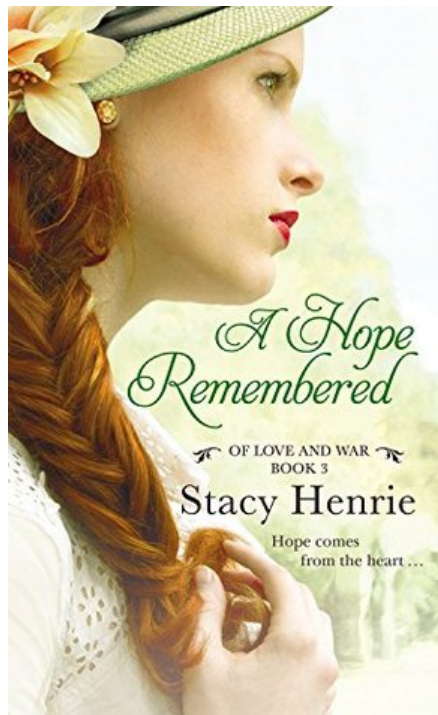




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Nora Lewis just wants an escape after losing her fiance in the Great War. When she inherits property in England, she boldly packs up and leaves America for a fresh start. But, if not for her dashing new neighbor, Colin Ashby, she'd be lost. Even as their friendship deepens, Nora knows a British aristocrat would never be free to love an American orphan, no matter how much the war has changed the world ...

After his brother's death in the war and his own experiences as a pilot at the front, Colin returns home broken, only to discover his family's estate is also in ruin. The pressure is now on him to save his home and the Ashbys' place in society with a well-bred match to a wealthy heiress. Too bad he finds more of a kindred spirit in Nora, the beautiful American next door. She, too, has faced the rigors of war and survived. Now the ex-soldier will have one more battle to fight--this time for love.

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From Reader Review A Hope Remembered for online ebook

Tressa (Wishful Endings) says

Loved! Review posts tomorrow.

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

This is such a sweet romance- I loved how Nora and Colin's friendship developed in a genuine way. I admired her courage to leave everything behind and start fresh in an entirely different country. There are a couple of mysteries Nora encounters in her new neighborhood which provides some additional storylines to the main plot. I also enjoyed reading about Colin's experiences as a pilot in the first world war and later as he continues to fly his aeroplane over the English countryside. The bond he had with his brother was evident in how intensely he grieved his loss. Even though they had completely different life purposes and personalities, the brotherly love was touching, and made it even harder for Colin to try to fill his shoes. Nora helps him put things in perspective and come to terms with God and death, even as she grieves the loss of her fiancé. My favorite quote from the book deals with this theme:

"I don't believe it was God's will for any of those soldiers to die in the war... War is not something God condones, Colin, but men must be allowed to choose what they will make of their lives- good or evil. He cannot rob them of that... While I don't believe God wanted Tom or Christian to die, I do believe He has a greater perspective than I do. Just like a pilot in his plane, who sees a much different picture than what we can from the ground... When we go through heartache and loss, it's our right and challenge to discover what God wants us to do and become from those experiences... That is his will. To help us catch a glimpse of the wider, bigger perspective. To recognize and rejoice in those moments when He reaches down and compensates our losses."

(Thank you to Forever Publishing for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review)

Shauna says

I absolutely LOVE this series! I LOVE the WWI theme. The characters stole my heart! AMAZING writing! This book had an old-world feel to it with the well-bred English. But also a new-world feel with Nora's American determination to make it on her own. So many fun scenes where the heart and mind must tango with each other! And along with a love triangle there is a hint of a mystery that needs to be solved. I so adored this book!

Mary says

Set in the year 1920 following World War I in a small village in the Lake District of England, this third novel in the series *Of Love and War* explores Nora Lewis's journey from America to claim an inherited sheep farm. After spending the past year on her own after the death of her parents and the earlier death of her fiancé, Nora sells the family farm and takes a giant leap of faith toward the unknown in England.

In England Nora meets newly discovered family, as well as making friends with her neighbors in the village of Larksbeck. The nearby estate of Elmsthwaite Hall is home to Colin Ashby, the reluctant baronet-to-be of

the area. Stunningly good looking and charming, he is a troubled young man with problems left over from the war and a difficult relationship with his father. The story explores Nora's new life in England and her friendships that develop over time. As well as the development of new characters, the reader meets up with some old friends from the first two novels bringing a pleasant blending of stories full circle.

I thoroughly enjoy historical fiction that is grounded in real history. As with all of Stacy Henrie's books, this one contains excellent historical detail that begins with an overview of the history and area in the Author's Note at the beginning of the book. Readers of World War stories, historical fiction, and inspirational fiction will like this book. The uplifting theme that hope does come from the heart rings true.

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Jenn Belden says

The final chapter in the "of Love and War" trilogy, *A Hope Remembered* is the story of Nora Lewis. Heartbroken over the loss of her fiancé in the Great War and the death of her parents, the inheritance of a sheep farm in England seems like the opportunity a new start. She sells her family farm and most of her belongings and moves, sight unseen, to the Lake District and her great-uncle's dusty and tired cottage.

On her first night there she meets Colin Ashby, son of the local Baronet. Colin has returned home from a war that took his older brother, the favored son who was expected to inherit the title and the responsibility of their ancestral home. He is lost and struggles under the weight of his father's disappointment; the hopelessness increases as he learns that the family is in jeopardy of losing their estate and that the way to this is by marrying a wealthy heiress.

In Colin, Nora finds a friend and kindred spirit. Life is complicated by threats from an unknown person wishing to scare her off the farm, the confusion and mystery of why everyone thinks she looks like an aunt she has never met and the sense that something is being kept from her, and by her growing attraction to Colin, who is expected to marry higher than a simple sheep farmer.

Henrie gives us yet another powerful female character in Nora, feisty and strong and a story that draws you in...and once again she has succeeded in leaving me with a book hangover as I wander listlessly, not wanting the story to be over and not quite ready to leave the world she has created..

There is more on my book review as part of the book launch week at <http://www.mommaontherocks.com/5538/i...>

Monique says

The superb conclusion to a wonderful series. *A HOPE REMEMBERED* is the last book in one of my favourite historical series; I'm sad because the *Of Love and War* series has come to an end, but I'm happy because this last book is at least as good as the others. Ms. Henrie is a splendid writer; in fact, if an author's style could be represented by a picture, the cover for *A HOPE REMEMBERED* would be fitting. Ms. Henrie writes beautifully, all in nuances; her characters are genuine and Nora and Colin are just divine. Ms. Henrie

has my utmost respect because of the care she takes with historical accuracy and all the little details that make an era come to life. I love this series, I love this book, and I highly recommend this book. Stacy Henrie is a terrific author who never ceases to impress me! Thank you, Ms. Henrie for a splendid series!

Kathy says

4.5 stars.

A Hope Remembered is the final installment in **Stacy Henrie's** wonderful World War I series, *Of Love and War*. It is an absolutely breathtaking novel of healing, love and faith that fans of historical romances are going to love.

Nora Lewis lost her fiancé during WWI and her parents to the Spanish flu, so when she learns she has inherited a sheep farm in the English countryside, she sells her Iowa farm and embarks on a new life. The first person she meets is aristocrat Colin Ashby who also suffered devastating losses during the war. The two form an unlikely friendship that eventually turns to love, but will a troubling secret destroy their chance at happiness?

Nora is a strong, independent young woman and she is very eager to gain the knowledge she needs to succeed in her new endeavor. She is surprised by the warm welcome she receives in the village and from her closest neighbors, and she is quickly accepted into the local community. She treasures her burgeoning friendship with Colin, but she is also distressed by her attraction to the handsome flyer. Nora is desperate to protect herself from further heartbreak so she tries to ignore her growing affection for Colin and when she learns upsetting information about him, she is quick to push him away. Nora soon discovers she might have been wrong about him, but is it too late to repair their fractured relationship?

As the youngest son, Colin never planned on inheriting his family's estate. However, after his beloved brother dies during the War, he returns home to honor his family obligations. Stunned to learn that his family is on the brink of financial ruin, he reluctantly agrees to his father's plan to secure their future. Colin is torn between family loyalty and his unexpected feelings for Nora and he is dismayed when she learns about his father's plan. He is distraught when she refuses to listen to his side of the story, but he also understands why she feels betrayed by him. Colin comes up with an alternative solution to save his family, but will he be able to salvage his relationship with Nora?

Colin and Nora's relationship begins with friendship and slowly grows into something much deeper over time. They instantly bond over their mutual losses and they truly enjoy one another's company. Their conversations are meaningful and as they open up about their painful pasts, they gradually find a measure of peace. Their most significant discussion becomes a turning point for Colin and he slowly begins to recover his lost faith.

A Hope Remembered is an uplifting and gratifying novel with a gentle undercurrent of faith. This wonderful story of love and friendship is quite riveting and the cast of characters is immensely appealing. The story is meticulously researched and historically accurate. The setting is absolutely perfect and **Stacy Henrie** brings the English countryside vibrantly to life. This outstanding conclusion to the *Of Love and War* series can be read as a standalone, but I highly recommend the entire series.

Elana says

I absolutely loved this book. It's a historical, inspirational romance. I've recently come to love books like these (hello, FIVE DAYS IN SKYE!), and this one is no exception. Nora is my favorite character. She moves from her farm in Iowa to the Lake District in England to start a new life as a sheep farmer. She's suffered from loss, first with her fiancée, Tom, dying in the war, and her parents soon following due to illness.

So she's no stranger to hard work and grief. I loved that she wasn't perfect, and that she struggled with simply life. I really related to that. I think we all have things that are hard for us, and they're different from what's hard for other people. But Nora felt three-dimensional and human. I loved her.

Colin is the second son to a baronet, and his brother -- the good son, the one ready to accept his place in society -- has died in the war. He's trying to figure out how to be himself while still living up to his brother's memory and satisfying his father. And who hasn't had to deal with that? Maybe just us second children...

Anyway, I liked Colin's dilemma -- his father wants Nora's land because their estate isn't doing as well as it once had -- and Colin's caught between his heart and his duty. What tougher place can there be?

Each character had flaws and perfections, and they came to rely on each other in unique ways. As I said earlier, the writing is spectacular, and with characters that are real and alive, and a romance that could sweep centuries, A HOPE REMEMBERED is a real gem. If you like a heartfelt romance, you should give it a try. You don't need to have read either of the first two books -- though you totally should. I mean, HOPE AT DAWN is a RITA finalist! A finalist!!

Lillian says

I received an eARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of this review.

A Hope Remembered by Stacy Henrie is such a sweet story of friendship, love, and the ability to overcome even our darkest hour. Nora Lewis is starting over after the war took her fiancé and the Spanish flu took her parents. She has inherited a distant relative's sheep farm in the Lake District of England. So selling her small farm in Iowa, she sets off on a new journey, both excited at its possibilities and grieving the loss of the familiar. Colin Ashby is back at his parents' estate Elmthwaite Hall after losing his older brother in the war. Colin feels the life he had before the war is unattainable as he now stands to inherit the title meant for his brother, but it isn't what he thought. Elmthwaite is facing bankruptcy and to save his childhood home may mean sacrificing a new life with the pretty American girl who just took over the sheep farm down the way.

I LOVE these characters and their story! In fact, this one may be my favorite of the entire series. Nora is such a treasure. She has faith that God is in direction of her life, moving halfway across the world to take over a sheep farm and start over. I can't say I blame her. If I had lost everyone I love as she has, I would want a new start too. Except for Nora she has closed off her heart and is unwilling to open it back to love and the potential of loss. It's sad and such a heartrending story as she slowly opens herself to new possibilities throughout the book. I loved reading her journey as she realized loving is a part of life and blood doesn't necessarily equal family.

And Colin :D I adored him! He is such a lost character at the beginning of the story. He had big plans and dreams for when the war ended. He wanted to travel and see the world. But with the death of his brother,

those dreams have to be put on hold. He now stands to inherit his father's title of baronet, a title he doesn't want, but a promise to his brother to never turn his back on Elmthwaite keeps him from leaving. What I love about Colin is that he is a good man at heart. He loves his family, his friends, and he has big dreams, dreams he's willing to give up for his family.

Nora and Colin's relationship is complicated to say the least. Nora finds a friend in Colin, but ignores her attraction to him as she feels it would be a betrayal to her fiancé. Colin is also attracted to Nora, in fact he finds himself falling for her, but to save Elmthwaite he needs to talk her into selling the sheep farm to his family. I loved reading as their relationship grew and ultimately they developed a friendship that is a strong foundation for any love story :D

Overall I love this series and was happy with the conclusion the author gave to the characters. Nora and Colin are wonderful and I loved reading their story! Nora is quick-witted and her faith in God leads Colin back to his own roots. Colin is wonderful as he learns to stand up for what he believes is right and follow his own heart. If you enjoy historical fiction, a clean romance then I highly recommend you check out Stacy's Of Love and War series. I promise you won't be disappointed!

Susan says

Officially an up-all-nighter! Secrets and family duty keep this budding romance on its toes and threaten to destroy it. Nora wants to start a new life in a new place while Colin struggles to fulfill family duty when it's not in his nature. They are both dealing with the pain of loss and changed lives and the discoveries of one's self and God's will that come along with it. Very well-written tale with wonderfully engaging secondary characters. This author knows how to suck you into the story with the very first chapter. I couldn't put it down – I had to know how it ended! The mystery and intrigue written here were page turning and kept the story moving. I loved the story and recommend this to everyone who loves a little suspense mixed with a romance that needs to overcome odds to survive!

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jani Brooks says

A HOPE REMEMBERED – Stacy Henrie
Of Love and War, Book 3

England – 1920

It's time for Nora Lewis to move on. She has sold her family farm, found a home for her dog, and is leaving Iowa for England. Her parents died during the influenza epidemic, and shortly afterwards Nora received notice that she had inherited her great-uncle's sheep farm in the Lake District of England. With the death of her fiancé in the Great War, Nora needs to make a fresh start away from all of the memories.

Colin Ashby, veteran, pilot, and now his father's heir, is still trying to get his life together after losing his older brother, Christian, in the war. He had never intended on staying at Elmthwaite, his family's estate, after the war, but he made a promise to his brother to take care of their hereditary home. Chafing to do something

besides becoming a gentleman farmer, Colin also knows that Elmhwaite will be lost if he doesn't do as his father wants and marry an heiress.

Nora's arrival in Larksbeck is met with some confusion. She goes to a large estate to get help, and meets Colin Ashby, son of a baron, who helps her find her way to her great uncle's cottage. When she meets the Tuttle family, though, Nora is slightly taken aback by their surprise at seeing her. Strange comments confuse her, but she shrugs them off and accepts their help, and their son Jack's expertise with sheep.

Reaction from others in the village to Nora are friendly, but odd. Everyone says how much she looks like her great uncle's daughter, Eleanor, but when Nora asks questions, everyone changes the subject. However, her relationship with Colin warms up as he befriends her, even finding her a puppy. What Nora doesn't know is that Colin's father has ordered him to work on her to sell him her farm so that he can build a hotel. Colin is too kind to broach the subject though, as he observes how much pride Nora takes in her small cottage and farm. He is loath to hurt her. But when strange things begin happening to her cottage and property, Nora wonders who dislikes her enough to want to run her off her land?

A HOPE REMEMBERED is the final book in the trilogy Of Love and War. Unfortunately, I haven't read the previous two books. This book can easily be read alone, though. The characters are well drawn, the setting is beautifully depicted, and the story line is romantic and poignant at the same time. Readers will warm to Nora and her need to be a part of the community.

OpenBookSociety.com says

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/a-...>

Brought to you by OBS reviewer Daniele

A Hope Remembered is the final book in the Of Love and War Trilogy, and it is just as satisfying a read as the other installments. The story takes place in 1920 in the Lake District of England and tells the story of American Nora and aristocratic English Colin. Nora's fiancé Tom died fighting in the war and her parents succumbed to the Spanish flu epidemic leaving Nora alone and struggling to care for her family farm. When she receives news that her great-uncle has died and bequeathed his home and sheep farm to her, she sees it as an opportunity to start fresh. So she leaves all that is familiar and moves across the Atlantic.

She meets Colin, the local baron's son, when she seeks the keys to her new home. Colin also carries the weight of the war on his shoulders. His older brother Christian was shot down in battle leaving Colin the heir of the title, a responsibility he neither wants nor feels up to filling. But, he promised his brother he would not turn his back on his home and now finds that the estate is in financial trouble, relying on him to "save" the family home and social standing by marrying well. His father has his mind set on building a luxury hotel and needs an influx of money to proceed. He feels Nora's land is the perfect location for the hotel and assigns Colin the task of wooing Nora in order to influence her to sell.

What starts out as a reluctant mission rooted in family duty soon becomes complicated for Colin because the more time he spends with Nora the more he likes her, and she feels the same. However, given their different backgrounds they try to suppress their feelings for each other. While he tries to find another way to solve his financial dilemma, Nora discovers some family secrets of her own and is threatened by someone.

I have enjoyed all of the Of Love and War books, and A Hope Remembered is as good as I had hoped. It is a sweet romance that deals with grief and moving on after loss and the idea that love can be found in surprising places. Nora and Colin are loveable characters and realistically drawn. How can you not root for a man who gives a girl a puppy in an attempt to ease her loneliness? I appreciate that they started out as friends, and that friendship seemed authentic. I rooted for them to overcome their differences from the beginning and was not disappointed with the story's resolution. The supporting characters are equally interesting, and they and the village setting are charming. I hear the Lake District calling me to visit someday.

Ms. Henrie weaves an entertaining tale, inspirational without being preachy. Her stories are well researched and feel genuine to the time period. I look forward to reading more. I recommend A Hope Remembered to her fans and to those looking for a heartwarming, uplifting romance.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

Katie W says

I've enjoyed this series. Each book stands alone, as each one tells the story of a different character, but characters from other books play very minor roles. What's different about this one is that WWI is over and life is moving on in England. Colin is set to carry on with his family's large estate and needs to find a way to get the money to save it. He does let his father control him a little too much and doesn't have the guts to follow his heart.

Nora doesn't have anything holding her back in Iowa, so when she discovers that she has inherited a distant family member's sheep farm in England, she sells everything off and leaves. She's used to hard work and moving doesn't change that. She's very likeable and finds herself in a little love triangle, while dealing with a mystery. Someone wants her gone and she needs to figure out who and why.

The mystery had a few elements and one was easy to figure out, but the others were a little trickier. The mystery, combined with the clean romance, really added to the gentle story and helped move things along at a good pace. The secondary characters were a pleasant bonus.

Content: no language; very mild violence (brief mentions of war); moderate religious elements (Christian--church, church choir, prayers); mild romance (kissing). Clean!

writer... says

Beautifully romantic journey for Nora who leaves her Iowa family home to accept the inheritance of a distant uncle's sheep farm in England's Lake District. Having lost her parents plus fiancé during the Great War, Nora wants the offer of a new beginning and bravely takes the challenge set before her. Yet what unsuspected challenges may remain concealed ?

Stacy Henrie writes a delectably sweet romance that develops despite family interference, incumbent class prejudices and challenges. I longed for hope to prevail and love to overcome. Authentic characters and

emotions - both theirs and mine - made for deeply satisfying reading time.

Well worth the wait, this highly anticipated conclusion Of Love and War trilogy surpassed my expectations . Reader recommendation for Great War and historical romance fans.

Aya says

I won this book through first-reads-giveaways and yes!!!!

Nora is definitely my favorite character.

Nora wants to start fresh, in a new place, basically a new life. She moves from her farm in Iowa to the Lake District in England to start her new life as a sheep farmer.

I loved how in the book, Nora wasn't perfect, and that she struggled with a lot of things; this really can be very relatable to the readers (and myself), which is a plus side to how the author portrayed her to be in the book. I think we all have stuff in our lives that are hard for us, and they are different for each person, but Nora felt three-dimensional and human. I just love her.

Colin is also another character in the book. We see him trying to live up to his brother's memory and trying to fulfill certain expectations that his father wants. I really did like Colin's character though.

In the book, we also see how Colin's father wants Nora's land because their estate isn't doing too well as it once had, and Colin is caught between his heart and his duty.

Each character obviously had flaws and perfections, but I love how they came to rely on each other. The author did a spectacular job; making the characters feel real and alive. I totally recommend this book if you like romance with a mixture of a little suspense.
