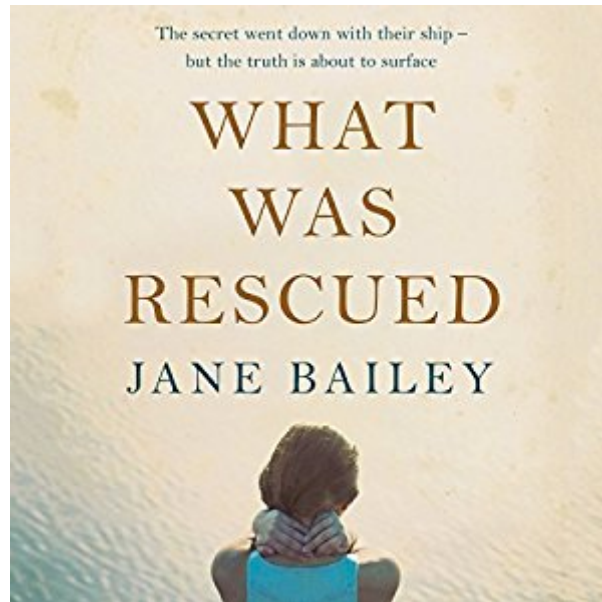




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What Was Rescued



Synopsis

In the autumn of 1940, four children meet on a train. Behind them is London, under heavy aerial attack; ahead of them is a ship bound for the safe shores of Canada. Arthur has promised his mother not to let his little brother, Philip, out of his sight. Pippa and Dora are on their own: polar opposites, brought together by the adventure of a lifetime. But disaster strikes mid-Atlantic, and in the chaos one of the children makes a choice that will determine the course of their lives forever. As the years pass and the survivors become adults - forging their futures and falling in love - they are still haunted by the events of that night at sea. It's not just what was lost that darkens their lives: what was rescued casts a long shadow, too. One of them has a terrible secret that they thought sank with the ship. But a secret is just a truth waiting to be revealed, and this secret could shatter everything.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this story. It is written mostly from the perspective of two of the main characters Dora and Arthur. Four children (Dora, Pippa, Arthur, and Phillip) are placed on a ship by their parents to escape war in England and Wales. The ship is heading to Canada where the children will be safe. Unfortunately, their ship is torpedoed and sinks. The story follows Dora and Arthur as they are drawn together by their circumstances following the sinking of the ship. They reconnect at the 10-year reunion for the survivors and fall in love. Pippa, a pretentious girl, situates herself between Dora and Arthur and steals Arthur away from Dora. Arthur tries to always see the best in Pippa and

is fooled by her devious and deceitful lies and selfish desires. Dora doesn't understand how Arthur can be fooled by Pippa's lies. Dora realizing Arthur won't be coming for her, carries on with her life and gets involved with a deceitful and selfish man. However, it is a while before she is able to see the true man that he is. I found myself rooting for Dora and Arthur; disgusted with Pippa; and so involved in the plight of the three that I wanted to keep reading. The characters were well written. I found myself anguishing along with them when things went awry and cheering when they experienced a small victory. I would highly recommend this book. I received this book as a First Reads Kindle Give-away.

I enjoyed this book had a few twist to it I had an uncle who was adrift at sea in the second world war so had an idea what it would be like they were very lucky to survive.

Fascinating story with some true life inspiration of actual events in England's wartime history. The characters were well done and interesting.

This was a great book! It would be a fantastic book club book.

Excellent! Couldn't put it down.

Setting was a great one and an interesting one in terms of historical events and contrasts in to the influence wealth and class on events. The plot development was a disappointing descent into a not very convincing romantic fantasy.

Excellent!

I loved, loved, loved this story.

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