

SILVERWOOD NEW BOOK: PRESS RELEASE

Set during WW2, this third *Voyagers* novel is a compelling tale of true-love versus duty. A headstrong young woman carries out a risky mission knowing it will break her heart and shatter her dreams.

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"A captivating romance with well-researched period detail." Jean Fullerton (novelist)



THE VOYAGERS

KITTY'S STORY

by Fenella Forster

The third novel in *The Voyagers* series from the author of *Annie's Story* (2015) and *Juliet's Story* (2016)



"Passion wars with duty, courage defies betrayal." Joanne Walsh (novelist)



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'Some romantic notion of entertaining the troops, no doubt', Dad glared, 'You'll go over my dead body. No daughter of mine is going on the stage looking like a tart to sing to a load of strange men'

When seventeen-year-old Kitty is offered a job entertaining the troops (against her father's wishes) she couldn't have guessed that it would lead to her dutifully undertaking an unwelcome mission which looks set to jeopardise her future happiness

Kitty is determined to 'do her bit' for the war effort. She dreams of singing to the soldiers like her heroine, Vera Lynn, and she wangles her way into ENSA (the Entertainments National Service Association). Three weeks later she and the rest of the troupe are sweltering in an army camp in Cairo.

Under a desert sky, Kitty steps out onto the make-shift stage for the first time, and is paralysed with fear. Help comes from a handsome Italian prisoner of war (and former aide to Fascist dictator Mussolini). The worst thing a young woman can do is to fraternise with the enemy – no matter how good-looking and charming he may be.

But the war has other plans for Kitty. Instead of singing on the ENSA stage, she soon finds herself playing a more dangerous role in the theatre of war when she is selected to undertake an unexpected and unwelcome mission.

Kitty has no choice but to obey orders even though she knows full well that it could jeopardise her future happiness. Will she and her love ever 'meet again, some sunny day' ?

How was I going to tell her about the baby? That the father was an Italian prisoner of war. That there was no hope of my ever seeing him again. That I'd been asked to spy on him ...



Praise from the press for Fenella Forster's VOYAGERS SERIES

- *"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
- *"The pleasure [is] in the descriptive detail the quality of both writing and plot.... we wait for more."* Life Magazines
- *"a gripping tale ... tantalising mysteries and plenty of passion"* Countryside-la-Vie

Media opportunities & local UK interest: Extracts/serialisation. The author is based in **Tunbridge Wells** (on the Kent/Sussex border) and is originally from **Norwich** (Norfolk). Part of *Kitty's Story* is set in **King's Lynn** (Norfolk) – and is available for interviews.

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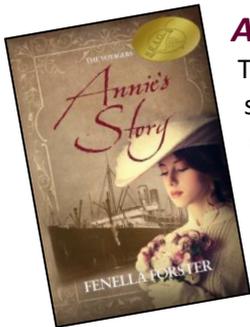
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About *The Voyagers* series and author, Fenella Forster

About *The Voyagers* trilogy 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. While the women's stories (and journeys) are connected across the generations, each of *The Voyagers* novels can each 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 Voyagers novels, *Annie's Story* (2015), *Juliet's Story* (2016) and *Kitty's Story* (2017) are all published by SilverWood Books (Bristol). (NB: Separate press releases for each novel are available on request.)

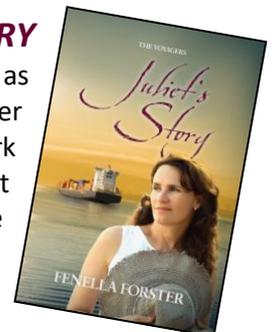


ANNIE'S STORY A BRAG (Book Readers Appreciation Group) Medallion Winner

The first novel in *The Voyagers* series is a historical family saga set in England and Australia. It 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, the betrayals she suffers will impact on the lives of all the family for generations to come.

JULIET'S STORY

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?



About the author: Fenella Forster

Fenella Forster is one of the pen-names used by author, **Denise Barnes**, for her fiction writing. Denise is the author of several fiction and non-fiction books.

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 model, 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 cooking in a vegetarian sanatorium in Bavaria, which gave rise to her first hilarious memoir, *From Bad to Worst*.

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 trilogy of novels is the result.

Denise Barnes is currently writing a new series books set during the Second World War for Harper Collins under the pen name **Molly Green**. The first in the series, *An Orphan in the Snow*, is due for release in November 2017.

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