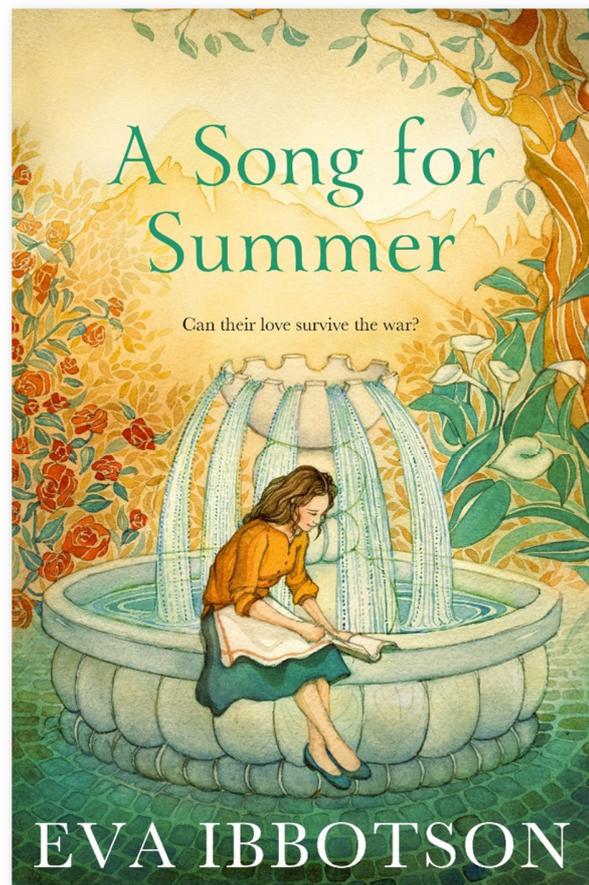


LoveReading Reader reviews of A Song for Summer by Eva Ibbotson

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

Elinor Gray

*Flawless and moving, the world that has been created entices the imagination and our hearts as we journey through the turbulent times of pre-war Austria. We feel deep emotion and connection to all the characters who are vividly brought to life between the pages, the author makes them realistic and relatable, the sort of people we can imagine meeting at the shops or walking down the street. We follow the captivating love story of two characters, destined for love, battling endlessly to be together, laced with mystery, longing and struggle, I easily found myself longing for their happy ending. We are plunged into a time of struggle, however through Ibbotson, new light has been shed onto the resilience and hope that existed in this time. We are all aware of the reign of Hitler however the book is able to shed a new perspective on such a mysterious and controversial time. Throughout the novel, Ibbotson is able to vividly describe a place of beauty and splendour in all of her settings, I felt myself longing to live in such a time, see the places she describes so beautifully and hear the music that her heroines can create. In reading the novel it is so easy to simply step into the book and stand alongside the characters, feel their emotion, it is a great gift to do so. **Beautiful and perplexing, the book is an absolute masterpiece, that's mystery and flawless description ignites the imagination.***



Catherine Bryce

A lovely story set in London and Austria just as World War Two is breaking out.

A moving story about Ellen who is bored with her life in London, full of drudgery and decides to change by moving to Austria in the hope of improving her quality of life. Having established relationships within her new working environment, this is the part of the book where the Author takes the reader through the ups and downs of a growing attachment for one of her colleagues.

The Author has also drawn on her own background and experiences in the writing of this book and can thus add description and authenticity of reality in her writing giving her book a more vivid account.

A really good book and one that can be read easily and allows the Reader's imagination to roam. Without giving too much of the story away, Ellen's intrigue with her lover is an excellent part of the story with hindsight being a wonderful thing.

Well worth a read.

Hannah Ward

*Thank you to Lovereading for sending me this book. This is my last book by Eva Ibbotson that I am reviewing and I am kind of sad. I read this book in half a day and thoroughly enjoyed it. The story is written around The World War and it is a heart breaking love story, it is all about a girl called Ellen Carr who keeps on going even though the world is against her. **I loved this book and Eva's others so much and I am glad I had the opportunity to read some brilliant classics. I am going to treasure them forever and probably re-read them all soon.***

<http://echoesinanemptyroom.com/2015/10/06/a-song-for-summer-by-eva-ibbotson/>

Charnell Vevers

I am happy to admit that 'A Song for Summer' is my favourite Ibbotson novel. Ellen is a lovely female lead and Marek was my favourite male lead from any of her novels, he completely won me over. Marek is not only a gardener and fencing teacher, he is also a wonderful and extremely talented composer. Marek

has turned away from the life he used to lead, when the Nazis come to power they ban Jews from being able to perform, so Marek refuses to continue performing when his best friend, who happens to be Jewish, is being stopped. He works at the school, but uses it as the perfect cover for him to be able to work for the Resistance, and help people fleeing from the Nazi regime. He risks his life to help others, he doesn't just sit idly by and watch it happen. Marek is a character you won't be able to help but love, especially for his bravery.

*This is a historical romance at its heart, but it is also so much more than that. It takes a detailed look at history, whilst also giving us characters who are kind, caring and brave. The book also provides you with the perfect ending that will have you closing the page with a satisfied smile on your face. **If I could only recommend one Ibbotson book to you, I would choose this. But, I guarantee, once you have read one Ibbotson book you will want to hunt down more.***

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