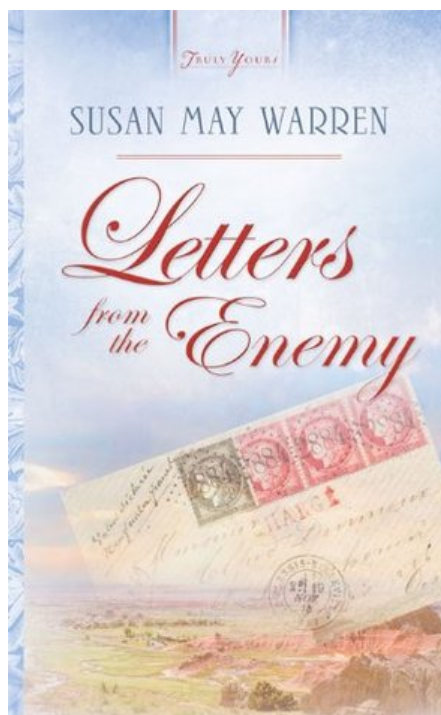




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The world is at war. And there's a similar tension in the heart of Lilly Clark. With the war in Europe raging, Lilly lives for letters from her beloved Reggie. But then a stranger enters her life and changes everything. Heinrich Zook has become the focus of controversy in Lilly's small South Dakota town. His ancestry stirs up hateful prejudices as American boys are losing their lives fighting the Germans. But even with this barrier between them, Lilly feels compelled to befriend this gentle German. Can their love overcome the prejudice and conflict that has set the world at war? Or will letters from the enemy forever condemn Lilly in the eyes of those she loves?

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Cristina says

Cute Christian book

Pam says

Overall I really liked this book except for the sister, Olivia. I felt like all of her reactions to everything in the story were a bit over-the-top and could have been toned down except for at the end when true tragedy had struck.

Dianne Sidebottom says

interesting story. the prejudice n nasty human nature of people in a town against a foreigner who by his nationality of speech was the enemy. Listening to who God really wanted her husband to be. I am so glad that Reggie got the flick. But that is how a lot of thinking n behaviour was. You did as your husband did n believe his ways are correct. But when you know that we each are accountable to God so we need to make our own decision. this is freedom.

Andrea Cox says

Though Letters from the Enemy was released in 2004, it's new to me. My sister shared it with me, and, since I was iced inside by a rare-in-Texas sleet storm, I decided to squeeze this Heartsong Presents book in before reading one I received for the Blogging for Books program I participate in. I'm so glad I bumped this little book up on my reading list. It held a western sweetness I hadn't read in a while.

Letters from the Enemy takes place in 1918. While the war rages in Europe, Lilly Clark eagerly waits for the mail train each week, hoping to receive a letter from her fiancé, Reggie Larsen, even as she sends him yet another missive. When her world is knocked upside down by a tall foreigner, Heinrich Zook, will Lilly stick to her resolve to send messages of hope to her beloved? Or will the lone enemy in town, who happens to keep crossing her path, challenge her to rethink everything she has come to believe, disrupting her carefully laid plans?

This is the second Susan May Warren novel I've read, though I've collected several more. I've got to tell you, both the books of hers I've read have connected with me on a spiritual level. The messages and themes in her tales dig deep into my soul and don't let me up for air until I've puzzled them out and seen how I could apply the things I've learned to my life in some substantial way. It's books that do this that stay with me long after I've placed them back on one of my bookcases.

The thing that really struck me in Letters from the Enemy was Lilly's spiritual journey. In a few different ways, it mirrored my own. The most significant is living in fear. Maybe that's why the following line, spoken to Lilly from Heinrich, stood out to me. "Lilly, perhaps you're afraid. Do you think that if you knew God and heard His voice, He might tell you something you don't want to hear?"

From almost drowning twice to hearing of multiple school shootings to watching the terrorist attack on New York City and the United States in 2001, many fears have plagued my mind, stealing my joy and robbing me of peace. Too many times, as humans, we feel we must control every little thing in our lives or else we'll fall apart. That's just not true. The less control we have, by turning things over to God and trusting His plan for our lives, the more peace we'll gain. The fewer fears we'll retain. That's what I want, to live fear free. So I'll lay my fears at the feet of my Savior and ask Him to help me learn to trust Him. To show me how to rely on His plans, His guidance in every aspect of my life. From now on, I plan to make a more conscious effort to lay aside my human desires and ask God what plans He has for me. They'll be far greater than anything I could have imagined in the first place anyway.

Arya says

I am hoping o fins this book at my local bookstore- soon!!

Xondra Day says

A nice sweet historical with a love story that was both unique and heartwarming. I loved the prairie setting.

Cheryl-Lynn says

I was very disappointed in this book. The first 170 pages were boring but I did enjoy the last 100. I skimmed much of the book- too much wordiness. The characters were not well developed and the story itself just frustrating.

April says

Looking for a really good read but one that is not too lengthy, look no farther! Warren has once again crafted a story that tugs at your heart, speaks to your soul and gives you some depths to reflect on; all the while thrilling you with her well told story and rich characters. A gem!

Hannah says

Oh, this was good! A true Christian novel that makes you think about God and what salvation is—at the same time, a romance too, with thoughts about true love and God's true plan for marriage...women are meant to support and complement their husbands, but God doesn't call us to make a god of our husbands' will and put their conscience in place of our personal walk with God.

Another gem from way too far down on my TBR pile! Thanks to Andrea for the nudge to read it.

Michelle says

Letter's from the Enemy is a wonderful love story with deep truths hidden in the story itself. At first I wasn't so hot about her feeling something for the local guy when her fiance was in Europe fighting the Great War, but as I got to know the fiance better I started cheering for her relationship with the same guy I originally didn't want to see her to be with. My emotions were pulled into this story and the "dark moment" looked so bleak it just about killed me. Their bond was intense and very romantic and the gift he gave her was...priceless! If not for the fact that I paused for over a year before finishing this book, I'd have given it five stars. Terrific story!

Jan says

This is a beautiful story of true, abiding, sacrificial, unconditional love in a turbulent time in history. Caught between the interests of two men, Lilly finally understands the meaning of giving and receiving love that comes from and into the depths of her heart.

Janis Kay says

Very spiritual...and I actually didn't mind that since the way it was described (for lack of better term), just made sense to me. From the very beginning, I was hoping for a particular ending because [SPOILER] I am a feminist of sorts and especially take offense when I hear of or am told of the right to keep women subjugated to their husbands just because. Every girl has the right to choose her own path regardless of any kind of status quo that is held in effect.

My first Heartsong Presents novel...might not be my last;)

Laura says

I liked Heinrich. He was funny, amiable. Lilly is torn and rash. The distant Reggie doesn't really have a handle on who he is after the war. The story was realistic whilst having a happy ending
