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The Friends We Made Along The Way

The Friends We Keep is the heartwarming and unforgettable new novel from Jane Green, New York Times bestselling author of *The Sunshine Sisters* and *The Beach House*.

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Evvie, Maggie, and Topher have known one another since college. Their friendship was something they swore would last forever. Now years have passed, the friends have drifted apart, and they never found the lives they wanted--the lives they dreamed of when they were young and everything seemed possible.

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Evvie starved herself to become a supermodel but derailed her career by sleeping with a married man.

The Friends We Used To Be

Maggie married Ben, the boy she fell in love with in college, never imagining the heartbreak his drinking would cause.

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The Friends We Keep Reviews

Topher became a successful actor, but the shame of a childhood secret shut him off from real intimacy.

The Friends We Keep Summary

By their thirtieth reunion, these old friends have lost touch with one another and with the people they dreamed of becoming. Together again, they have a second chance at happiness . . . until a dark secret is revealed that changes everything.

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The Friends We Keep Book Review

The Friends We Keep is about how despite disappointments we've had or mistakes we've made, it's never too late to find a place to call home.

Secrets, inner demons, and the masks that slip on with every false smile we wear. Jane Green uses 3 reunited friendships to teach us that to be flawed is to be human and we are all worthy of acceptance and forgiveness, most importantly from our own self. I absolutely loved this book. Check it out.

My favorite quote:

"Until she started accepting herself exactly as she was, she would never be at peace..."

Audiobook self-narrated by the author Jane Green.

The Friends We Keep By Susan Mallery

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It's not long before Evvie meets Maggie. They hit it off immediately. Neither of them has much in common with their current roommates. Maggie takes control and has it switched so they can room together.

"We're going to be best friends, aren't we?" said Maggie. "I can feel it."

They become fast friends who tell each other everything. Well, almost everything!

Soon they meet a handsome young aspiring actor named Topher. The three become inseparable and vow to always have each other's backs.

Evvie gets a job bartending at a local Pub. That is where the group first meets Ben, or "Evil Ben" as they call him. Evvie really doesn't care for him. But Maggie falls hard. She has a thing for difficult men.

After University they begin living separate lives. But they make a pact. If they happen to be on their own when they are fifty they will live together again.

We see what becomes of the friends during the "in-between years". They all have their own

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personal struggles. They all have secrets.

As time passes, they continue to move in different directions. Will these friends find their way back to each other again?

I thought this was an enjoyable read, an interesting character driven novel.

The story is broken down into three parts and was easy to follow. The beginning (1986-1992), the in-between years (1992-2016), and present day (2019).

I enjoyed reading about these characters as they went through life. The ups and downs, mistakes, and all their other experiences. I thought the characters were well-developed, likable, and relatable.

The story made me think of some of my old friends. We may not speak often but when we do itâ€™s like no time has passed.

An engaging novel that deals with many important issues. Friendship, addiction, self-esteem, love, forgiveness, and more.

I really am looking forward to reading more from this author.

I'd like to thank Berkley Books for providing me with an advanced copy of this novel. All opinions are my own.

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each other, but also themselves.

The story bounces back and forth between the three friends and takes place during their university years all the way into the present time when they are middle-aged. I thought Topher got the short end of the stick in terms of being as represented in the story as the two women although his presence was felt much more in the second half. He felt more like a supporting character than a main character but I did like what the author did in terms of his storyline.

This story was a good example of how regrets and secrets can hold you back in life. I loved how rather than just kinda condensing the story and just following the friends into their twenties, we got to see them for a huge chunk of their lives. At times I would get frustrated with some of the characters but not because I thought they were annoying, it was more wishing they would make better choices.

Thank you to First to Read for the opportunity to read an advance digital copy! I was under no obligation to post a review and all views expressed are my honest opinion. ...more

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Friendship. Forgiveness. Life.

Jane Green has crafted an engaging story full of friendship, forgiveness, and finding out who you really are. Evie, Maggie, and Topher met at University where they forged a strong friendship that they swore would never end. A friendship built on love, respect, and trust. After university they all go their separate ways. Evvie does something to betray Maggie's trust, rather than telling Maggie she pulls herself even further away from the friendship. Evvie moves to N

York where she becomes a supermodel, Maggie works at a PR company, and Topher becomes a soapstar. Years later they all reunite at

Maggie's wedding to an old crush. The reunion is short as they all have their lives to live and then Evvie does something that might end this friendship forever. Fast forward and the three of them are in their 40s and they are all at a point in their lives where it makes the most sense for them to all live together. But as the three begin to get closer again, secrets begin to come out. Secret that may not be forgivable.

I love stories about friendships and that this was a friendship between two women and a man was a bit of a different twist that I found refreshing. I really liked all three of these characters even though they weren't terribly relatable and they sure did frustrated me at times. The story spanned many decades and I Love that. It is so amazing how much we change and grow through the years. How we let go of dreams and develop new ones. That really was evident in the lives of these characters. I probably was most sympathetic towards Maggie, because I could relate to her more than the other characters. I know what it's like to have a spouse who is an alcoholic, and if I'm being honest Maggie is a much more forgiving person than me. In oh so many ways!

This was a great read that will resonate with many. I think we all have those friends that we thought would always be part of our lives that we don't see much of any more. Although I have to say some of the characters in this book really push those friendship boundaries, and I am not sure if I would be so ready to forgive. Jane green has a engaging writing style that kept me completely invested in the story throughout. This was another wonderful read that I encourage you to add to your summer TBR!

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Topher is an actor, but he has kept a secret since childhood that has weighed heavily on him. Maggie and Ben got married, and there's something heavy coming between them. Evvie becomes a supermodel, but she ruins her career with an impulsive act.

After thirty years, the friends reunite. As they reminisce, it feels like another chance at happiness, but there's a storm cloud lurking with secrets hidden inside.

To me, the biggest message from *The Friends We Keep* is a beautiful one- it's never too late to reconnect with an old friend, or to mend a relationship that's been broken. It's also a story of how we evolve over time with all those tiny choices we make along the way, and how those evolutions may make us forget our dreams or even who we thought we were.

The Friends We Keep is another Jane Green book that's full of heart. The messages resonate, and I loved the journey these complex friends meandered on. I treasured the hope instilled in these pages, and I'm forever grateful Jane Green writes us these stories we hold in our hearts.

I received a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.

My reviews can also be found on my blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com ...more

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When Maggie, Evvie, and Topher meet and live together in college, they can't imagine not having each other as best friends, and staying in touch for the rest of their lives. After graduating, Maggie and Topher leave for their new careers while Evvie gets stuck in town for an extra week. During that week she does something that could break the trust and friendship of her friends, especially Maggie, if Maggie were to ever find out.

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Over the next ten years, Evvie is busy with her modeling career, Topher is busy starring in a hit soap opera, and Maggie is busy with her PR career. Maggie tries to keep in touch with a reluctant Evvie. Then something happens where Evvie crosses an even more radical line in her relationship with Maggie and they grow farther apart over the years.

About the time that the trio turns fifty, all of their lives are at a place where living together seems like a good idea for each of them. But there are secrets, big secrets that can blow the relationships of these three friends apart forever. This story is about forgiveness, trying to get past terrible betrayals and hurts and deciding what is best for the future, for Maggie, Evvie, and Topher. I enjoyed the story despite not being able to relate to a lot of the decisions that are made in the story but it's obvious that letting go of the past can bring a better future, if letting go is possible.

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And the things the characters go throughâ€”Iâ€™ll say that I think most of us will have experienced at least one theme themselves. I did this as a buddy read with Berit and we discussed how we connected personally with these characters. How would we react in their spot? It was such a great friendship-building moment for Berit and I, and I think this is perfect to read with a book buddy or book club!

The story spans decades, and that is also one of the things that makes this unputdownable. Beginning at university the three friends meet. Evvie is lonelyâ€”a famous, beautiful actress but without friends. Her cat-loving, uptight roommate just isnâ€™t a fit for her. When she meets vibrant and fun-loving Maggie the same day, they quickly swap rooms and find themselves to be instant best friends. Soon after, they meet Topher, a seemingly asexual male who shies away from physical touch, but is a truly outstanding friend.

As the friends grow up through university, I connected with them so much. Their whole lives are ahead of them, and it's hard for them to imagine life ever not being them living with their best friends. And then they transition to adulthood. Each on their own path, we see their lives unfold. They find love. They get their hearts broken. They lose touch. And eventually, they find each other again.

And when they come together, they struggle to tell one another the truth. Everything was not perfect.. Sometimes I do think we have the hardest time being honest with those we love the most., and Jane Green really plays with that theme here. `

My heart is so connected to these characters. I miss them, but I also felt that their stories are so satisfying. I want more but I also donâ€™t feel like I missed anything. Truly a beautiful book, and Iâ€™m excited to share it!

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