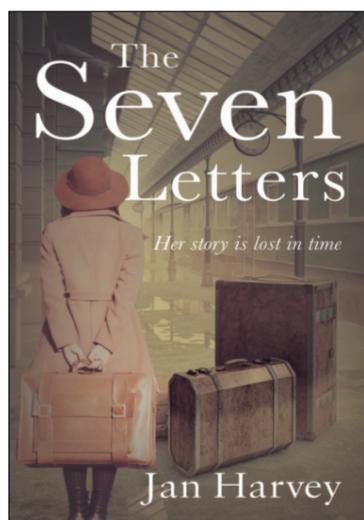




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THE SEVEN LETTERS

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Claudette Bourvil is a shy country girl recruited by the Resistance to work in Paris. Claudette must quickly learn to survive in a city ravaged by war as she works undercover in a bordello for the cold, calculating Madame Odile.

Claudette falls in love with one of the visitors to the bordello, Fritz Keber, a Nazi officer. He is complicated, sophisticated, powerful and, at the same time, a lost soul. He does not tell Claudette that he is linked to Madame Odile and when she finds out his dark secret she is horrified. It is she who is forced to pick up the pieces.

Claudette falls foul of timing, betrayal and the need to do what is right. She is wrongly punished and pays a heavy price.

In England, 2014, Connie Webber witnesses her friend the playwright, Freddie March, commit suicide. A kind stranger, Matt Verney, comforts her and becomes her friend. Together they sort out Freddy's belongings and uncover the mystery of his mother.

They find seven letters which lead them to Paris and one of the former prostitutes who tells them she remembers a maid who was with the French Resistance. Connie and Matt trace Freddy's mother to the quiet village in Normandy where they find out the terrible truth of how she died...

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