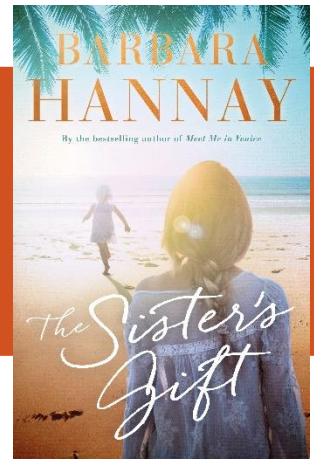




The Sister's Gift

Barbara Hannay



Author Background

Barbara Hannay is an award-winning, bestselling author of women's fiction and has sold more than twelve million books worldwide. Her novels set in Australia, have been translated into twenty-six languages. Barbara has won the Romance Writers of America's RITA award and has been shortlisted five times. Two of Barbara's novels have also won the Romance Writers of Australia's Romantic Book of the Year award.

Barbara was born in Sydney, but has spent most of her life in Queensland, living in Townsville with her writer husband and enjoys being close to the Coral Sea, the stunning tropical scenery, and colourful characters, all of which find their way into her popular stories.

Book Summary

Two sisters, one baby and the best of intentions...

As a vibrant young woman with a lifetime of possibilities ahead of her, Freya grants her sister, Pearl, the ultimate gift of motherhood. But this comes at a hefty price – an unexpected rift in her family and the loss of the man she loves. Decades later, Freya is divorced, childless and homeless, at rock bottom after losing everything she's worked for.

When her estranged niece, Billie, offers sanctuary, managing the family restaurant on beautiful Magnetic Island, Freya can hardly refuse. Billie has never understood the tension between her mother and her aunt and now, with a newly broken heart, she is nursing a family secret of her own. All three women come together under the tropical Queensland skies, but can they let go of past regrets, or will old tensions tear them further apart?

Discussion Questions

- ❖ The story begins with Freya's decision to experience the baby's birth on her own. Do you think she was justified in making this choice? How does it shape the rest of the story?
- ❖ In many ways, this is a story about choices. How many characters faced difficulties in this regard?
- ❖ How did the Magnetic Island setting shape the story? Do you think that growing up on this island may have influenced Billie's sense of adventure or lack of ambition? Or were there other factors at play?
- ❖ If you had the chance to ask the author of this book one question, what would it be?
- ❖ Which character in the book would you most like to meet? If you could read this story from another character's point of view, who would you choose?
- ❖ Did the characters seem believable to you? Did they remind you of anyone?
- ❖ What aspects of the story could you most relate to?
- ❖ Which other books by Barbara Hannay have you read? How did they compare to this book?

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