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## The Friends We Made Along The Way

The Friends We Keep is the heartwarming and unforgettable new novel from Jane Green, New York Times bestselling author of *The Sunshine Sisters* and *The Beach House*.

## The Friends We Keep

Evvie, Maggie, and Topher have known one another since college. Their friendship was something they swore would last forever. Now years have passed, the friends have drifted apart, and they never found the lives they wanted--the lives they dreamed of when they were young and everything seemed possible.

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## The Friends We Keep Jane Green

Evie starved herself to become a supermodel but derailed her career by sleeping with a married man.

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## The Friends We Used To Be

Maggie married Ben, the boy she fell in love with in college, never imagining the heartbreak his drinking would cause.

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## The Friends We Keep Holly Chamberlin

Topher became a successful actor, but the shame of a childhood secret shut him off from real intimacy.

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## The Friends We Keep By Susan Mallery

By their thirtieth reunion, these old friends have lost touch with one another and with the people they dreamed of becoming. Together again, they have a second chance at happiness . . . until a dark secret is revealed that changes everything.



## The Friends We Keep Summary

The Friends We Keep is about how despite disappointments we've had or mistakes we've made, it's never too late to find a place to call home.

Really enjoyed this story of how friendships can change over time. And I loved that rather than featuring 3 women, it was 2 women and a man who were best friends. Made the story a little more unique. I believe this is the 7th book I have read by the author and I think this is one of her better ones.

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Evvie, Maggie, and Topher were as thick as thieves during their university days, but over the years they drifted apart. Now in their fifties, their lives aren't quite what they envisioned them to be back when they were young adults. Life threw each person some curveballs and not all of their dreams came true. However, they might have a second chance at happiness, but it might require not just being honest with each other, but also themselves.

The story bounces back and forth between the three friends and takes place during their university years all the way into the present time when they are middle-aged. I thought Topher got the short end of the stick in terms of being as represented in the story as the two women although his presence was felt much more in the second half. He felt more like a supporting character than a main character but I did like what the author did in terms of his storyline.

This story was a good example of how regrets and secrets can hold you back in life. I loved how rather than just kinda condensing the story and just following the friends into their twenties, we got to see them for a huge chunk of their lives. At times I would get frustrated with some of the characters but not because I thought they were annoying, it was more wishing they would make better choices.

Thank you to First to Read for the opportunity to read an advance digital copy! I was under no obligation to post a review and all views expressed are my honest opinion. ...more

## The Friends We Keep Goodreads

Friendship. Forgiveness. Life.

Jane Green has crafted an engaging story full of friendship, forgiveness, and finding out who you really are. Evie, Maggie, and Topher met at University where they forged a strong friendship that they swore would never end. A friendship built on love, respect, and trust. After university they all go their separate ways. Evvie does something to betray Maggie's trust, rather than telling Maggie she pulls herself even further away from the friendship. Evvie moves to N

York where she becomes a supermodel, Maggie works at a PR company, and Topher becomes a soapstar. Years later they all reunite at

Maggie's wedding to an old crush. The reunion is short as they all have their lives to live and then Evvie does something that might end this friendship forever. Fast forward and the three of them are in their 40s and they are all at a point in their lives where it makes the most sense for them to all live together. But as the three begin to get closer again, secrets begin to come out. Secret that may not be forgivable.

I love stories about friendships and that this was a friendship between two women and a man was a bit of a different twist that I found refreshing. I really liked all three of these characters even though they weren't terribly relatable and they sure did frustrated me at times. The story spanned many decades and I Love that. It is so amazing how much we change and grow through the years. How we let go of dreams and develop new ones. That really was evident in the lives of these characters. I probably was most sympathetic towards Maggie, because I could relate to her more than the other characters. I know what it's like to have a spouse who is an alcoholic, and if I'm being honest Maggie is a much more forgiving person than me. In oh so many ways!

This was a great read that will resonate with many. I think we all have those friends that we thought would always be part of our lives that we don't see much of any more. Although I have to say some of the characters in this book really push those friendship boundaries, and I am not sure if I would be so ready to forgive. Jane green has a engaging writing style that kept me completely invested in the story throughout. This was another wonderful read that I encourage you to add to your summer TBR!

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Friendship, forgiveness, and finding your way in life.

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The way Jane Green writes makes you feel like the characters are your friends and loved ones. My heart broke with theirs when they lost their way. My heart swelled when their friendships lasted through all of the ups and downs. What a credit to the way Green writes she makes readers feel that this story is special for them.

And the things the characters go through I'll say that I think most of us will have experienced at least one theme themselves. I did this as a buddy read with Berit and we discussed how we connected personally with these characters. How would we react in their spot? It was such a great friendship-building moment for Berit and I, and I think this is perfect to read with a book buddy or book club!

The story spans decades, and that is also one of the things that makes this unputdownable. Beginning at university the three friends meet. Evvie is lonely a famous, beautiful actress but without friends. Her cat-loving, uptight roommate just isn't a fit for her. When she meets vibrant and fun-loving Maggie the same day, they quickly swap rooms and find themselves to be instant best friends. Soon after, they meet Topher, a seemingly asexual male who shies away from physical touch, but is a truly outstanding friend.

As the friends grow up through university, I connected with them so much. Their whole lives are ahead of them, and it's hard for them to imagine life ever not being them living with their best friends. And then they transition to adulthood. Each on their own path, we see their lives unfold. They find love. They get their hearts broken. They lose touch. And eventually, they find each other again.

And when they come together, they struggle to tell one another the truth. Everything was not perfect.. Sometimes I do think we have the hardest time being honest with those we love the most., and Jane Green really plays with that theme here. `

My heart is so connected to these characters. I miss them, but I also felt that their stories are so

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satisfying. I want more but I also don't feel like I missed anything. Truly a beautiful book, and I'm excited to share it!

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## The Friends We Keep Book Review

When Maggie, Evvie, and Topher meet and live together in college, they can't imagine not having each other as best friends, and staying in touch for the rest of their lives. After graduating, Maggie and Topher leave for their new careers while Evvie gets stuck in town for an extra week. During that week she does something that could break the trust and friendship of her friends, especially Maggie, if Maggie were to ever find out.

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Over the next ten years, Evvie is busy with her modeling career, Topher is busy starring in a hit soap opera, and Maggie is busy with her PR career. Maggie tries to keep in touch with a reluctant Evvie. Then something happens where Evvie crosses an even more radical line in her relationship with Maggie and they grow farther apart over the years.

About the time that the trio turns fifty, all of their lives are at a place where living together seems like a good idea for each of them. But there are secrets, big secrets that can blow the relationships of these three friends apart forever. This story is about forgiveness, trying to get past terrible betrayals and hurts and deciding what is best for the future, for Maggie, Evvie, and Topher. I enjoyed the story despite not being able to relate to a lot of the decisions that are made in the story but it's obvious that letting go of the past can bring a better future, if letting go is possible.

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THE FRIENDS WE KEEP by JANE GREEN is an entertaining, moving, and unforgettable read that's a quick, light and easy summer reading story that is definitely worthy enough to read leisurely at the beach. Although it's a story with some substance that definitely made me hyper-aware of my own personal friendships and life experiences as well as some of those unhappy memories. This book felt so genuine to read and some aspects to the character's individual storylines totally resonated with me.

The book centers around the friendship between Evvie, Maggie, and Topher that begins when they were roommates at University and then fast forward to thirty years later when these three friends reconnect. In between, we get some insight into how each of these characters lived their lives and what events occur that ultimately brings them back together again. Of course, there are some secrets and juicy stories here to make this a fun and amusing read.

JANE GREEN delivers a compelling, intriguing, thought-provoking, and well-written read here that totally captivated and immersed me into the storyline. The characters were likable and relatable to a point where I thought that I alone was the intended audience. I love it when I connect so well to an author's writing style.

Norma's Stats:

Cover: Welcoming, summery, calming, relaxing and a fitting representation to storyline.

Title: Appealing, intriguing and absolutely loved how it played so meaningfully and fittingly into the storyline.

Writing/Prose: Well-written, readable, genuine, appealing, moving, engaging, and captivating.

Plot: Fun, amusing, insightful, memorable, fascinating, secrets, lies, hope, love, steadily-paced, absorbing, enjoyable and entertaining.

Ending: I had no issues with the way this story wrapped up and left me feeling quite happy and contently satisfied.

Overall: It was a light, quick and easy read that totally captured my attention as well as my heart. Would recommend!

Thank you so much to Berkley Publishing for gifting me an advanced copy of this book.

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## The Friends We Used To Know Danganronpa

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Evvie, Maggie and Topher meet on the first day of University. They become great friends and even, share a house at some point. Evvie, half-Jamaican, half-American, is a former child-star. She has a few weight-related issues she is going to struggle with through all her life. Pretty and stylish, she is also the only one who doesn't come from a wealthy family and has to work to earn her living. While working in a pub, she meets Ben, a fellow-bartender, who she calls Evil Ben because he behaves in a particularly unfriendly way towards her. Maggie, on the other hand, develops a crush on him and even has a drunken snog, only to be disappointed to find out Ben didn't remember much about that evening. Topher is sensitive, witty, supportive, and very uncertain of his sexuality.

After the graduation, Evvie and Topher find jobs in New York, while Maggie is about to start working in London. Evvie has to stay in the town for another week, which is going to mark all her life one way or another.

The story moves easily between the three protagonists as years go by. We see how Evvie becomes an internationally famous model, but still makes dubious choices as far as men in her life are concerned. Topher lands a role in a soap opera and has a great relationship built on trust and understanding. Maggie marries Evil Ben, who turns to be sweet, wonderful and great in bed. The three friends reunite on the wedding day and make a pact that if they happen to be alone in their 50s (very unlikely in case of Maggie, they think), they will come and live together.

As the story continues, they mature, make choices, wise and not so wise, and drift apart. Until they all meet together for their thirtieth university reunion. As their lives haven't turned out as they expected, isn't this a great opportunity for re-discovering themselves and their friendship? Only there are a few secrets and betrayals that might threaten this newly-found happiness unless they are honest with each other and try to understand and forgive past mistakes.

All the characters in this book are fully-developed and feel so real, that you get attached to them and keep turning pages to find out what happens next. I loved the way Jane Green chose to tell the story

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over three decades. This is life, and every friendship, every relationship develops in time.

I can highly recommend this great book to anybody who has wondered about the importance our friends have in our lives, about the reasons we drifted apart with some of our friends, about choices we made in life and how they played out, and anybody who believes in forgiveness and second chances. Thank you to Edelweiss and Berkley for the ARC provided in exchange for an honest opinion. ...more

Jane Green has been on my must read list since I first read Jemima J in 2001 (I was 14) and I can happily say, all these years later, she is still holding her ground on that list.

The Friends We Keep is a bit of a deviation from Green's other novels, it's focused more on friendship and that friendship over generations, rather than on more romantic situations. Of course, there is plenty of romance, coupling, uncoupling and drama here, but the friendship is really the foreground. The friendship here is between Evvie, Maggie & Topher, who become best friends their first year of college. Many aspects of their friendship are tested over the years and that saga is what unfurls in this story.

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In signature Jane Green style, there is just the right amount of cute British information (Maggie is our friendly Brit) coupled with our Evvie who is Jamaican by birth but raised in the USA, and Topher, a Greenwich expat in the UK! On paper, we'd never expect these three to fall into a lifelong friendship, but that is partially what makes their dynamic so interesting.

No matter what topic Jane Green is covering, she has proved to me that I will love her work. The Friends We Keep is one of her best and I hope you will all check it out and agree with me.

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