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It's 1950, and Eva and Zoe have settled in Australia, forging a new life for themselves. They are happy and finally finding some peace in a world that doesn't understand or tolerate their love.

Whilst there is peace in Australia, it was a different story back in Greece where a Civil War had raged after World War II. After years of war and bloodshed, the Civil War has ended and with it comes the news that the Greek Government has asked all Greeks to return to their homeland to reclaim their property. Zoe is reluctant to expose Eva to the pain of revisiting Larissa, the town that almost killed her. She ignores the pleas of her friends, including Eva, for her to return and reclaim her inheritance.

Eva is adamant that Zoe should go back and rightly claim what is hers. To not go back would allow the Nazis a win years after they shattered Zoe's life. While at an impasse of what is to be done, the decision is made to not only go back to Greece but also back to Germany. Eva and Zoe are aware that the journey back home will be filled with painful memories that have haunted them for years.

Along the way, they are reunited with family and friends, and are forced to contend with unexpected revelations that test their courage, strength, and faith.

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Melissa says

A nice, solid read.

I enjoyed this volume much more than #2. More surprises as well as new & exciting characters. Zoe and Eva are still the cutest!

Ted says

They're getting better and better, heh. Absolutely loved it. Tons of good feels, with manageable bumps. Half way through the series. Eva and Zoe go *back* to Greece in this one. This series is like the anti GoT. In GoT MC's aren't safe from the sword. In this? Mmm.. People who you think you'd never see again seem to make an appearance. Heading out for book 4 :)

Acquafortis says

I was asked by the author to review this book. In this review bear in mind that I did not read the other two books preceding Hidden Truths so, much of the pathos and details I could only partially savour.

What I can presume is that this book is sort of an epilogue of a very intense and troubled relationship between the two women protagonist in the second world war period with all its atrocities. And from what I can guess, in the previous books our heroines had their personal stories laced in such barbarities but also graced with great acts of courage, love and patriotism.

Eva and Zoe have an incredible love forged through unspeakable events that only in this last book the details from behind the scenes emerge. This book comes through to me as the volume that brings healing to wounds both physical and physiological, individual and family wise and as a fresh start to many questions that were left unanswered.

So I would suggest to read the previous books if you would like to enjoy to the full the dramatic plot that unfolds in a very heart rendering saga.

Blaire Barnes says

Hidden truths is the 3rd book in thus amazing series. It pretty much picks up where Shadows Linger left off. This book, like all the other books in this stores will have you laughing and crying and laughing again. It feels as though you have stepped from the present to the past and right into Eva and Zoe's shoes. If you haven't already I urge you to read the first two books before reading this one. Missing out on even the smallest detail is almost a crime in itself.

Danie says

So. I read the first two books, and then I saw this one come up as a Kindle free book on Amazon and I may

have After the intensity of the previous book (the the length that went hand in hand with its intensity) this third book in the Intertwined Souls series seemed to me like it was sort of like a chance for readers of the series to catch our breaths.

The novel starts in Australia in 1950. Zoe and Eva have settled into their lives. The jump in time threw me off just a little at first, but, soon I had figured out what was going on and got back into the flow of the story. There's still plenty of plot that includes Earl, and Elena and Frederick are eagerly awaiting a new addition to their family, also I did notice that Henry was a little absent which bummed me out just a tiny little bit.

Still, the new characters that we met in the second half of the story, both on Eva and Zoe's journey to Greece and once they got to Greece totally made up for the lack of Henry. They, along with so much of the rest of the book, just filled up Eva and Zoe's back story so fully. I've read a lot, lot, lot of serieses, in all genres. And even just three stories in, this one already has such a rich world with so much awesome interconnectedness and such a history.

I also love it that I'm not getting past the place that wayy back when I had stopped reading and so around every 'corner' of the book is another surprise that makes me either wince or cheer (though the cheering is mostly internally so that I don't disturb those around me). Another great entry into the Intertwined Souls series for sure.

Krista says

Tina loved it! Said it was easy read and very engaging. She is already finished in first 3 books of series.
Fourth book
Preordered for June 1, 2015.

Diana Stellitano says

Hidden truths one of the best book that i have read and it being the 3rd book in a searise that i just finished and i just started the 4th great writing and it keeps you interested.

MWBP says

Back Home – A review of the novel 'Hidden Truths'

"Perhaps home is not a place but simply an irrevocable condition." - James Baldwin

Mary D. Brooks's 'Hidden Truths' is a fictional story set in post WWII Australia and Greece. At the heart of it lies an emotion rich, soulful love story between two women. Having come a long way since the troublesome Greece episode that coincidentally brought them together, they now find themselves on a ship heading back home. And here they run into people that ties them to their past and the reader also gets to discover explosive secrets about one of the main character. This is the third book in the Intertwined Souls series of books.

Hidden Truths for a new reader is a wholesome fictional book that never feels like the third book of a big

series. The story has been adapted to include a lot of information and back-story about each character and you can very well use this book as an introduction to this series without missing out on anything substantial. But for followers of the series, Hidden Truths can be described as a bridge book that in effect tells the story so far for about 90% of its length and then introduces some startling revelations towards the end. And for the first time in the series, this book ends on a cliff-hanger note after hitting the reader with some shocking news about one of its main characters.

What works for this book and the series in general is the free flowing narrative. The author has tremendous skill over her craft and keeps the reader engaged at all times. There's never a dull moment and she achieves this with the help of some truly stand-out characters. Eva and Zoe appear life-like and their love story isn't overtly highlighted as lesbian love and retains all that's great of fictional romances. Irrespective of your sexual orientation, characters like these are going to induce a bit of daydreaming and fantasy in reader's minds. And in this episode since they have already been together for quite some time now, they've even started exhibiting each other's characteristics in certain situations. The supporting casts have a more muted role to play this time considering their overwhelming presence in the previous book. And we get introduced to a new character in Theodore, Zoe's missing brother from the war and he occupies the space occupied by Henry in the previous edition.

The revelation of Eva's past and the subsequent entry of a couple of characters should make up for interesting reading in the next edition. The characters have come a long way since we've been introduced to them in the first book and the fact that they continue to excite us speaks a lot about the author's success with them.

Elisabeth says

How do you read the books? What do you click after i add the book to-read whats next

Cindy Stein says

In this third book chronicling the lives of Eva and Zoe, who met during WWII in Greece and have begun their new lives together in Australia, Zoe is persuaded to go back to her home town in Greece to claim her inherited land and property under a new law. The two board a ship to Greece, meet some interesting people, and then get to their destination where some remarkable discoveries await.

These remarkable discoveries mostly take place in the last 20% of the book, which was the most interesting and engaging section. Unfortunately, most of the rest of the 80% was a continuing depiction of Eva and Zoe's life together and their great love for one another. The book could have been much shorter or combined with the next book, which takes the couple to Germany where Eva confronts her past.

This is the problem with multi-book series: there's a lot of filler and recitation of back story, which if you've read the previous books is unnecessary. Very few series books surmount this problem, and unfortunately, this is not one of them.

I'll probably keep reading about these two because Brooks has given us two well drawn characters, but I wish she'd have tightened things up so that I didn't feel like parts of this book were a slog.

Jemma says

An easy read and quite enjoyable lesbian fiction, there is even the beginnings of a third act which so many novels lack. However, it is a bit too simply written and there's not really enough to recommend this to a non gay reader. There is a reasonable background, Greece in WWII, which you don't always get but this aspect is spread a bit thin as this is but one of a series of books featuring these characters. I can't help feeling though that if one or two of these novels had been combined, then there would've been a seriously good novel here. So likeable if this is your thing but not a must read.

moxieBK says

Hidden Truth (Intertwined Soul Series Book 3) -- Mary D. Brooks (41+ chapters)

Warning: This third book in the series contains paranormal events.

I'm an optimistic reader. Truly, I am. But so far, the books coming after the well balanced and written first book in this series have really been a disappointment.

Color me not impressed. By the end of this book, I realized I can't continue the series going forward. The long and the short of it: I wasn't expected the paranormal aspect in this series. That alone disappointed me. It was as though the author did not know how to continue the series since most of the other ties had been resolved.

This series had so much potential when I started reading book one. I was excited to continue the story in book two. I was getting more skeptical by the end of that book, but book three "jumped the shark".

The book seems to wander and never really settle on a story. There was no hook until chapter nine (I thought,) but then that hook didn't really lead to anywhere. So, then I thought the hook happened on the boat. But that ended. And then the paranormal showed up. Granted, there were hints of paranormal through the other two books, but I honestly did not see this development coming. That turned me off of reading anymore in the series.

What started out as a decent WWII lesbian adventure fiction, turned into something I was ended up not wanting to read at all. I wish I had known that it was going to become a paranormal series up front. This book isn't even listed that way, and it really should have been. I wouldn't have read it had I know that. In the end, I felt like I wasted several days reading (including book two and this one,) and I really have no care about what happens to these characters anymore. Sad.

Two stars.

Cavedweller5 says

Hidden Truths is the third installment of the Intertwined Souls series. Eva and Zoe, now settled in Australia, are about to embark on a journey back to where it all started. Family ties, old friends, surprising allies,

lingering ghosts from the past, unexpected challenges... You will find all of that and more in this captivating novel.

Mary D. Brooks just oozes talent, and here she delivers another winner. Characterization is without a doubt one of her strongest points as a writer. Eva and Zoe keep growing and evolving, and they are so well developed that the reader perceives them as distinctly believable. I must confess I'm hopelessly in love with both of them. The two main characters share the world of Hidden Truths with a wonderful supporting cast -- unforgettable characters who stand out in their own right and add depth and strength to the story line.

There are plot twists that will take your breath away, there are touching scenes that will find their way to your heart and stay there, there are moments filled with that witty sense of humor so peculiar to Mary D. Brooks, and there is love, because Hidden Truths is a love story, a story about how love can and will give you courage to face the shadows of the past, and hope to start building new dreams for the future. It's time for Eva and Zoe to start healing, it's time to bring those hidden truths to light.

The journey continues, and what a thrilling ride it is.
