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A tale of hardship and survival, *The Doorstep Child* is a heart-rending story from bestselling author Annie Murray.

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Her young eyes had seen so much but this never tainted her spirit. If it wasn't for her best friend Gary, and friendly dog called Whisky - Evie might never have made it to the sixteenth birthday.

At sixteen she meets Ken, a sweet brown-eyed boy, not much older than she is. Perhaps her fortunes have changed? But no sooner does she give over her heart, she is betrayed, not for the first time in her young life...

Will Evie ever find the love and warmth she's always craved?

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Sarah1983 says

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Liz Baker says

A good read. Recommended

Lyn Mether- fairbairn says

I was so disappointed in the choice the central character made for her own children it put me off the book.

Shirley Revill says

I am one of those people who loves to browse in second hand bookshops, charity shops, carboot sales etc. If it has books I will be there and if it's one of those days when I can't get then I send one of my family members. Sounds like a great plan but no it was not.

Problem was I was ending up with books that I couldn't remember reading but I had read many times.

I kid you not I ended up with six editions of the same book once and it was getting to the point where my husband was commenting on how we must be saving on our heating with my wall to wall insulation of books. He loves me really or was that a story I read about. ?

Here is my plan of making a list of books that I have read over the years and this is why I am starting to list books that I read some time ago.

1. Make a list.
2. Books that I have read a few times give to a local charity. My favourite at the moment is my local food bank which is something I thought I would never see in the UK. Mind you I will be standing at the door to wave goodbye with a tissue in my hand. They are my old friends after all.
3. Donate some books to my library as they are strapped for cash these days as well.

4. Move house with many rooms so my long suffering hubby isn't too aware of all my books. My son tells me to go completely digital. I laughed so much I think I hurt his feelings. There is just something special about a real book especially the older ones with their leather bindings and gold leaf around the edges. My idea of book heaven. So back to this particular book that I read and loved with each page I turned. A wonderful story that had me reaching for my tissues and is now on my list. Wonder if theirs a name for people who are addicted to reading books. Yes I just remembered the name is Shirley. ?

Sharon says

One of the saddest books I have read. Evie Sutton was unloved since birth as she was born a girl. She finds kindness in Sunday school teacher. Finds a friend in Gary and finds love at 17 only to find herself pregnant and jilted.

Having to give up her daughter nearly kills her and she is kicked out of home. She meets another man who takes her to Canada. She has two children and makes friends only to find her husband is being unfaithful and leaves her. She returns to Birmingham. To see the outcome you will have to read the book.

Angela Arnold says

thoroughly enjoyable read

Julia says

The Doorstep Child by Annie Murray is the third book in a fabulous historical series set in Birmingham. This novel has Evie at its heart and covers the years from 1950's- 1970's. It is absolutely heart breaking. My emotions have been torn apart.

Evie, whom the reader met in War Babies, was born in 1943, always unwanted and uncared for (she was the 'wrong' sex), Evie has searched to belong and be loved. Evie is a delightful character with a good heart, full of love. I know it's just a story but I really wanted to give Evie a home!

The Doorstep Child is about family, community and love. It has the heart wrenching topics of illegitimate children and unmarried mothers and all the stigma that brings, homosexuality and mental health. The 1950's, 60's and 70's really seem like the dark ages to the modern reader who is horrified at the attitudes and treatments.

Community begun in the back to back housing has been fractured with the knocking down of the slums and the move to nicer houses in suburbia. However bonds formed years ago cannot be broken and the reader rejoices at the hearts that reach out in love.

Much of the novel is set in Birmingham. As a native of Birmingham, I loved the familiarity of the locations. I did not so much read this book, as walk through it.

The Doorstep Child can be read as a stand-alone however for maximum enjoyment I recommend reading War Babies and Now The War Is Over first, as you will be able to track the character development.

I have adored this series and the characters. Little (and later grown up) Evie, Gary and Carl all broke my heart. Thank you Annie Murray for another cracking read.

Trudie says

absolutely love Annie's books, this one was one of the best yet! It could be because it's set in Birmingham (where my Mum was from) or just because it's absolutely brilliant but I definitely 100% recommend this to all. A definite must read! loved it!

Jenni says

Brilliant read, couldnt put it down. Stayed with the main character throughout which i love, would recommend.

Layla Ashby says

Loved this book. Would read again.
