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Sequel to Vera Brittain's bestselling autobiographical classics Testament of Youth and Testament of Friendship. The British novelist writes movingly about marriage and children as well as international politics and war, feminism and pacifism.

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Resident Optimist says

2.5 stars

Laurel Lamperd says

I found this book again among my books when I was searching for something, stopped searching and began to read. Now I'm reading the book again which I read years ago. I love V Brittain's 'Testament' books - Testament of Friendship is a particularly poignant book about two women's friendship which ended at the death of Winifred Holtby.

westernway says

Read this after reading Testament of Youth for A level as I really wanted to find out about the rest of her life. As someone who loves history I found both books to be an excellent personal account of the major events of the first half of the Twentieth century.

Betty says

I found the writing style somewhat stilted. Because I was interested to read more from the author of the Testament of Youth, it was absolutely worth reading for me. She relates her life from the post WWI period when she writes her first memoir through wide travels before and after WWII. After publication of the Testament of Youth, she gains renown. Thus decades of speaking engagements stud her important first-hand accounts of England and Europe. (It may be that a biography of her would have been a less tedious source).

MadgeUK says

The is the third of Vera Brittain's autobiographical trilogy and describes the period 1925 -1950 - from the Flapper period until immediately after WWI. As with the other two volumes, it gives great insight, from a woman's point of view, of this period of history. From 1921-1925 Brittain travelled extensively in Europe which included visits to Germany during the post-war occupation. She later lived for a year in New York with her husband, George Caitlin, who became Professor of Politics at Cornell University.

Robyn Smith says

It was difficult to read this sequel to Testament of Youth impartially, because my father fought in WW2, yet Vera Brittain maintained a pro-peace stance throughout this war and wouldn't concede anything, despite German and Japanese atrocities.

She was extremely brave, however, and you couldn't help admiring her resolute stand in the face of severe criticism and antagonism, even from friends. She had simply decided after the First War, where her fiance and brother were killed, that she couldn't condone war, even if it meant fighting the greatest threat the world had ever known.

In my opinion, this book doesn't really match the superb narrative and emotional power of Testament of Youth, but it was fascinating to read about interesting people she met, including Peter Fraser when he visited England during the war.
