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# The Pearl Locket



## Synopsis

Weâ™ll Meet Againâ |When Ali inherits her great-auntâ™s house she immediately moves her whole family in, despite the warnings that there is something strange about the place. Unfazed Ali begins redecorating, going through the rooms, making each one her own with the help of her daughter, Kelly. But when under the wallpaper in Kellyâ™s new room they discover a scrawled message from 1944 Ali begins to question the history of the house as she knows it. Her family has always seemed so picture perfect, not a blemish or a secret to be found. Yet, this discovery throws her into confusion and Ali begins to question exactly what she knows about her family and the mysteries they have kept hiddenâ |Perfect for fans of The Emerald Comb, Rachel Hore and Kate Morton Don't miss Kathleen's new book - The Daughters of Red Hill Hall out April 2016! Praise for Kathleen McGurl 'There were twists and turns galore that had me gripping my Kindle to within an inch of its lifeâ |' - Becca's Books on The Pearl Locket 'An engrossing family saga' - cayocosta72 on The Pearl Locket 'If you want a book that is exciting, fast-paced and impossible to put down, with plenty of twists and turns, then you need to buy this book! I can't wait to read more of Kathleen's novels.' - Emma's Book Reviews on The Emerald Comb 'The Emerald Comb is fantastic.' - Books & Baby 'An edge of your seat read, that is a page turner and gripped me from page one.' - Comet Babe's Books on The Emerald Comb

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## Customer Reviews

I love historical romance novels and love era romance novels â | okay, I am a romantic at heart. The Pearl Locket was a delightful story of love under duress as young hearts fight against parental constraints that keep them apart during WWII. After moving into her great aunt's home that her mother had inherited that had been the family home that her grandmother had grown up in, Kelly found her perfect bedroom. When she discovers Joan love Jack • written on the wall of her room underneath some peeling wallpaper, she finds she is drawn more and more to finding who Joan and Jack are. While never going through the mechanizations of what you would expect for a paranormal novel, there was no missing the experience of watching the 21st century young teenage girl falling under the influence of someone or something from the past. The storyline was well written, just like in real life, none of the family, nor did Kelly (the teenage girl) understand what was happening. Kelly only knew she had to find out who Joan was and what happened to her and Jack. The novel was well crafted with the two storylines inter-twined and moving between WWII and current day as more was discovered about Joan and Jack and back to the past, as their love story progressed. The connection between the two was masterful and held my attention all the way to the end with a wonderful surprising ending. The Pearl Lock cost me a night's sleep, for I looked over and it was three in the morning and I forced myself to finish it the next day. The sentiment of the love story wrenched my heart time and again as I watched Joan and Jack struggle with finding a way to make life happen for themselves. I would rate this novel a full FOUR PLUS STARS. I highly recommend it to fans of historical romance or pararomance.

Couldn't put the book down. Couldn't wait for the next chapter. Kathleen McGurl just keeps getting better. I read her first story, The Emerald Comb, thinking it was fantastic read but The Pearl Locket was even better. Two great stories. A new favorite author!!

When Ali inherits her great aunt's house her first thought is to sell. However, before putting it up for sale, Ali and her husband Peter decide to inspect it and subsequently fall for its charm and beautiful location close to the beach. Inspired, they agree to keep the property and renovate it. Soon after the family moves in their teenage daughter Kelly discovers the words â œJoan loves Jack • written on the wall underneath several layers of old peeling wall paper in her room. Kelly is intrigued by the declaration and somehow feels a strong mystical connection to Joan. A connection which

compels Kelly to find out who Joan and Jack were and what became of them. Ali thinks her Grandmother might be able to shed some light but unexpectedly uncovers a long buried family secret. The story is told over two alternating timelines. One in the present which tells the story of Kelly and her family and one set in the World War II era which recounts the story of Joan and Jack. The story is nicely written, a little bit nostalgic but very vivid with a few mystical twists which are done in a subtle way making it more realistic and in no way over-the-top. The plot is nicely paced, flows well and is captivating. The characters and their actions are describe well making it easy to imagine what their lives would have been like. Overall this is a great historical fiction novel with a mystical twist. Anybody who likes historical fiction or who is a fan of Rachel Hore or Kate Morton will like this book. I look forward to trying some of the authorâ€™s other books in future.

Ms. McGurl is from England where the book was apparently published. It wasn't translated into American English or at least missed the translation in many areas of the reading material. I had to stop and do word checks a few times to even have clarity in what was subject matter. Ms. McGurl has written other novels plus short stories I learned from her bio. I don't know how much was the translation issue but in my opinion the romance of the main characters seemed written in a somewhat childish way that left me often shaking my head. At a point it became very predictable, midway through I could have pretty much outlined the rest of the story. The romance took place during WWII and the war references were on a pretty simple and chopped up telling of that time in the story. Major ? Marks in regard to the greatest of a dysfunctional families, that of the Ghostly Joan... The ending was another Happy Ever After but for poor Joan. I can't recommend this book. Was so disappointed it's hard for me to even review the book. I Need another Five Star book. I'll continue reading and hope to write that review hopefully soon. I won't read anymore writings by this author.

The way the story came together was so awesome. To think that Joan's daughter lived next door to Betty! Whoa! But oh, I so wish that Joan had waited for Jack. The family dynamics and personalities-wow-like people I know. This writer who also wrote the Emerald Comb - I could see her understanding of families. She wrote so much better than the Emerald Comb. I truly liked this book and I hope that my friends take my advice and read it also.

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