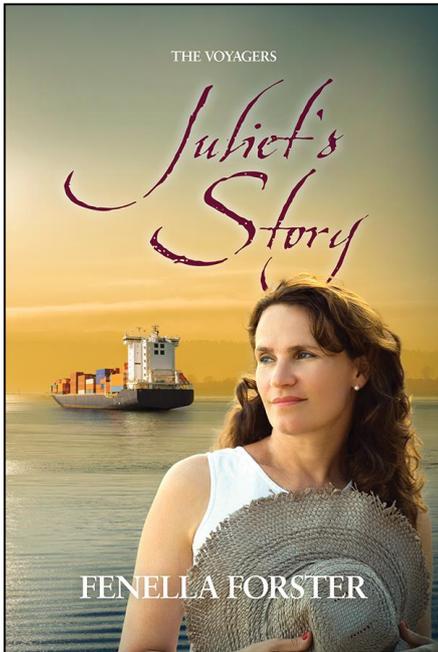


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*She looks down at the little mite. She says nothing. There's nothing she can say. A tear, and then another, fall silently onto the baby's forehead ....three generations of a family – together for the first and final time.*

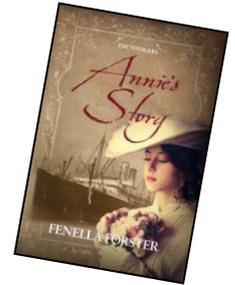


THE VOYAGERS

# JULIET'S STORY

by Fenella Forster

The latest Voyagers novel from the author of *Annie's Story*



*“Juliet” is one of the maritime signals. It means: “I’m on fire and have dangerous cargo; keep clear.”’ He chuckled. ‘Are you dangerous? Should I keep clear?’ .....*



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### Will tragic secrets from the past wreck Juliet's hopes of success, love and happiness?

It is 2005 ... and recently-divorced business woman Juliet Reece (who prefers to be known as 'Jay') has been given the freedom and time to sail to Australia to trace the story of her grandparents who emigrated in 1913 (as recounted in *Annie's Story*). But Juliet has a dark secret which she has hidden since she was sixteen. The only other person who knew this secret was her grandmother, Annie. Can Juliet's voyage to Australia answer the questions that have troubled her for so long?

Having opted to travel to Australia on a cargo ship as an 'alternative way to see the world,' Juliet has some trepidation as she boards the Russian freighter, *Alexandria*, at Tilbury. With just a few paying passengers and no ship's doctor, she is concerned about the long voyage ahead. Will she like her fellow passengers? What happens if there is a medical emergency? But, amongst her anxieties, she hasn't counted on meeting the enigmatic Jack Delaney. Is it wise to fall for a man – a younger man at that – from the other side of the world who seems to be a slave to some pretty dark secrets of his own?

*Jack. Try as she might, she couldn't stop thinking about him. He was disturbingly attractive, but she didn't really know much about him. And when she asked him anything personal he always seemed to clam up.*

Arriving in Australia, Juliet tries to forget about Jack and their ship-board romance – and to concentrate on her grandparents' story and, the other mystery that had compelled her to travel so far in search of answers. But then Jack reappears and – as she unmask more about his past – she makes the shocking discovery that Jack and she are connected to each other in ways that she could never have anticipated.

*She knew too much and she couldn't un-know it now. She cursed the fact that she'd checked up on him.*

Bad news from home about her business and her father's failing health, forces Juliet to arrange to return to the UK – but before she departs, is there time for Australia to finally yield up the secrets it has hidden from her for so long? Will Juliet find what she really travelled so far to retrieve?

*'Do you know anything about your real mother?' The words tumbled out. Now it was too late – she couldn't take them back. He'd have to answer. Her heart beat wildly ...*

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### **JULIET'S STORY**

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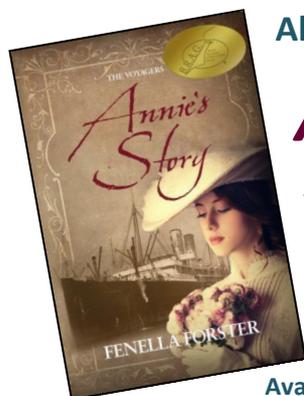
Extracts/serialisation. The author is available for interviews.

#### Feature suggestions:

- Why do some people choose to travel long distances as passengers on cargo ships? (Rather than travel by air or on a liner)
- The dangers of ship-board (or holiday) romances. How many actually end happily-ever-after?
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## **ANNIE'S STORY**

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*Annie's Story* is the first novel in *The Voyagers* series. It is a historical family saga set in England and Australia, and spans the turbulent years from 1913, through WW1, the 'roaring twenties' and then the depression of the early 1930s as seen through the eyes of a young housemaid who travels with her husband to start a new life in Australia. Betrayed by the people closest to her, Annie becomes an abandoned wife and mother. Although Annie did not know it at the time, it is a betrayal that will impact on the lives of all the family for generations to come.

#### What the press said about *Annie's Story*

- **"very enjoyable ...with smooth and well-paced writing ... skilled setting of scenes and characters ... a very entertaining and worthwhile read."** Historical Novels Society Review
- **"curl up with a good book we're sure you're going to love."** The People's Friend magazine
- **"The pleasure in this read must be in the descriptive detail .... We should congratulate - and support - less well known authors, for the quality of both writing and plot can often exceed that of the 'commercial' writer .... we wait for more."** Life Magazines (Kent)

*Annie's Story* (and an interview with the author) also featured on Talk Radio Europe's Book Programme

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### About *The Voyagers* series and the author



#### About the author:

**Fenella Forster** is the pen-name used by the published non-fiction author, **Denise Barnes**, for her fiction writing.

Denise Barnes has travelled the world, unpacking her suitcase in a score of countries and working at more jobs than she cares to remember. Mentionable events include selling lipstick in a Denver department store to top English model of the day, Jean Shrimpton; typing on a French keyboard for the UN Narcotics Director in Geneva; chauffeuring a lonely Swiss multi-millionaire lawyer in Zurich; being the first fashion model in Atlanta to dance to pop music; working as a PA to a film producer and delivering a film script to Richard Harris in Rome and not recognizing him (he was not amused); and cooking in a vegetarian sanatorium in Bavaria, which gave rise to her first hilarious memoir, *From Bad to Worst: Bavarian Adventures of a Veggie Cook*.

Back home in England, Denise reluctantly trained as an estate agent – and ended up loving it so much that she set up her own estate agency. Juggling the running of her chain of eight offices in Kent with taking an Honours Degree with Open University, Denise had difficulty finding the time to pursue her life-long passion for writing. To give herself the freedom to write she sold her business after 17 years, but unfortunately to the wrong buyers, namely a couple of tricksters. The experience led her to write the successful book, *Seller Beware: How Not To Sell Your Business*. She bought back her business and ran it again for another six years. Eventually Denise was able to finally sell the business again and resume her fiction writing, under the pen-name, Fenella Forster ..... *The Voyagers* series of novels is the result.

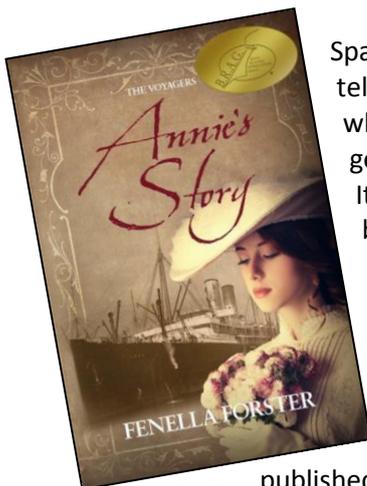


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#### About *The Voyagers* novels by Fenella Forster:



Spanning a turbulent century of social change and war (1913 – 2012) *The Voyagers* novels tell the stories of three women from different generations of the same family. However, while the women's stories (and journeys) are connected across the generations, each of *The Voyagers* novels can be read in isolation. It is not necessary for the reader to be familiar with the other books in the series in order to enjoy each separate novel.

The first of *The Voyagers* novels, *Annie's Story* was published by SilverWood Books in April 2015. *Juliet's Story* (January 2016, Silverwood Books) is the second *Voyagers* novel. The author is currently working on the third novel in the series, *Kitty's Story* (set in 1941, mainly in Cairo) which will be published in late 2016 or early 2017.



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