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The second book in the Lovely Lane series from Nadine Dorries.

Lily hates the sound of children playing - the ceaseless shouting and laughter and kicking of balls to and fro in the street outside the rough Liverpool tenement where she lives. Somehow those innocent voices seem to make a mockery of her existence - working in a dockside processing plant by day, caring for her younger siblings during her every hour off.

There is a boy who would like to court her, but Lily is too ashamed of where she lives to encourage him. And always she is haunted by fear for her sickly four-year-old brother, Joe. When tragedy strikes, will the nurses in St Angelus Hospital - otherwise known as the Angels of Lovely Lane - be able to save the day?

## **The Children Of Lovely Lane Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Children Of Lovely Lane for online ebook**

### **Deborah O'Regan says**

Great book I really enjoyed it and the loved following the story that is based around a hospital in 1954 Liverpool.

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### **Tracey says**

Another amazing book from the lovely lane series by Nadine Dorries. This story starts slowly but gathers pace after a few chapters. It has quite a few strands, with different characters which adds to the feel of the book. I loved catching up with the angels of lovely lane, and the community of St. Angelis hospital. The story has plenty of real emotion and drama, tragedy and tender moments when everyone pulls together. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this fantastic series, The Mothers of Lovely Lane.

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### **Bookread2day says**

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### **Laura Wallis says**

great as a once off read but not one id read again not one of her best books and i usually like hers

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### **Janice says**

I read this on the kindle

This is the 2nd book in the series

I really enjoyed it got you wanting to finish it as you want to know what will happen especially with the deputy Matron I think you can guess what she is doing

There is twists in this where you think it is going one way it changes something I enjoyed very much While it ends it does leaving you want to know more can't wait for book 3

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### **Shirley Revill says**

I have read the book and also listened to the audiobook version of this story. Really enjoyed them both and the narration on audiobook was really good. Recommended.

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### **Leona says**

The second book in the Lovely Lane trilogy and I loved it as much as I loved the first one. We are back with the nurses of Lovely Lane but we also meet new characters, some good and others not so good. An excellent read

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### **Sophie (Blogger) says**

Ever since I read The Angels Of Lovely Lane, I couldn't wait to see what happened next. For me that one and this book stuck in my mind, I am not sure if it is the characters, the storyline or the author's words but it has really touched my heart.

After reading the first couple of chapters, I was so pleased to see the familiar characters and places. The nurses of St Angelus are thriving in their careers and everyone is rooting for them to do well. (I know I was!) I loved Sister Therese, she is such a unique character. While she is representing God and his views, she is also trying to help those's in need as well. She even has a few tricks up her sleeve to do so. (You will see what I mean when you read it!)

There are quite a few changes happening at St Angelus, not all of them are good. Especially when a new assistant matron is hired and she is about to make all of the staff's lives harder than they need to be. The St Angelus girls (Dana, Victoria, Pammy and Beth) are just the way I remember them from the first book. All different, all have their own hardships and stories that lead them to St Angelus but it is those reasons that make them such likeable and passionate characters to read about.

This book is no different in that sense, although along with their stories is a couple of others now as well. Each heartbreaking and tragic yet it is the people who help them when they need it most, they are the ones who show them what real decent human beings are like.

I have already said how much I loved Sister Therese but I loved all the main character. Each one is unique in their own way and to me, I could imagine and picture them as real life people and not just characters in a book.

The Children Of Lovely Lane is simply amazing. I really don't think any words I use will do the book justice. Although I will say you have to read it, it will warm your warm and make you see the real angels in the world.

If I had to sum this book up in three words, they would be Captivating, Phenomenal and Touching.

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### **Rachael says**

#### **Slowly starting to become my fave author**

Brilliant as always. Just as good as the 1st one. Only criticism I have is the book just finished no warning alot left unexplained. Cant wait till june to pick up where it left off

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## **Sandra says**

Another lovely tale of life at St Angelus Hospital, big changes are happening but one of them is a cold calculating assistant matron. The staff all rally round to save jobs and to get rid of Miss van Gilder. Love is also in the air for Emily Haycock and Dessie but how long can they keep it secret. Dana returns to Liverpool after two weeks back home in Ireland only to witness a horrible car accident. 5\*

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## **Pearl says**

The Children of Lovely Lane written by the very talented Nadine Dorries was another wonderful read in this very addictive series. With this book the four girls which we met in the last book The Angels of Lovely Lane namely Dana, Pammy, Victoria and Beth are enjoying their time at St Angelus, and their nursing training is starting to take shape so well they have now been released on the wards which meant as a reader we got to know the patients who came in contact with this wonderful group of friends who supported each other when they were needed or simply held their hand when their hearts were breaking.

Each girl is settled well but when Sister Emily Haycock is given the chance to employ an assistant matron she does not realise that she is about to start a war within the wards of St Angelus Hospital as the new Assistant Matron decides the hospital is not being run quite to her standard. But as always there are a few secrets which come to light and this is when the story really gets interesting.

This book for me told the story not only of the nursing staff on St Angelus but the poor of Liverpool and their lives on Clare Cottages was really brought to light. Mix that in with alcoholism and this is one storyline which will not only pull at the heart strings truly pull them out. Yet though there was sadness through this book, the friendship was strong in Clare Cottages and the one thing which was made sure each neighbour looked after each other no matter when they could hardly feed themselves. There was so much human kindness through this book and I loved reading how one Nun named Sister Therese took on everyone in the chapel and her way of controlling the people of Liverpool was legendary, no matter if they were rich or poor she knew how to take care of those in need.

There was so much I loved about this book, as from the first page I was soon involved in the lives of the many characters who filled the pages which made this book extra special. This book for me held every emotion from fear to loneliness from passion to cruelty this book held it all. The comedy moments were shoulder shaking funny, I honestly laughed so hard the tears poured from my eyes, yet within a few pages the tears could be pouring again but for a totally separate emotion.

The Children of Lovely Lane written by the very talented is one book which was based in and around the streets of Liverpool, how nursing skills and medical techniques changed through the years. I loved each wonderful page of it and for that reason alone I am happy to recommend this excellent read to anyone who loves to read books which are based on historical facts yet filled with characters which were so real I felt I knew them personally.

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## **Melanie says**

Another great book in the Lovely Lane series.

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## **michelle reilly says**

### **Another great book**

I really enjoyed the latest book by Nadine Dorries in the lovely lane series. Can't wait for the next one.

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### **gill says**

#### **Another great book from nadine dorries**

Thoroughly enjoyed the second book in the lovely lane series, cannot wait for the next one in this fantastic series, hope there are plenty more to come!

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### **Suze Lavender says**

Emily loves training her nurses and that's why she doesn't want to become the assistant matron at St Angelus. This means there's a vacancy for the function. When the experienced Miss Van Gilder is being hired Emily knows the hospital has a problem. Miss Van Gilder is too strict, she doesn't care about the patients and doesn't seem to have any empathy. There's also something strange going on with her and Emily and her friends need to discover what it is before she manages to ruin everything they've worked so hard for in the hospital over the years.

Emily's student nurses are now in their second year. Dana, Victoria, Pammy and Beth are trying to cope with miss van Gilder's tyranny. Dana works with children and there's one boy she likes in particular, Joe. He has severe lung problems and is being taken care of by his sister Lily. Lily knows her brother is really sick, but miss Van Gilder is against his admission. She puts the patients of St Angelus at risk and what will happen if she gets more power when the hospital board would approve her plans? If she gets her way many people will lose their jobs and Miss van Gilder doesn't care what the consequences of her actions are as long as she gets her way, can she be stopped?

The Children of Lovely Lane is a fantastic book. Nadine Dorries writes about the nurses, doctors, household staff, porters and patients of St Angelus and they're equally fascinating. There is so much going on in the busy hospital and I loved reading about the characters of The Angels of Lovely Lane again. The nurses are all from different backgrounds, which makes them interesting to read about. I enjoyed getting to know more about both their love lives and their work. I smiled when they were happy and felt sad when they weren't. I always like it when I feel so involved.

It was great to read about Emily again. She keeps being strong, dependable and sweet and she always helps everyone with their problems. That makes her such a lovely character and she instantly found a way into my heart. She represents everything that's good in the hospital while Miss Van Gilder is the exact opposite. Miss Van Gilder is malicious and cunning and getting to know more about her plans kept me on the edge of my seat. I hated her from the start and that feeling only grew because of the way she treats little Joe. Lily is a kindhearted person and Joe is the most precious thing she has. She's incredibly strong and I shed quite a few tears reading about their difficult life that miss Van Gilder threatens to make even harder. The characters of The Children of Lovely Lane all greatly impressed me and I love it when a book evokes many strong emotions.

The Children of Lovely Lane is a multilayered book and Nadine Dorries is a very skilled writer. She weaves her parts, the stories of many fabulous characters, together into a beautiful whole and the result is mind-

blowing. I love her gorgeous sentences and sensational plotlines. The story is filled with surprising twists and turns. St Angelus is a special place that's being held together by admirable people. The fifties are a time of change and Nadine Dorries has clearly done her research. It was fun to learn about the start of the NHS and to see how slowly the country starts to thrive again after the challenging years of the Second World War. The Lovely Lane series is a brilliant combination of interesting history, an extraordinary setting and characters with big hearts. I highly recommend this amazing story.

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