house.

With little money but full of determination Katherine escapes Gerald's violent advances and takes lodgings in Rotherhithe, with her cook's sister Milly. Despite its poverty, Docklands London is full of hope and friendship and, in helping her new neighbours through their difficulties, Katherine finally begins to tackle her troubled past. But even as she rebuilds her life around the pie-and-mash shop where she works, a terrible shadow is hanging over the country. And little does anyone know the horrors 1914 will unleash ...

## Katie's Kitchen Details

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## From Reader Review Katie's Kitchen for online ebook

### **Jaidab says**

I'm not entirely sure if I would give this book 4 stars. It might be 3, but since I couldn't be sure I erred on the generous side. Well written. Good plot. Well researched.

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### **Madge Todd says**

**Brilliant as usual!!!!down to earth couldn't stop reading great characters believable even the nasty Gerald**

Definatley recommend and I am 66 years old!.. Thank you.....happy to write this review and do hope other readers appreciate this nove!

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### **Debra says**

Heartwarming if predictable soap opera.

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### **Clare O'Beara says**

This is an entertaining story of a woman who, returned from Australia, has been operating a restaurant in London but her partner dies early and she has to quit the business. With her young son she comes down in the world and moves to Rotherhithe on the south bank of the Thames in the early part of the twentieth century. From wishing everyone wasn't so nosy and gossipy about her circumstances, she becomes pretty nosy and gossipy herself about total strangers.

Our heroine works in a pie and mash shop, and decides that if she could take over the management she might be able to make a go of it. Oddly she needs help in the shop but doesn't have a swarm of people asking for work. I could not figure that. The early part of the book gives plenty of description of the changing settings but later on it becomes static and all about the established characters. Also we only get the heroine Kate's viewpoint so we never see a ship being loaded at the dock, or inside a warehouse, nor inside the motor garage where her son works. You'd have thought she'd go to look sometime. Kate has to make some very difficult decisions.

I have also read Maggie's Market by this author, again a tale of a London woman suddenly without a man in her life, who runs a very small business to keep her family. Both tales are really about the wider community and interesting characters. Adult scenes are few but scenes involve the local midwife and the prostitute as well as some distressing occurrences. This is not a traditional romance.

This is an unbiased review.

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### **Ria says**

When Katherine Carter's business partner Edwin died and their restaurant business was handed over to his younger, lecherous brother Gerald.

Gerald is violent and will stop at nothing to have Katherine so she flees to her cook's sister Milly and tries to rebuild a home and business in much less affluent surroundings.

But with her change in circumstances Katherine also finds love, acceptance and new friends that become like family.

A touching period drama that will appeal to all historical fiction fans.

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### **Martha says**

A little slow, but well written and interesting.

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### **Amanda Thomas says**

Excellent - straightforward storytelling with no frills. Lots of events and happenings which kept you interested.

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### **Monica says**

Although fiction it is a believable and interesting story. Loved the English brogue.

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### **alice booth says**

#### **Great reading**

Lovely book...couldn't put it down...well thought out...happiness and tragedy well done to Dee Williams...now the second book I've read. Will be reading more of your books Dee...thank you Alice Booth, England

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### **Honeybee says**

A wonderful read about wartime in the early 1900s over near London. A young lady who lost the kitchen she was running has to relocate and start from scratch again...a good book about grit and hope for the future. Well written and I read it in one day. I ordered her other books..anxiously awaiting them!

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**Susan says**

Quite enjoyed this - all Dee Williams' books I have read I have enjoyed. Katherine is a laydee and falls on hard times as her business partner and friend dies, with the house they lived in going to his younger brother as he did not make a will. Katherine moves to Rotherhithe to get away from the brother with her son. She also has another son who does not really seem to be part of the story to be honest. She ran a posh restaurant with her partner and from the title I imagine you can guess what happens but I am not going to say because it would ruin the story eh? But plenty happens before inbetween and after to keep your interest. Good book.

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**Jeanette says**

This is a book that I would like to re-read enjoyed it throughly!

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