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**'I ain't always going to be poor, I made me mind up to that.'**

Dismissed from her position as housemaid under a cloud of misunderstanding, Tilly True is forced to return home. But Tilly is determined to make something of her life and, rather than admit the truth to her poverty-stricken family, she sets out once more in search of employment.

Her journey takes her to the London law courts, a grim parsonage in one of the most notorious parts of the East End and a house of ill-repute. But when she falls for the dangerous charms of Barnaby Palgrave, Tilly soon finds that her troubles have only just begun ...

## Tilly True Details

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## From Reader Review Tilly True for online ebook

### **Dawn Vanstone says**

Very vivid descriptions brought Victorian East End London to life for me. I enjoyed the story and the characters were strong, the heroine likeable, the story believable.

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### **katie daniels says**

#### **Wow**

This book was such a roller coaster of a read and I really enjoyed Reding it and very sad great

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### **Emma Kathryn says**

Great rollicking tale. Yes, pure Dilly Court. The heroine has extraordinary adventures, such as being imprisoned in a reckless man's house, accused of thieving, and sent to live in a brothel. I love this author, and this book certainly did not disappoint!

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### **Judith Ring says**

A good but not riveting read

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### **Trudie says**

Although different to her usual style I really enjoyed this story about Tilly True and her adventures. Like a previous reader the only downside was her flair for telling lies when she so easily could have told the truth! nevertheless I'd still recommend this to anyone who enjoys sagas.

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### **P.D.R. Lindsay says**

'Tilly True' is another of Dilly Court's sagas set in Victorian London. It's a meal of a read, over 500 pages, spanning several years, and with a large cast of characters. Just the book for a daily read whilst commuting or a lunch time escape from the office savouring the book chapter by chapter.

Tilly is determined that she's not going to stay poor, and a chance meeting with the Reverend Palgrave starts her on a journey out of poverty and into the magical world of India, through a marriage to Francis Palgrave's younger brother. But nothing is what it seems and sagas don't end anywhere except at home. So in true saga

fashion Tilly must suffer and struggle, and return to London, before she ends up in the arms of the right man, back home amongst her own people.

Dilly Court is good at tough female characters and Tilly is one the reader cheers on. She might be stubborn, even short sighted about certain matters, but she's a fighter and she doesn't forget her family.

As in most sagas, plot is all, so sometimes character motivation is a little thin, but it's a good read for saga lovers, with well researched historical detail.

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### **mckailer says**

This is probably my favourite Dilly Court book as of yet. I loved the fact, that in my opinion the plot was a little different in this book compared to some of her other ones. Don't worry I will not give any plot details away. But i do have to say I enjoyed this book and found it rather difficult to tear myself away from those so ever gripping pages.

Another thing i liked about the story, was that some characters in this story gave me mixed feelings; to the point where it took me till almost the end of the book to decipher weather they were good or bad people. The writing as always was good and I actually enjoyed the ending (I usually find most faults in the books ending).

So all in all this was definitely a goodread, I would 100% recommend this book to those of you who are also historical romance fanatics like me.

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### **Sanne says**

I loved this book; read another of Dilly Courts books last year and it was equally as fabulous as this one.

The start of the story puts Tilly in a bad place where she loses her job due to the lies and unfairness of the woman who employs her. The woman's philandering husband has always tried to get his hands on Tilly but she's too smart and too quick for him to handle. Once she leaves their employ, she is relieved to not have to tolerate that mans sinister advances.....only he comes back into the story later on.

Tilly's life was not an easy one and the 1800's was not an easy time for folk to live, but they all scraped together what they could and helped each other along. She had a great imagination and would make up stories of where she was going and who with, including a lie that she would go to India with a minister of the church, and his sister. Unfortunately Tilly's little lies had gotten her into a whole heap more trouble than even she had anticipated could possibly happen.

However, the law was not always on the side of the innocent and when Tilly is kidnapped, things turn ugly, and her family have no idea she'd been kidnapped, thinking she'd already gone to India.

Tilly eventually gets some of the things she aspires to getting, but unbeknownst to her, things are not what they seem. She is led astray by unscrupulous people despite being very street smart.

Many things happen to Tilly in her journey through those years of her life, but the end result of her fantasies is very different from what she had dreamed in the beginning.

A lovely read and one I would gladly promote as being a wonderfully skillfully written historical novel, full of entertaining adventures and mishaps not just to Tilly, but also to her family.

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### **Holly Beacher says**

I absolutely adored this book! I usually turn to Dilly Court books after I've read a particularly intense or not so good book. They are usually easy to read and a great story. I could not put this book down, it was so unpredictable and I really enjoyed the main characters storyline. It was been passed through the whole family now and we have all thoroughly enjoyed it!

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### **Ellen says**

Again a fabulous story told by Dilly Court. I have read a few of her books and I enjoy her sagas they are so passionate and full of feeling. Dilly gets dismissed from her job and goes to London to seek another. Many unpleasant things happen when she meets a man who she cares for. Very well written.

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### **Steph says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and really liked Tilly True. I found myself eager to keep reading and to find out what happened to her next on her adventures. She was always up to something or going somewhere and she never seemed to catch a break until near the end. Her life finally was going the right way.

The only think I disliked about it was Tilly's secrecy, she was a while one for telling stories and lies but when it would just have been so easy to tell the truth she kept quiet and near the end that began to be more than annoying. She was sabotaging her own chance at happiness because of her pathetic pride.

A lot of great characters, from family and friends to passing acquaintances.

The book was rather long and perhaps could have been wrapped up in places but regardless it was easy to read and was done so quickly with gusto.

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### **Brenda Anderson says**

Good book, love her books worth 5\* rating.

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### **Tracey says**

Another brilliant book by Dilly Court. I love the way her writing brings to life the old streets of London, I almost feel as though I know the area, even having never visited London myself. This story is about Tilly True, and how her journey through life goes over a period of about three years. It's true to say that never has anyone had so much misfortune in such a short time, it may be a bit far fetched but it's a wonderful story packed full of adventures and it well and truly kept me gripped. At times I felt like shouting at Tilly she defiantly needed some good advice, but at least she learns from her mistakes in the end. This book is never dull, Tilly never seems to stand still. More of the same please!

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### **Shirley Revill says**

I read this book some time ago and I really enjoyed the story.

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### **Lucy Oliver says**

What a beautiful book! Such a heartwarming story of one woman's search for a better life and love. The story follows Tilly True a young girl brought up in a poverty stricken part of London in the 1800s. I could not put it down. Her tenacity, bravery and sheer will is refreshing  
Praise for the fantastic Dilly Court on such a page turner!  
5 stars from me

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