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## The Way Of Kings

Hearts and dreams evolve in the shadow of the once-magnificent Penn Station.

## The Way Of The Superior Man

Vera Keller, the daughter of German immigrants in turn-of-the century New York City, finds her life upended when the man she loves becomes engaged to another woman. But Angelo Bellavia has also inadvertently opened up Vera's life to unexpected possibilities. Angelo's new wife, Pearl, the wealthy daughter of a clothing manufacturer, has defied her family's expectations by devoting herself to the suffrage movement. In Pearl, Vera finds an unexpected dear friend and a stirring new cause of her own. But when Pearl's selfless work pulls her farther from Angelo and their son, the life Vera craved is suddenly within her reach—if her conscience will allow her to take it.

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## The Way Of The House Husband

Her choice will define not only her future but also that of her daughter, Alice.

## The Way Of The Gun

Vera and Alice—a generation and a world apart—are bound by the same passionate drive to fulfill their dreams. As first mother and then daughter come of age in a city that is changing as rapidly as its skyline, they each discover that love is the only constant.

I have never read a book by Camille Di Maio before and when I seen the beautiful cover of this book I just knew that I had to read this one! I am happy to say that I thoroughly enjoyed this beauty of a book! The story is just as beautiful as that cover!

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CAMILLE DI MAIO delivers a well-paced and beautifully written story here with interesting, compelling, likeable and believable characters that I absolutely fell in love with. This multi-generational story was told in two perspectives with the first half from Vera and the last half from Alice's perspective, Vera's daughter. I enjoyed both perspectives equally.

In the end I thought this was such a touching and wonderful story which was vividly descriptive and I really loved following along the lives of these two women and reading about the women's suffrage movement! Would recommend!

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I enjoyed the dual perspectives from Vera and Alice, however, my connection was much stronger with Vera. I was glued to the pages of her story, hanging on every word. While I enjoyed Alice's perspective, it lacked that special spark I felt with Vera.

The writing was wonderful. This is my first novel by Camille Di Maio and I was highly impressed. The vivid descriptions really pulled me in and had me connecting with the setting and characters. I enjoyed the way the story unfolded and came together in the end.

This was a Traveling Sister read with Brenda and Norma which was an absolute pleasure! To find this review, along with the other Traveling Sister read reviews, please visit Brenda and Norma's fabulous blog at:

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Camille Di Mario does such a great job balancing the topics well that allowed us to feel for the characters and their situations. At times maybe a little too much of that feel good feeling which came close to too much drama for me however it was really nice to read a very heartwarming story that left us feeling good after reading it.

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The good news, though, was that Pearl was a Suffragette, and she wanted Vera to help her. Being able to help Pearl would allow her to be close to Angelo. It was very difficult, though. Her heart ached every time Angelo smiled at her, but then Vera found out something that changed everything.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY is a beautiful book about love, family, Suffragettes, the building of Penn Station in New York and has characters you will fall in love with.

Vera was my favorite simply because of her innocence, goodness, perseverance with dealing with the trials she had to deal with as a woman at this time in both her personal life and public life.

Ms. Di Maio has written another amazing, warm, heartfelt, well-researched, detailed book, that takes you with the characters on their journey and into their lives.

All of Ms. Di Maio's books warm your heart and allow you to feel her passion about causes and the human race.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY is a MUST read. You won't be able to experience all the emotions that are inside

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unless you read it.

As for the title, it has the perfect word in it...BEAUTY. The book is a beautiful tribute to mankind, love, caring, and living a good life. 5/5

This book was given to me free of charge and without compensation by NetGalley and the author in return for an honest review. ...more

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There is a lot of history about Penn Station in this book which I found very interesting. I love reading books set in NYC, and I really didn't know much about Penn Station until I read this novel. And of course, it also talks about the women's suffrage movement. The whole time I was reading the book all I could think of was Mary Poppins and "Votes for women!" The author says she did embellish a bit in regards to things the women in the book did as part of the suffrage movement, but it was fascinating and very enlightening all the same.

Final Thought: In total honesty I ugly cried a couple times during The Way of Beauty. It is such a touching book and I felt so connected to the characters that I didn't want it to end. Apparently there are almost 400 pages to this book, but I was able to read it in about a day it was that good. I highly recommend to lovers of historical fiction and people who love novels set in New York. I can't believe this is the first novel I've read from Camille Di Maio and I cannot WAIT to read more!

The Way of Beauty in 3-ish words: Heart-Warming, Spellbinding, & Unexpected ...more

## The Way Of The Warrior

What truly enchanted me when it came to THE WAY OF BEAUTY was Penn Station. Oh, how I wished it was still standing in all its glory. Alas, it had to give way for progress. Luckily, there are still images and like this book, imaginative stories that make Penn Station come to life again.

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The Way of Beauty is pitched as historical fiction, but it is really a romance. I enjoyed the portions of this narrative that focused on the suffragettes and the backstory of Penn Station. Unfortunately, the rest seems like a contemporary novel with modern sensibilities set in a historic time. I am not a romance reader, so the two love triangles were a bit much for me. The inner thoughts of Vera and Alice revolved around their feelings for the men in their lives. I thought this an odd choice for a book that purportedly tells the story of the early suffragette movement. The writing is not inspired, the dialogue is stilted, and the story gets progressively convoluted and melodramatic toward the end. I was interested enough to finish but, in the end, did not particularly enjoy it.

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## The Way Of The Peaceful Warrior

The Way of Beauty is a beautifully written novel. Vera Keller is growing up in NYC in the early 20th century. She falls in love with Angelo Bellavia, whom she had known since she was a child, but her life is turned upside down when he introduces Vera to Pearl - the woman he intends to marry. Against everything Vera feels, she becomes dear friends with Pearl who opens her eyes to a world she did not know. Pearl has a strong personality and is a member of the Suffragette Movement. She asks Vera to help her take care of her son and Vera is drawn further and further into their lives.

The second half of the book is told from Vera's daughter's perspective - Alice. Also torn between two men she struggles with her own choices in love.

This novel was so beautifully written and the characters felt so real and well developed. I loved the setting of NYC, Penn Station, the Suffragette Movement, etc. I highly recommend this book. ...more

What a story! I think I say this every time I read a historical novel, but, I'll repeat myself again - "I am honestly not the biggest historical fiction fan" - BUT, I seem to have found an exception! I'm starting to enjoy historical fiction that is more based in the US and less WWII focused (although there are some favorites there, too).

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I don't read historical fiction all that often, you guys know I stick to my thrillers with a rom com or some women's fiction thrown in for some variety, but every time I do switch to a historical novel I wonder why I don't read more of them?! The Way of Beauty was such a gorgeous book in every single way, it was so amazing that I'm going to be reading DiMaio's other books ASAP.

The first half is set in the 1900s and told from Vera's perspective beginning when she's just five years old and it follows her up until her early twenties. Much of her story revolves around the suffrage movement and while I had a basic grasp of what went on, this book definitely taught me more and it was fascinating. These women were warriors in lipstick, such strong and inspiring people, it was fantastic to read about this movement in detail. The second half follows Vera's daughter, Alice beginning in the 1940s so you still get to check in with Vera which was cool. I absolutely adored both of these women and DiMaio created such beautiful and heartbreaking stories for both of them. They were both incredibly well drawn, I felt like I knew both of their hopes, dreams and fears and I wanted what was best for them in the end.

The setting of NYC was so vividly imagined, I'm telling you guys DiMaio is an amazingly detailed writer and the style was part romantic, a dreamy type of wonder and part crisp, cool containment, it worked so well for me. There is some epic romance as well, swoon worthy stuff, but not the cheesy type, the kind that makes you sigh in contentment. This one broke my heart in its beauty one minute and made me ecstatically happy the next, if you're a fan of HF this is a must read!

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Vera and Alice are both trying to fulfill their dreams. As first mother and then daughter come of age , theyâ€™ll each discover that love is the only important thing in life. I loved this book and highly recommend it!

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I loved the generational stories of families, hope and love. The contrast between the have and have-nots and the disparity of the rich and poor are mentioned. I loved the romantic descriptions of people as time goes on.

I appreciate the Woman's fight for the right to vote, and the consequences and heartache at that time. Also mentioned is War, and disabilities and hardships. There are also devastating conditions in factories and work.

I am impressed at the way Camille Di Maio uses the comparison of historical buildings, and beauty to the emotions, sentiment, memory and history of people who lived during that time. The symbolism of the decorative architecture that reminds people of first love, and the ups and downs and the various stages in life.

As modern time brings more conveniences, the buildings, the train stations, that men sweated to build seem to be pushed aside to make way for the new. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the past to merge and have a renewal with the modern world?

I am left thinking of so many things that are brought up in this novel. I highly recommend this story to everyone. There are some Kleenex moments. I received an ARC for my honest review.

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Camille weaves the timelines and characters storylines for a heartwarming tale, combining fact and fiction. She explores highly-charged topics of social classes, immigrants, women's rights, activism, and loads of history and lots of heart.

Highly recommend this author. Have read all her books and each one is unique with her own winning signature style.

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