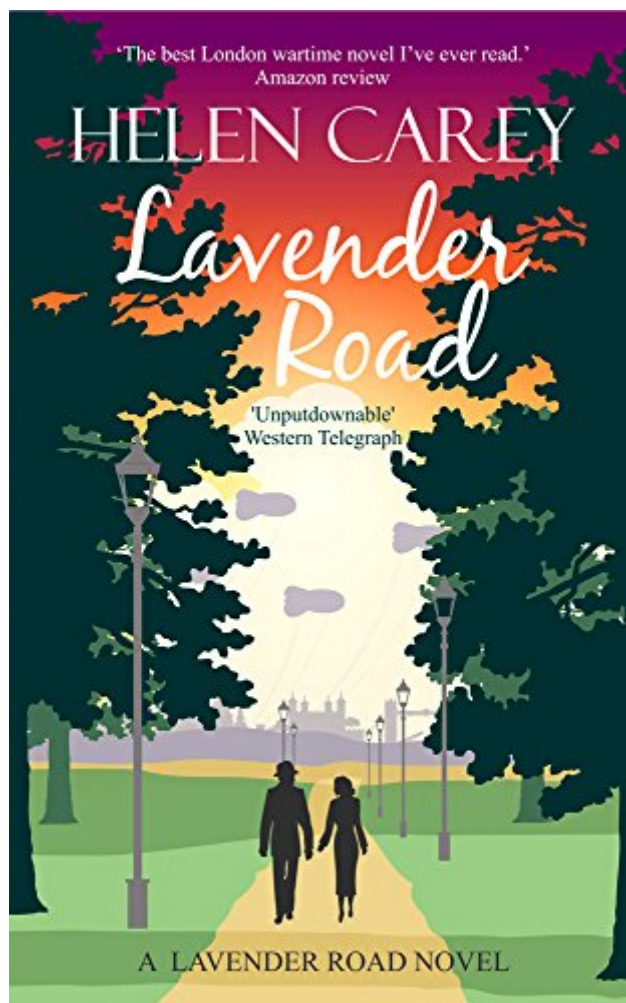


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# Lavender Road



## Synopsis

'So good I had to read it twice.' review. LAVENDER ROAD is the first novel in Helen Carey's best-selling Second World War series. Opening in September 1939, this compelling novel creates a rich tapestry of life which depicts in all its vivid detail the story of London at War. Sure to appeal to fans of 'Downton Abbey' and 'Call the Midwife', the characters of LAVENDER ROAD range from rich to poor, young to old, and their entwined lives form the basis of this captivating story as they face up to the onset of hostilities. Lavender Road boasts a typical English pub, two rows of terraced working class homes, and overlooking Clapham Common at the top end of the road, two big houses, one owned by the local brewer Greville Rutherford and the other by the glamorous Mrs Darcy Billington. For the less wealthy, the outbreak of war means a struggle to keep food on the family table. Rationing and shortages become everyday problems. Theatres close, children are sent away, careers are interrupted, and as men go off to fight, relationships are put under pressure. But with dogged British resilience and gritty humour the inhabitants of Lavender Road take Winston Churchill's words to heart and rise to the occasion, even through early defeats in France and the subsequent rigours of the Dunkirk evacuation. As the bombing finally begins everyone in the road fears that their courage will be tested, and that the war will change their lives, perhaps for ever. A sparkling bit of wartime storytelling. London Evening Standard. 'Written with a lightness of touch, an emotional integrity and an historical accuracy which has brought her respect from critics and readers alike.' Louis de Bernieres 'Unputdownable! Helen Carey's characters are so real that they live on with you beyond the page. Warm, lively and enriching. Storytelling at its best.' Western Telegraph 'Superb London wartime saga. Will keep you turning pages long into the night.' Natalie Meg Evans 'Captures the atmosphere of life in London in the second world war.' review 'Simply the best author I've ever read!' review 'What a great storyteller. Reading this story was an unforgettable pleasure.' review

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## Customer Reviews

The characters in Lavender Road are very well developed and I quickly felt as though I knew them all. Some I liked and some I did not like but I cared very much what happened to each of them. While familiar with WW2 history, I had never really considered the effect that the bombing must have had on daily life in London. Lavender Road made me think about the people that lived through the experience and how it must have turned their reality upside down. I was very thankful that the story continued and was downloading the 2nd book in the series (Some Sunny Day) seconds after turning the last page of Lavender Road. A real and human story of a very unreal time in London's history.

Stumbled onto this book after I read War Brides and wanted something similar--thankfully I found the Lavender Road series! Even better than War Brides--full of wonderful characters, well written with witty humor and touching moments, this book and all the others in this series are impossible to put down.

Absolutely fantastic series! Just read it. Read all the books!

When I found this book and downloaded it onto my Kindle I had no idea what a treat I was in for. I really enjoy reading historical fiction and Lavender Road did not disappoint. It is filled with characters you love, a few you don't love, and some that you'd like to sit down with and have a nice chat over a cup of tea. The author for me, really captures what life was like as war became closer and closer to London. She truly gave me much to think about and appreciate as far as what the

people of that city went through during that time. I highly recommend Lavendar Road.

Loved it!

Enchanting story. even though London in WWII itself is hardly a relaxing thought, somehow spending time there is a break from the problems of today. also the setting is where my parents grew up, and set in their youth, so it is very interesting for me personally to read about.

Ms Carey's book is full of interesting characters and history. I'm in love with the story. I'm about to start the sequel.

Kept my attention the entire book. Each of the characters felt real. Left me feeling good! Can't wait to read more...

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