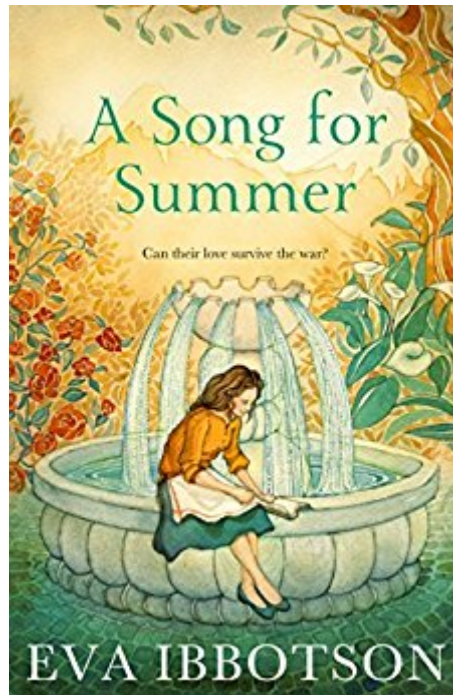




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When Ellen Carr abandons grey, dreary London to become housekeeper at an experimental school in Austria, she finds her destiny. Swept into an idyllic world of mountains, music, eccentric teachers and wayward children, Ellen brings order and joy to all around her. But it's the handsome, mysterious gardener, Marek, who intrigues her - Marek, who has a dangerous secret. As Hitler's troops spread across Europe, Ellen has promises to keep, even if they mean she must sacrifice her future happiness . . . A Song for Summer is an unforgettable love story from Eva Ibbotson, the award-winning author of Journey to the River Sea and The Star of Kazan.

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Customer Reviews

Like her other novels this too was layered with comparisons to whatever. She tends to get dis-tracked and the reader easily loses interest with everything else but the real story. Very disappointing.

Great book. I love reading Eva Ibbotson books. This was a great book about finding true love. I always love her main characters. They are strong wonderful women who are truly lovely inside and out. I always enjoy finding how they finally come to be with their true loves. I also love how her books are set in a historical time period and face the views of what was happening during that time. I love this book it is a great addition to my collection of books and can't wait to read it again and share it with my friends who also love a great story.

This was an enjoyable story with likable characters. The descriptions of the setting and the action of the characters were believable and the activities undertaken by the more eccentric persons were not over the top. The romance and main story were balanced by the descriptions of activities in the wider region as a result of the upcoming war and the manner in which people were dealing with the totalitarian actions Third Reich. This was an abridged version of the audiobook and I felt that there were some gaps to the story that could probably be attributed to the abridgment process. It is a good story and I would listen to this audiobook again.

Of all Ibbotson's books in this vein, this is my least favorite because the hero, Marek, causes a lot of grief by being ridiculously stubborn. It would give away too many spoilers to explain exactly what happens, and the event that causes him to be ridiculous is tragic and affecting, but...he is over thirty. You feel like he should be able to get over himself, and it seemed contrived to me. The setting of an somewhat rundown Austrian castle is a blast, and all the secondary characters--especially Ellen's family--really add something to the story. Ellen herself is an awesome heroine, spunky, smart, and happy in her own skin.

Classic light romance. As usual, Ibbotson's characters are quirky and charming. All her heroines are similar to Anne of Green Gables in their imaginative appreciation of what most of us consider the mundane things in life, and Ellen is no exception. The hero is a true hero, and defenestrates Nazis--what more could you ask for? The only thing I didn't like about the book was the ending. It takes its time in concluding--yet seems rushed at the same time--as the lovers encounter obstacle after obstacle, overcoming them over the years in the space of a few pages. Its excellent qualities notwithstanding, *The Morning Gift* suffered from this to a lesser degree. Nevertheless, Ibbotson is the sort of author who holds up to repeated rereadings, and I think *A Song for Summer* will prove no exception.

Took a bit long to get to my residence. Package a bit hard to open. Paged appeared a little souled in some parts of the book.

I love this book and it was in good condition when I got it. Well done!!!

You'll probably like this if you usually have your feel good stories with a splash or two of feel bad... The darker aspects add depth and interest to the story and characters. There is a lot of that special Eva Ibbotson sense of humor in here as well.

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