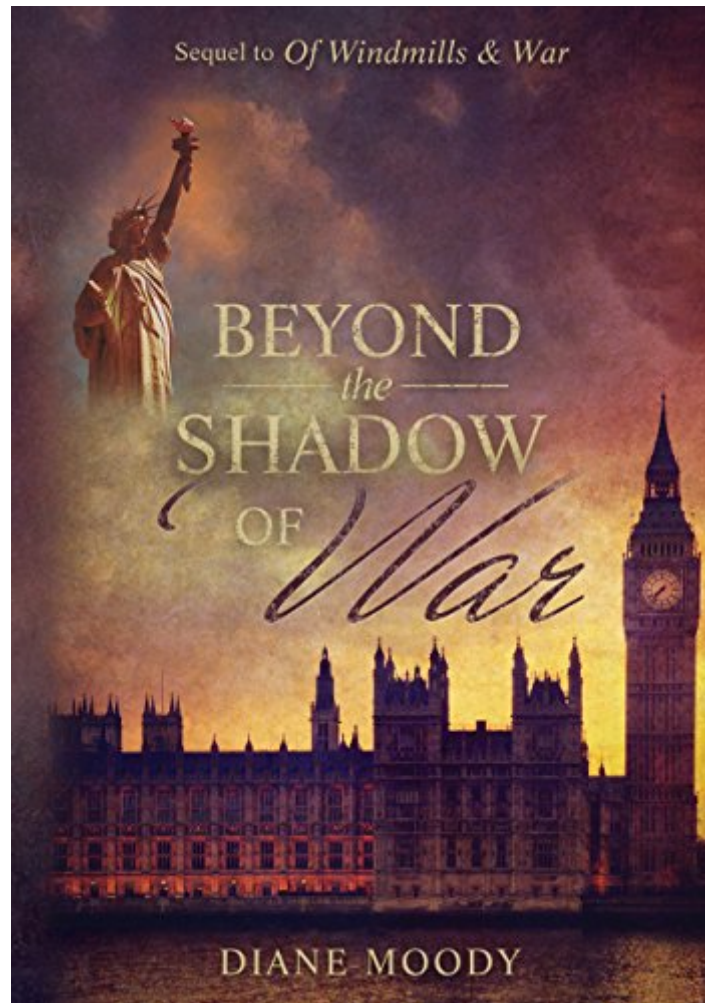




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Synopsis

The long awaited sequel to Diane Moody's bestselling *Of Windmills and War*. When the war finally ended in May of 1945, Lieutenant Danny McClain made good on his promise to come back for Anya in Holland. He expected her to put up a fight, but instead found her exhausted and utterly broken. Maybe it was unfair, asking her to marry him when she was so vulnerable. But this much he knew: he would spend a lifetime helping to make her whole again. The war had taken everything from Anya--her family, her friends, her home, her faith. She clung to the walls she'd fortified around her heart, but what future did she have apart from Danny? At least she wouldn't be alone anymore. Or so she thought. When the American troops demobilize, Danny is sent home, forced to leave Anya behind in England. There she must wait with the other 70,000 war brides for passage to America. As England picks up the pieces of war's debris in the months that follow, Anya shares a flat with three other war brides in London and rediscovers the healing bond of friendships. Once again, Danny and Anya find themselves oceans apart, their marriage confined to little more than the handwritten pages of their letters while wondering if the shadow of war will ever diminish.

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Customer Reviews

This follow on to *Of Windmills and War* was a well researched love story. As a thirty year Air Force veteran, I found there were many passages that were nostalgic. The homecoming scenes reminded me of what I wish the return home could have been like for Vietnam veterans. I found the visit by the main characters to London brought heartwarming remembrances of the trips we got to make to that magical city. Even forty some years after World War II, there were older folks at the Pubs who insisted that "our money was no good." The locals were very much appreciative of what America had done for Britain. While this book is not as exciting as *Windmills*, *Shadow of War* will be appreciated by all those who enjoy a story of how love can help overcome any number of challenges. The author's research and description of the awful challenges that faced war brides is excellent.

Love historical fiction. My dad was in the Army Air Force during WWII and stationed in England where he met my mom on a blind date. I loved reading about the bonding of the pilots and crew - just like my dad had told me about. These bonds last a lifetime. My mom was a War Bride from England and it was interesting to read about the war brides waiting to get to the U.S., the things that happened on their trip over and resulting meeting with their new family and adapting to new customs and a new country. My mom also shared many of these stories with me and I never tire of hearing them. This story, like "*Windmills of War*", is action packed with bigger than life characters. I highly recommend this sequel.

Many sequel books are not as interesting as the first book in the series, but I found "*Beyond the Shadow of War*" to be the exception. This sequel to "*Of Windmills and War*" continues the story of young couples brought together during WW 2. Diane Moody brings the story of the War Brides to life,; sharing their hopes, dreams and insecurities in such detail I felt I was leaving old friends behind at the end of the book. The main character is from Chicago and loves baseball. The only reason I did not give it 5 stars is the parts about Chicago Cubs was not at all interesting to me. However, if you like baseball, you will love the book even more.

Between this book and the prequell"*Windmills and war*" two of the best books I read lately. The

story was charming and heartwarming and very well written and told. Also loved that this was a Christian story told with honesty and truth. I never new the history of these war brides and was intrigued. Woyl recommend any thing Diane Moody writes. She is quite the story teller!

After reading OF WINDMILLS AND WAR by Diane Moody, I let no grass grow beneath me until I also read the sequel: BEYOND THE SHADOW OF WAR. Moody is an absolutely superb author, immediately and consistently placing her reader right into the book, as close as a fly on the wall where nothing is missed. BEYOND THE SHADOW picks up where WINDMILLS left off, just after Danny found Anya, and takes her back to England where he's stationed. His intention is for them to never again be separated, but demobilization of U.S. troops prevents that from happening. Consequently, once again, they are separated by an ocean and confined to writing letters, just as they were when teenagers. Will they ever actually be together? Will Anya be able to overcome the memories and nightmares of a horrific five years of evil wartime? And can Anya ever drop her plexiglass wall to allow herself to make real friends? Fly onto the wall of BEYOND THE SHADOW OF WAR and find out! This is 5-Star all the way!

Wish I didn't purchase the sequil to Windmills. I'm not sure what I was expecting but it wasn't a history of the Cubs baseball team. It got so thick that I had to skip those pages and get back to Anya and the other war brides. Even that was quite boring. I wish the author could have delved into PTSD in regard to Anya. That's where the story should be. Needless to say, very disappointing.

I can't imagine what it must have been like to live during WWII but this gives me more understanding of what my grandparents lived through. To learn more about what war brides went through and dealing with the pain and rebuilding after the war. The characters seemed real to me.

Wow! This was an amazing book. I bought it both in Kindle and in Audio and went from reading to listening as fast as needed to continue and not put it down. The characters became my friends too. I wanted to help them, the story also was so real . I remember my Mom telling me of times and events like some of these. The strength of the characters is wonderful! Loved the book. You will too!

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