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Synopsis

In Japanese-occupied Malaya, lives are shattered and a woman discovers her inner strength in a world ravaged by war. Following the death of their matriarch, the lives of Chye Hoon's family are turned upside down. Now that the British have fled and the Japanese have conquered, their once-benign world changes overnight. Amid the turmoil, Chye Hoon's daughter-in-law, Mei Foong, must fend for her family as her husband, Weng Yu, becomes increasingly embittered. Challenged in ways she never could have imagined and forced into hiding, Mei Foong finds a deep reservoir of resilience she did not know she had and soon draws the attentions of another man. Is Mei Foong's resolve enough to save herself, her marriage, and her family? Only when peace returns to Malaya will she learn the full price she must pay for survival.

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Customer Reviews

Chin Yoke's second book tells of life on the Malay peninsula during the Japanese invasion of WWII. The historical perspective is interesting and the story is well written, but the heroine's circumstances

change abruptly in the last two chapters. After using resourceful courage to provide for her family during years of hardship, she is suddenly deprived of dignity by her capricious husband. I suppose this ending brings home the fact that war dramatically changes the course of people's lives, but I found neither the ending nor its explanation in the epilogue satisfying. Hence the three-star rating.

While I certainly enjoyed this book in the series I have to say it did not live up to the expectations I had after reading the first, *The Woman Who Breathed Two Worlds*. The protagonist mother walked away from an ungrateful, dominating husband, leaving all her children to him and the same life she resented. I felt the book was hurried, so much left out it put gaps in the story and just was too quick a read.

The story was interesting, full of history and carried you easily along. The characters were the best part of the book. They are full of humanity both courageous and strong and full of frailties. You know them and love them well and miss them when the final page is turned. Very good pair of books by this author

A good read but, the ending just stopped and left so much unsaid. I was looking for more pages. I can understand wanting the readers to want more but, I felt like the author just ran out of ideas.

Much hardship, loneliness, pleasure, longing, resourcefulness in the second book of this wonderful family saga. Especially enjoyed the ending...served him right. :)

not nearly as good as her first book *Woman Who Breathed Two Worlds*

I found this book wandering around too much.

I loved this book and it prompts me to take a good look at each circumstance as there is always another side to every story.

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