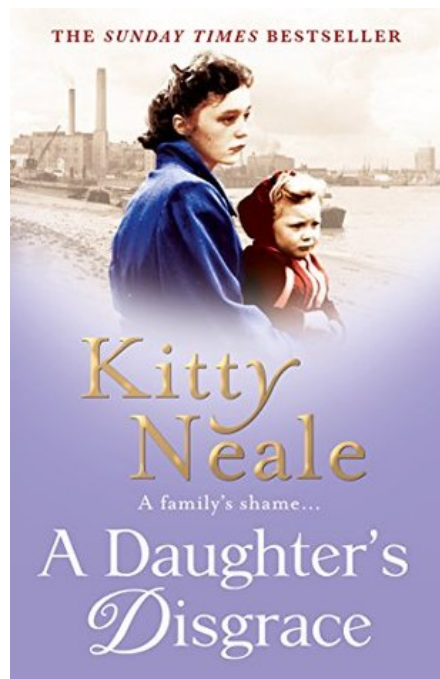




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A heartrending story of family shame from Sunday Times bestseller, Kitty Neale. A gritty London tale, perfect for fans of Katie Flynn, Nadine Dorries and Maureen Lee.

1950s Battersea is no place for a shamed woman...

Fractured

Alison is the ugly duckling of her family and has always been treated with disdain by her mother. After years of being bullied, she is drawn to the one man who shows her affection. But when he brutally rapes her, leaving her pregnant, she is cast out.

Forgotten

Shunned by her family, Alison must start to make her own way and plan a life for herself and her unborn child – and for the first time she is master of her own destiny.

Forgiven?

But when the baby arrives, Alison feels no love for her new son. Terrified that history will repeat itself, can she find a way to love her child? And will she ever find the forgiveness she craves from her family?

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Sarah Louise Roberts says

Outstanding

I am a huge Kitty Neale fan and this book was by far my most favourite. It had me drawn in from start to finish. A really great storyline and Kitty has such a talent of making you feel like you are there and getting to know the characters. I felt so much affection for Alison and Fred. There were so many morals to this story and was extremely thought provoking. A must read

Carole Leslie says

Best bit about this book was the description of old Battersea, an area that I know well. Other than that, not a lot to recommend it. One dimensional characters and a mix of barely disguised Cinderella and Ugly duckling plot themes. Oh and a woman is murdered but as a nagging shrew, she asked for it.... Just awful storyline.

At least I didn't spend a lot of time on it.

Sandy Conley says

This is a story written by a British author so the reader needs to think British society values. I loved the story and the many facets that it touched on. It is the kind of story where my anger at the characters was pushed and the growth and final events of the story set me right.

Sarah says

An ugly duckling story that takes place in 1950s Battersea. It just seems to drag on and on, miserably. Too many bitchy females and nasty characters, all flat, so I really don't care what happens to them in the story. Nor can I understand the raving reviews here.

Leona says

Kitty Neale never fails to disappoint with her books and this one is no exception. I absolutely loved it. I felt like I knew all the characters from the description of them in the book. The storyline was excellent and not once did I feel it's boring. In fact I felt sad when the book finished. A definite 5 stars from me. Thanks to the publisher Harpercollins UK Avon for an ARC of this book.

Fiona McCormick says

I received a copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. This was a fantastic book, really enjoyed reading it! It is the story of 3 sisters brought up by their mother in London in the years after the 2nd World War. It focuses on Alison, the ugly duckling of the family who has a troubled relationship with her mother and her sister Hazel, who although physically beautiful has a harsh selfish streak. It follows their fortunes over a couple of years and I guess the moral of the story is that beauty is only skin deep and certainly doesn't guarantee happiness.

It is hard to write this without giving too much away about the characters, but I would highly recommend this book. It is well written and keeps your interest throughout. I also like the historical aspect to it, I love reading about life during and after the war years and the descriptions are very authentic. If you enjoy a story about troubled relationships and family divisions, give this one a go.

Denise says

This is only the second Kitty Neale book that I have read and I will now be buying more of her books from her extensive back catalogue. What a fantastic book, from start to finish it felt like I was there with the characters and it is easy to believe this story is based on real life rather than fiction.

The story keeps you gripped and you find yourself totally engrossed with the characters and their lives. What a wonderful storyteller Kitty Neale is, I highly recommend A Daughters Disgrace.

Kristina says

A Daughter's Disgrace by Kitty Neale is a lovely British historical novel. It is set in 1950's in Battersea (starts in 1957). Cora Butler is the widowed mother of three daughters. Linda is married to Terry Owens and they have a little three year old daughter named June. Hazel is the middle daughter and the loveliest of the three sisters. Cora treats Hazel like a queen. Alison is the youngest daughter and is considered homely. Alison has suffered abuse at the hands of her mother and Hazel all her life. They are constantly putting her down (Cora cannot stand her youngest daughter). Alison is taller than most girls (and men). When Alison is let go from a local factory, she gets a job with the local butcher, Fred Chapman. Next door at the hardware store is a nice looking young man named Paul Lanning that catches Alison's eye. One night on the way home Paul attacks Alison and she ends up pregnant. Paul and his motley family disappear leaving Alison to face her family's wrath.

Hazel is engaged to Neville Parrot. Cora thinks Hazel could do much better, but Hazel is determined to marry Neville. Hazel is always polite and lady like in public, but behind closed doors she has an unruly temper and has a tendency towards hitting (especially her sister, Alison). Neville is a nice young man, no temper, handsome looking, and works at the local paint factory. Hazel wants a big wedding and expects everyone in the household to contribute to it (whether they want to or not). They have a beautiful wedding, but life is not blissful for the newlyweds.

Alison's life takes a turn for the better when she marries Fred while Hazel's life is not what she expected. Linda and Terry get into a spot of trouble up in Kent, but Terry hopes to get them safely out of harm's way.

The Daughter's Disgrace starts off a little slow, but then I could not put it down. I stayed up until after 4 a.m. to finish it. I give it 4.25 out of 5 stars. I enjoyed this story and look forward to reading more books by Kitty

Neale.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley (and the publisher) in exchange for an honest review.

Ruby Tuesday says

This is the first book I've read by Kitty Neale and it was unexpectedly fantastic! I do enjoy books both fiction and memoirs set in 40's and 50's working class society so was looking forward to this, expecting a gentle reading. Which it was. Until the book went in a completely unexpected direction.

The main character is Alison, the youngest of three sisters. Her mother Cora has brought up the three girls alone after her husband Jack died in World War II. Cora was left pregnant with Alison and had always resented her and been unkind towards her. The eldest daughter Linda is pleasant but Hazel, the middle daughter is beautiful but spiteful and unkind, making Alison's life a misery. Alison is very tall, stoops and is not particularly attractive which she is constantly reminded of by her family and outsiders, often being called 'horse face'. As a result she has very low self esteem which certain individuals in the book take advantage of when she starts a new job at the butchers working alongside the owner, Fred. Meanwhile, Hazel is planning her wedding to Neville Parrott.

For me the beauty of this book was how the author developed the characters. I felt like I knew them and cared what happened to them. I was constantly rooting for Alison's luck to change, felt warmth towards Fred the butcher and an intense dislike to Hazel. I would, without question, read further books by Kitty Neale. One thing that struck me was how this book would make a superb TV drama.

Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher, Harper Collins UK for an advance reader copy in exchange for an honest review.

Kelly says

I have never read a Kitty Neale book, but I was gripped and really enjoyed this family saga. It's an easy read, characters well developed especially the ones you were not meant to like. I felt like I had a good idea of who everyone was character wise, not just name wise. For a random book I picked up in an Amazon offer for £10.00 this was a good buy and I will read more books by this author.

Jane says

Advance copy sent to me via Netgallery

Set in the 1950s Battersea this book is the story of a family struggling to cope with hard times

Her mother and older sister bully the youngest daughter of the family Alison. After mistaking friendship for

love Alison finds herself pregnant, homeless and alone. Desperation leads her to find friendships from new directions.

This latest Kitty Neale book is a fantastic tale of 1950s London each character is strong and independent. A great read that will have you hooked from the first page.

Stephanie Gardiner says

I really enjoyed this book , love a happy ending

Soraya Bowie says

This is one of those books that once you start reading you don't want to put down, that is certainly what happened to me. I liked the fact the book got really involved in all three sisters lives and showed how different they were. I felt sorry for Alison most of the time, how she was treated by her mother and sister were just awful. But I felt she got the last laugh and I'm sure many other readers will too.

This is the first book I've read by this author, but it won't be my last. I enjoyed her writing very much.

Rebecca Emin says

A Daughter's Disgrace is set in 1950s London and features well developed characters, a good plot and a massive "wow" moment that I didn't see coming.

The main family consists of three sisters who are incredibly different and these characters and their mother are the focus of the story. I had a lot of sympathy for Alison, the youngest most unloved child, and her character has some wonderful moments in the book.

This is one of those books that is easy to read and immerse yourself in, total escapism, and I enjoyed reading it.

I received a copy of this book via Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review.

Shirley Revill says

I read this book some time ago and I really enjoyed the story. Very hard to put down. Recommended.
