



THE PRIMROSE PATH

Susan Giles

Eloise James was still in school when she met the love of her life – her teacher, Paul Bridgestock. With an age gap of twelve years between them, the couple faced separation. But against the odds, Paul successfully allayed the concerns of the school authorities, and the friendship was allowed to continue. Love flourished and Paul was eventually accepted by Eloise's parents as a prospective son-in-law.

However, following the sudden death of his wife and facing the prospect of a lonely future, Eloise's father forbade her from further contact with Paul. Paul was killed in a car crash soon after, thus ending all prospect of a future reconciliation. There would now be no wedding, no children... Eloise's life seemed over.

Now middle-aged, and with a string of unsuccessful relationships behind her, Eloise is still emotionally handicapped by the loss of her unfulfilled teenage love. Following the departure of her present partner and a failed attempt at suicide, she is taken back in time to the day on which Paul was killed. And here, in an anachronistic reality, the two lovers meet once more. But can she prevent the car crash?

Susan weaves an intricate thread of history throughout the tale, creating a story that is both heart warming and heart rending, a tale of love and time travel reminiscent of Audrey Niffenegger's *The Time Traveller's Wife*.

About the Author:

A romantic at heart, Susan started writing love stories in her teens, and was one of the last teenagers to elope to Gretna Green before the age of majority was lowered to eighteen. But for her the reality of married life could not compete with her ideal, and the marriage sadly ended in divorce. She now lives in Somerset, where she divides her time between writing, reading and gardening.

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