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THE DEEPLY MOVING SAGA OF A LOVE THAT EVEN TIME CANNOT ERASE.

A World Full of Strangers, Seasons of the Heart, The Last Princess --- with these and a host of other bestsellers, Cynthia Freeman established herself as the *grand dame* of romantic novelists. Now, sadly, she is gone, but she has left behind what will be judge her most unforgettable, affecting work, *Always and Forever*.

They fell in love at first sight --- but history, circumstances, and misplaced loyalties thrust them worlds apart --- for decades.

When Brooklyn-born Barnard graduate Kathy Ross meets young American physician David Kohn, they are on a mission to assuage the suffering in post World War II Berlin. Kathy's every instinct tells her they could share a life together --- but David's enigmatic reticence and blind devotion to his family drive her into marriage with his dashing cousin Phil.

Heir to his father's enormously successful Manhattan-based fur empire, Phil gives Kathy what he thinks a wife should want: clothes, a pricey Connecticut address, even a treasured son. Everything but fidelity and respect. As the austere forties turn to the comfortable fifties, Kathy seems the very embodiment of a happy, glamorous matron, both to the world and to David, whom she sees on his rare visits to relatives. Sure that David loves her, and distressed by Phil's flagrant affairs and shady business practices, Kathy feels trapped in a burlesque of respectability.

When her husband turns violent, Kathy takes her son and flees New York. She lives incognito, forging a successful life for herself and dreaming of David's passion. It would take a miracle to make him come to her, she thinks. But miracles can happen in the realm of love ...

A love story of extraordinary scope and power, *Always and Forever* is another gift of a writer who will be long and lovingly remembered.

Always and Forever Details

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Vicki says

Total chick book - a bit of history, some intrigue and lots of romance. Enjoyed it but - - -

Nan Williams says

Typical romance
Good - enjoyable
no surprises

Cws says

LP Fre

Hubjeanne says

What a ho hum book.....

Cool says

DOE read - fun romance

Elizabeth Agoyi says

A man marrying his cousin's divorcee.... What sorta love is that? not cool

Shirley Yuhasz says

Borrowed from Bernice/ park lib. An excellent read, set in 1945, following WWII. A group goes to Hamburg, Germany on a mission trip. Forever bonded together this group stays together through the years with many diversions along the way. Cynthia Freeman weaves a vivid tapestry of war, family, and a love that continues through the years.

Gayle Cappelluti says

Surprisingly satisfying if simple and predictable, this slightly old fashioned love story takes the reader from Brooklyn, NY to post-war Germany where Kathy and David meet and fall in love. Unfortunately, David is too slow to announce his feelings to Kathy who is clearly hungry for a loving physical relationship. When his scheming cousin Phil comes on the scene and is taken by Kathy's beauty, he decides she can come in handy, plus she can easily be his for the taking. Before long, Phil claims Kathy and David sinks silently into the background.

Together, Phil and Kathy rise to the ranks of the very wealthy in the United States where Phil joins his father's fur business. For his part, David stays behind in Germany where he lives a life of medicine, research, and devotion to helping the human race. Phil is not the loyal type and before long he is cheating; there are no surprises there. David is loyal to a fault, ever dedicated to his family, specifically, Phil's parents who took him and made it possible for him to go through medical school after David's entire family perished in the concentration camps.

While Kathy travels a rocky road married to Phil, David remains in the back of her mind. They do see each other sporadically, when it becomes obvious to them and to the reader, that their love remains, despite it staying hidden and undeclared. Meanwhile, the story progresses from Brooklyn to Connecticut, Manhattan to Southampton, Montauk to Groton, to Europe and back. Always, the reader hopes for Kathy to tire of a faithless marriage and for she and David to realize they belong together. The expected and hoped for ending takes way too long to come to pass, with Kathy making a real name for herself in the business world, and once the wheels start spinning in the right direction, they travel at lightening speed, which I felt detracted a bit from the story. All things considered, though, it was a good way to pass a few lazy days in the sun.

Mariana says

I will always remember this book not because it was great but because I bought it with a good friend of mine from college in a small book fair in Cáceres. I will always miss you grils.
