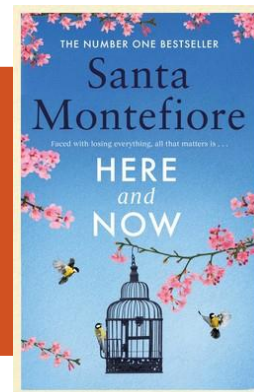




Here and Now

Santa Montefiore



Author Background

Santa Montefiore's books have been translated into more than 25 languages and have sold more than six million copies in England and Europe. She is the bestselling author of *The Temptation of Gracie* and the Deverill Chronicles series, among many others.

Born in England in 1970, Santa Montefiore grew up on a farm in Hampshire and was educated at Sherborne Girls' School. She read Spanish and Italian at Exeter University and spent much of the 90s in Buenos Aires, where her mother grew up. She converted to Judaism in 1998 and married historian Simon Sebag Montefiore in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in London. They live with their two children, Lily and Sasha, in London.

Book Summary

Marigold has spent her life taking care of those around her, juggling family life with the running of the local shop, and being an all-round leader in her quiet yet welcoming community. When she finds herself forgetting things, everyone quickly puts it down to her age. But something about Marigold isn't quite right, and it's becoming harder for people to ignore.

As Marigold's condition worsens, for the first time in their lives her family must find ways to care for the woman who has always cared for them. Desperate to show their support, the local community come together to celebrate Marigold, and to show her that losing your memories doesn't matter, when there are people who will remember them for you . . .

Discussion Questions

- ❖ What did you like best about this book?
- ❖ What did you like least about this book?
- ❖ What feelings did this book evoke for you?
- ❖ If you got the chance to ask the author of this book one question, what would it be?
- ❖ What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other title might you choose?
- ❖ What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this book? What ideas were they trying to get across?
- ❖ The book tackles a difficult subject. How well do you think the author treated the topic?
- ❖ Did you learn something new on the subject raised by the book?
- ❖ Did the book prompt you to find out more about the subject raised?

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