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It's nearly thirty years since the Chadwick siblings arrived from Kenya at The Keep in Devon to live with their grandmother Freddy. And while much has altered since in their lives, The Keep remains a sanctuary for the whole family; warm, unchanging, filled with love.

Now mistress of The Keep, Fliss finds it hard to fill the place of her beloved grandmother, especially when she has so many doubts in her life. Mole has settled into his second family, the Navy. And Susanna, always the baby, is now a wife and mother herself. But whatever challenges they face, the family know that the house will always be ready to welcome them home.

## Winning Through Details

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## From Reader Review Winning Through for online ebook

### Kim says

So sorry to be at the end of this series. I love Marcia Willett's stories. And I get myself attached to the people in them. I also love that she puts familiar characters from other books into new stories.

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### Deirdre Frost says

#### The Chadwick Family Chronicles

I loved every minute of every three books and really wish I could carry on reading about The Chadwick Family Please let us know what happens to them all

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### Bev Taylor says

their final in the trilogy of the Crawford family - though it can be read in it's own right

the main character is Fliss and it is told from 1986 to the present day

it follows the many generations and offspring as they live their lives at the keep. how they cope with their relationships, friendships and troubles and what pulls them through

great characters who leap off the pages at you

you may find it a bit difficult at times to follow or remember who is related to who but there is a family tree at the beginning if you get stuck!

500 pages to savour and enjoy

in truth would give it 4.5 stars as at times I found it to be a bit stuck in narrative. the foresight and wisdom of Uncle Theo is particularly memorable

just one question was left with me - surely they would have seen/met Sam at the funeral?

bev

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### Ann says

I enjoy reading books by Marcia Willett. They are good stories, with quite a lot of homely wisdom, believable plots and well rounded characters.

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## Sue says

Last in the Chadwick Family trilogy. Beautifully written and emotive, with tragedy and delight clearly interwoven. Charming characters, all in all a lovely book. On re-reading, I found I remembered some, half-remembered more, and had entirely forgotten other parts. Best to read after the first two in the series (Looking Forward and Holding On).

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## Kathryn Bashaar says

This is the third in a gentle, warm family saga, not the kind of thing I usually read. It's kind of like oatmeal. It's very good steel-cut oats with cream and brown sugar and fresh fruit, but still oatmeal where I usually like reading that is more like steak. In these books, the great drama usually takes place "off stage." The murder of 3 members of the Chadwick family by Mau-Maus takes place before the first book begins, for example. The book starts with a kindly grandmother worrying about how she can raise the 3 remaining children. I have nothing against kindly grandmothers, but marauding Mau-Maus are way more interesting. I don't need to see the blood and gore, but let me see the sharpened machetes. Let me see the father trying to protect the mother and the mother trying to protect the teenage son. Nevertheless, even a literary steak-eater enjoys a nice bowl of oatmeal now and then, so I deliberately saved the last book in this series to read while I was recovering from my recent surgery, and that was a good call. Lying on the couch bundled up in a blanket, reading for while and then dozing for a while, I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and felt like I was in The Keep with the Chadwicks, sharing their challenges and their love and their slow-paced life in their beautiful Devon setting. And the Chadwicks and such appealing characters: loving and warm, with lots of integrity and strength. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys this kind of gentle reading, and even to those who usually want stronger stuff but occasionally need a break from it.

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## Carinya Kappler says

“Winning Through” is the third in a trilogy of 3 novels in a family saga about the “Chadwicks” of “The Keep”. This is the only book of the trilogy I have read. Even with the handicap of starting at the final episode in the lives of the Chadwick family I found myself enjoying this uncomplicated poetically written novel. The family is steeped in decency, loyalty, duty, achievement and tragedy. This combination, when coupled with a happy ending, and riding on a wave of beautifully developed family oriented characters, is irresistible to romantically inclined readers. Having read and enjoyed this final novel in the series I would recommend the reader begin with “Looking Forward” and “Holding On” if they are likely to enjoy this type of fiction. Unfortunately it is hard to believe that any family could live up to the strict code of morals and ethics espoused by the author. This lack of credibility does make for vast enjoyment for those of us who want to live in a fantasy of ethereal honour for a few hours. I thoroughly enjoyed this old fashioned dissertation and would recommend it to others who love to read about a world of gentle unselfish family members.

Carinya

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### **Muff says**

This was the perfect airplane book. Not too demanding, but kept my attention. I liked catching up with the characters I'd encountered in previous books. This volume in the quartet didn't have too much drama, although there were some sad moments. I've already requested the next one from library.

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### **Carol Best says**

I loved this trilogy. I was engrossed in the Chadwick family from the first page of Looking Forward to the final page of Winning Through. I cried, laughed and sighed through all three books and I know that I will read them again.

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### **Cathy says**

Not my idea of a good book. There was poor control over vocabulary at times, too many plot devices to move the story where the author wanted. No real depth in the characters or relationships. The central notion that it is good to have a family home as respite and refuge which inspires individuals to grow was a good one. Could have been a really good book. Descriptions of the English countryside were well drawn and evocative.

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### **Claudia says**

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### **Carol says**

Glad I read this series. It was a satisfying summer read!

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### **Carolynne says**

Fliss and the bumptious Miles finally come to terms with their relationship, winning a peace of sorts, but Hal's marriage with the volatile Maria finally drags to a close. The troubled Mole is killed in a terrorist incident, but unexpectedly leaves a mysterious legacy behind. Once again, the Navy background and the lovely Devon countryside ground the story of love and hatred, faithfulness and betrayal. The well-developed trilogy comes to an end, though I understand that *The Prodigal Wife* continues the story. Read *Looking Forward* and *Holding On* first--it's worth your while.

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