

LoveReading Reader reviews of Tilly's Promise by Linda Newbery

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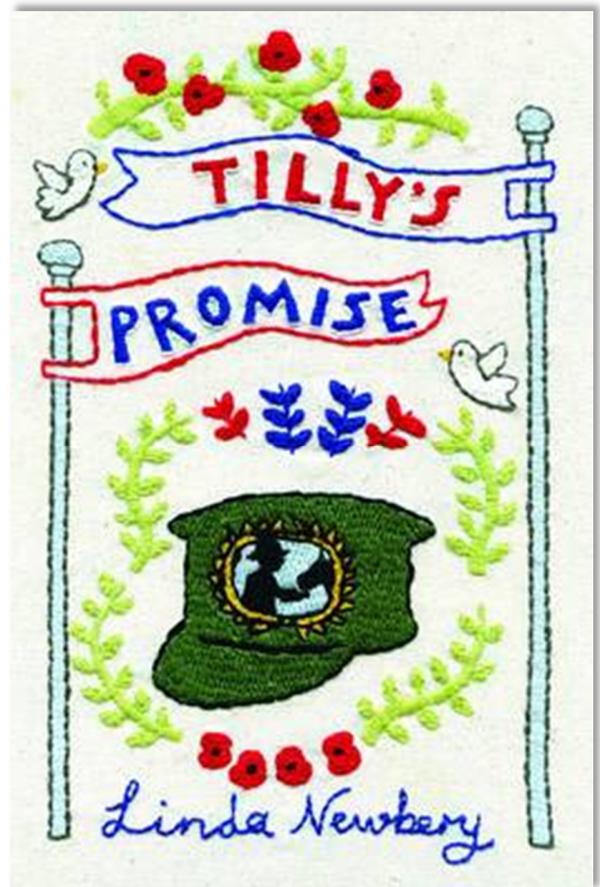
Belinda Brooke

This was a truly lovely read. In essence it is an adult story about the loss and trauma experienced in the First World War and yet it reads as a very gentle children's tale of how love, friendship and loyalty can ultimately triumph over the worst the world can throw at you. It is a simple message which every child can identify with. Although factually accurate and educational in its content, Tilly's Promise never appears to be concerned with either of those things and so pulls them both off effortlessly. It is so easy to read you hardly notice you are turning the pages.

Millie Finbow, age 12

Story of war. Romance story between Harry and Tilly.

*Harry and Tilly are lovers and Harry goes to war and Tilly becomes a nurse. Every so often Harry would come home and Tilly promised she would be there when Harry came back. She always was. **When I picked the book up I could not put it down. I don't like reading but this book was a lovely story to get me reading again.** I would aim this at 8+. Since I have read this book I am reading bigger books.*



Philip Wood, age 12

A touching tale of relationships and emotions during World War I. A thoroughly enjoyable book.

'Tilly's Promise' was very good. It was quick to read and would appeal to all young readers. The suspense made you want to finish the book. It gave a good insight into the First World War. The characters' emotions were dealt with in a sensitive way and the detail made you feel you were experiencing life during wartime.

Chloe Pickering, age 10

I thought this book was wonderful and inspiring. A new way of seeing how people reacted to changes the war brought.

War breaks out and Tilly and Harry both want to do their bit to help, Tilly as a nurse, Harry as a soldier.

As the war gets worse and the army are desperate for men Tilly's younger brother Georgie (who has learning difficulties) gets called up. Tilly and Harry find the promises they made harder to keep.

I liked 'Tilly's Promise' because it really made me feel as if I were there and the events were happening to me. The story always stayed on track and was never confusing.

Rose Heathcote, age 14

I really enjoyed this book and I would highly recommend it to a wide range of readers, particularly those who are studying World War One, as it gives you a insight into the personal experiences of war.

The front cover was very beautiful and I like the way Stewart Easton used the image of the the embroidery he made for the front cover, he had used many of the symbols found on WWI postcards and added in the image of a boy and a horse on the soldiers cap which represents two characters from the book. This was a good short read with lots of interesting and sad events packed in. Its about a promise a boy makes to his sweetheart which proves very difficult to keep and it takes you on a journey of different emotions, happiness, love and sadness. It is both a story of war and a love story rolled into one. I would give this book five stars, you won't be disappointed. I would defiantly recommend it to friends.

Shannon-louise Masters, age 14

'Tilly's Promise' is a great story about war and the ups and downs.

The promise that could be kept but war made it hard. One down thing I have noticed is that in many books about war there is someone with a disability some how link to the main character other wise great book.

Sophie Bridges, age 11

The reason I like 'Tilly's Promise' by Linda Newbery is because it is very cute how Tilly is very caring for all the people in the ward and cares for them all the same.

'Tilly's Promise' by Linda Newbery is so good it is an amazing. It really fits in because at school I am learning about WW2 and the book has given me a lot of information about WW2 and Tilly is caring for all the people that get hurt in the ward and when Harry passes away she gets so sad.