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An evocative wartime saga of a family struggling to face the future

Headline
With the Great War looming, one young woman also faces obstacles closer to home. Anne Baker's Echoes Across the Mersey is a thrilling saga of an impossible love, set under the storm clouds of war and class. Perfect for fans of Cathy Sharp and Katie Flynn. 'A heartwarming story,

Echoes Across the Mersey is the type of distinctly English book best read when sitting in the garden' - Liverpool Echo It's August 1914, and the threat of war weighs heavily on the people of Liverpool, but not on Sarah Hoxton. For Toby Percival, the son of her employer, is in love with her. Her mother fears they'll both lose their jobs when Toby's father finds out, but Sarah's prepared to risk everything for Toby's love. Maurice Percival is furious when he discovers his son is involved with a factory girl. Determined to defy his

father, Toby joins the army. Sarah is left facing what seem to be insurmountable obstacles, but with the help of her friends, family and a strength she never knew she possessed, she discovers there is a light at the end of the tunnel, though it shines from a different direction to the one she expected. What readers are saying about Echoes Across the Mersey: 'I could not put it down and read it within a couple of days... the author has a way of making you visualise everything from the people to the places, and is able to bring out so

many emotions whilst you are reading.'

Paradise Parade Pan Macmillan

In 1946, Alice Quigley returns to her childhood home on Penny Lane, having lost three sisters and her house in Bootle to the bombs that fell over Liverpool. Estranged from her husband Dan, who suffered from two strokes triggered during the Blitz, she finds comfort in living closer to her remaining sister, Nellie, and a cast of new neighbours. But they too have problems of their own: Vera Corcoran fears for her life at the hands of an abusive husband and Olga Konstantinov fled Russia to seek a new life in Britain. But even though the bombs have stopped falling, tremors still rock the family when Alice's reviled mother is kicked out of Nellie's home and seeks vengeance. Despised by her daughters, Elsie Stewart was a cruel mother and forced their father to an early grave. Alice is desperate to start a family of her own and be a much better example to her own children. But will this be with the man she's married to? And when visions from the past resurface, she soon uncovers a dark secret that her mother has kept hidden for so long . . .

Mersey Maids Headline

A young woman's desperate pursuit of love reveals secrets from more than one source... Anne Baker writes a compelling saga in *The Price of Love*, detailing the trials of life and love. Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Katie Flynn. Kate McGlory longs to be loved. Her seven younger brothers are cherished by their doting mother Lena, but Kate tends to be forgotten. Then Kate catches the eye of Jack Courtney and at last she too is adored. But their courtship is not straightforward. Jack comes from a family of wealthy ship-owners in Merseyside, who may not approve of the match; Lena is terrified that history will repeat itself if her daughter falls in love with a man above her station; and, worst of all, Jack has not been entirely honest with Kate from the start... What readers are saying about *The Price of Love*: 'Beautifully written, the characters come to life on the page as their story unfolds. I would highly recommend this book' 'The book is very hard to put down! Anne Baker is a superb writer and never fails to excite me'

Mersey Built: The Role of Merseyside in the American Civil War Headline

Some secrets cannot remain buried

forever... Anne Baker's thrilling saga, *A Pocketful of Silver*, follows a young woman growing up amidst clouds of secrets and intrigue, and her journey to discovery. Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Cathy Sharp. It's 1920, and Ellie Valentino is just like any other happy five-year-old growing up in Birkenhead. Although her father is dead, and her mother works hard, Ellie's grandmother, Bridie, is always there to provide a welcoming hug when the little girl returns from school. But, one tragic day, Ellie's secure world is suddenly torn apart with the mysterious death of her mother, and Ellie is forced to live with her uncle Mick, a man with a violent temper. As the years pass, Ellie's yearning to know the truth about her mother's death never fades - it even casts a shadow over her blossoming romance with childhood friend, Franco Baldini. For Franco knows more about that fateful day than he dares admit, especially to Ellie. Can their love survive when Ellie longs to uncover events that Franco is desperate to forget? And will Ellie ever find out what really happened to her mother? What readers are saying about *A Pocketful of Silver*: 'Definitely recommend, these books are very well

written and they're hard to put down once you've started' 'Brilliant book and a great story - a very enjoyable read'

War rips a family apart, but life must go on? Pen and Sword

The devastation of war has dramatic consequences for a mother and daughter... Let the Bells Ring is an evocative wartime saga from much-loved author Anne Baker, as a family face battles in life and love. Perfect for fans of Sheila Newberry and Cathy Sharp. Hannah and her mother Esme are lucky to escape when their home is destroyed during a bombing raid. Forced to move in with Esme's difficult sister-in-law, they make the best of things, and soon Hannah falls for the boy next door, Eric Goodwin. But Esme's worried; she's always been afraid of Eric's father Arnold, and she suspects that Eric is a chip off the old block, full of charm but up to no good. Is innocent Hannah being drawn into an unpredictable and dangerous world of crime? What readers are saying about Let the Bells Ring: 'I have read 14 of Anne Baker's books and have enjoyed every one of them. The books are easy to read with fascinating storylines. I couldn't put Let

the Bells Ring down and felt I was part of the plot. I found myself daydreaming about what I would do if I was a certain character in the book' 'This book kept me engrossed from the first to the last page' *A Pocketful of Silver* Random House
The fate and happiness of a family rest on the shoulders of two young sisters... Mersey Maids by Anne Baker depicts a family's battle against poverty, and two sisters' struggles in life and love. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Lyn Andrews. When widower Henry Knell loses his glove-making business to the Dransfields his life is well and truly ruined. With his six young daughters, he moves into rented rooms in a Merseyside back street. Meanwhile, Hattie and Maggie, the eldest girls, are trying to hold the family together. Sophie Dransfield's husband, Daniel, takes pity on the poverty-stricken Knells and offers Maggie a job as a maid in the Dransfields' nursery. Maggie's beautiful blonde hair soon catches the eye of Sophie's brother Tom, whose dashing brother, Luke, is equally enchanted by Hattie when she joins the household as a lady's maid. But the fortunes of the two sisters do not run according to plan... What readers are

saying about Mersey Maids: 'One of her best!... An absolute blinder' 'I could not put the book down - it was just like you were there'

Across the Mersey Headline

A young nurse hunts for answers, knowledge and true love. An evocative and moving saga, So Many Children by much-loved writer Anne Baker, details a young woman's battles with divided loyalties and the issues of yesteryear. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Lindsey Hutchinson. Beth Hubble has grown up in extreme poverty in Dock Cottages and although she loves training to become a nurse, problems at home are never far from her mind. Doctors have told her mother that, after fourteen pregnancies, she is too frail to survive another, but they will do nothing more. Beth is determined to help, but, in 1920, birth control is a taboo subject, and her quest for knowledge is thwarted at every turn. Meanwhile Beth has fallen for Andrew Langford, a hospital lab technician, who she hopes will take her away from the tenements for good. But will Beth ever find the love and happiness that she deserves? What readers are saying about So Many

Children: 'Was disappointed when I got to the end of this book. It was so good that I wanted it to go on forever. Was glued to it from the first page. Absolutely loved it. Fabulous reading! 'An engaging story and a stark reminder of family life in the early 20th century. Got completely engrossed with the characters, definitely a can't-put-down book!'

A moving saga of survival, love and belonging Headline

Evocative and heartrending saga of Liverpool during World War Two, from the author of AS TIME GOES BY – rising star Annie Groves

Twin sisters chase their dreams? Headline
With the scars of World War I still fresh, the Dransfield family face further challenges. When Steven Dransfield loses his fortune in the Depression, his wife Leonie is forced to save the family from ruin. But Steve resents the success of her dressmaking business and, trapped in a loveless marriage, Leonie is drawn into the arms of another man.

Liverpool Lies HarperCollins UK

A young woman discovers that all that glitters is not gold... Anne Baker writes a gripping saga of love, secrets and class

struggles in Paradise Parade. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Sheila Newberry. Living above her stepfather's fish and chip shop on Merseyside's Paradise Parade, Emily Barr is glad to escape to the relative peace of her job in Wythenshaw's jewellery factory. And when she is promoted to work for young Mr Giles, the son of the owner, she is the envy of all her workmates. What a catch he would be! Much to her surprise, Emily finds the eligible Giles is trying to woo her, and when he proposes she willingly accepts. But Giles is not the suitable suitor he appears to be and Emily soon discovers that the marriage isn't quite what she'd hoped for... What readers are saying about Paradise Parade: 'Anne Baker is a great novelist, every book I have read of hers is brilliant!' 'This book is an excellently researched book of the period. [You] really empathise with Emily and can almost smell the chip shop odours'

So Many Children Headline

'Mersey Built' chronicles the little-known commercial battle that raged between North and South during the American Civil War. The South relied on Europe for its military supplies, which the North tried to

stop with a naval blockade of all Southern ports. The South retaliated by destroying Northern merchant ships on the high seas, using war ships, secretly procured from British shipyards and smuggled out of Britain by sympathetic British captains using British crews. The Charleston-based business empire headed by George Trenholm provided a conduit for Confederate finance with its Liverpool branch acting as bankers for the Confederacy's procurement agents. Merseyside, with its extensive docks and numerous shipyards quickly became the epicenter of Confederate operations in Europe. Several British businessmen bought ships specifically to run supplies through the Union blockade, leaving relationships between the United States and Britain strained, close to breaking point. The book relates the history of Trenholm's commercial empire, its pre-war expansion into Liverpool and the pivotal role it played in supporting the Confederate war effort. The involvement of other Liverpool-based entrepreneurs and their successes and failures in blockade-running is described. Background histories of the Merseyside

ship builders who constructed warships and blockade runners for the Confederacy are included as well as several mini-biographies of the Liverpool-based captains who smuggled out warships and braved the Union blockade. Details of each ship built on Merseyside for involvement in the Civil War are listed. The role of the United States consular service and its extensive, Liverpool-based, spy ring is described, as are the efforts of the United States ambassador in London to influence British government policy on neutrality. The author, a direct descendant of a Liverpool ship builder, and a blockade-running captain, brings new insights and previously unpublished facts to light in this fascinating chapter of history.

Life Experiences of a World War II P.O.W.
Bookouture

Will she allow the secrets of her childhood to threaten the happiness of her future? Moonlight on the Mersey is an engrossing Liverpool saga which explores the complexities of family life, by much-loved author Anne Baker. Perfect for fans of Cathy Sharp and Nadine Dorries. Jill Ridley's childhood was one of loneliness and fear, and returning to her family home

in Merseyside to join her stepmother's medical practice she decides to uncover the truth behind such painful memories. The discovery of a photograph of her stepmother holding an unknown baby prompts Jill to ask questions. But no one seems willing to answer her. It is only when Jill's stoical step-grandmother, Victoria, tells the harrowing tale of her tragic past that the pieces of the puzzle start to fall into place. Coming to terms with shocking revelations, Jill must also face the future. The surgery's prospects are bleak; Jill's father is buckling under work pressures; and Felix Kingsley, a young journalist, has started paying attention to Jill - but are his intentions honourable, or is he using Jill to probe for secrets that affect his own family...? What readers are saying about Moonlight on the Mersey: 'Fantastic - a very good book' 'Five stars'

Liverpool Daughter Headline

When fate deals them a daughter, time threatens to take her away... The Best of Fathers is an unforgettable saga of family, hope and finding where you truly belong. Perfect for fans of Katie Flynn and Lyn Andrews. Childhood sweethearts Mary and

Jonty have battled against the odds to be together. Forced to run away from home because Mary's father disapproved of their relationship, they've built a happy new life for themselves. Now they long to be blessed with a child, but it seems that's not to be. Until one stormy night when a yacht is dashed upon the rocks near their home. Mary and Jonty rush to the crew's rescue. Amid terrible carnage, they manage to save a baby, who they name Charlotte and keep her as their own. Charlotte grows up to be devoted to her parents, but fate intervenes when she decides to train as a nurse in Liverpool. For Liverpool is where her 'real' family lives: and it seems that past secrets are to be uncovered - with shocking consequences. What readers are saying about The Best of Fathers: 'A great novel... I have read several of Anne Baker's books now and each one has been enthralling!' 'As always, a good, riveting story of Anne Baker's... Once started, very hard to put down. Excellent reading'

A moving family saga of romance, poverty and hope Headline

A mother and daughter fight for their right to happiness and freedom. Anne Baker

writes a moving saga in *Like Father Like Daughter*, in which a young girl struggles for a brighter tomorrow for herself and the mother she loves. Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Lyn Andrews. Rebelling against the domineering man she believes to be her father, Elin Jones runs away from her Welsh home to find a job on Merseyside as a maid in the wealthy Oxley household. Seduced and left pregnant by the son of the family, she feels forced to marry the butler, but finds herself condemned to a life of abuse and poverty. Only her love for her daughter, Laura, keeps Elin going. Laura grows up with her natural father's intelligence and drive, as well as his talent for business, and when she seizes the chance to buy an ailing company, it is the start of a meteoric career. But Laura's personal life is less of a success, and it will take a twist of fate to enable Laura and her mother to find love and happiness. What readers are saying about *Like Father Like Daughter*: 'Very moving story line. It was as though you were in the story with Elin and Laura - excellent book'

Daughters of the Mersey Bookouture

After chancing upon a lost dog, the course

of a young girl's life changes forever... Anne Baker writes a compelling saga in *Carousel of Secrets*, detailing life for a young girl and her family as everything changes, although not necessarily for the better. Perfect for fans of Lyn Andrews and Lindsey Hutchinson. It's 1931 and eighteen-year-old Greta is working in a laundry in Liverpool, where she lives with her widowed mother and thirteen-year-old brother Kenny. When a scruffy black and white collie follows Greta home one day, Kenny wants to keep the animal, but they can't afford to feed him. And so Greta tracks down the owner: Mungo Masters, a wealthy man who runs funfairs in three towns. Mungo falls for Greta, though he's her mother's age, and doesn't bother to tell her that he's married already. When Mungo gives Greta and Kenny jobs at one of his fairs, it seems life is looking up. But Mungo is not good news... What readers are saying about *Carousel of Secrets*: 'This book is an inspiring message of triumph over adversity and had me awake till early hours reading it' 'Great story. Could not put book down'

The Story of the WRNs Headline

A series of devastating truths threaten the

happiness of two sisters in wartime Liverpool. Anne Baker's *Liverpool Lies* covers the effects of the Second World War on two nurses, and the disruption of family secrets. Perfect for fans of Cathy Sharp and Lindsey Hutchinson. It is 1941 and Connie and Lottie Brinsley are training to be nurses at Liverpool's Walton Hospital. When heavy bombing is followed by the news that their home has taken a direct hit and their parents and little brother are dead, the two sisters are utterly devastated. Later, they are shocked to discover that their uncle, Steve, is not who they thought he was, and the Brinsleys have been living a lie for years. And Steve's not the only one who's hiding the truth, for when Lottie meets and marries Waldo Padley, no one tells her that he's a liar and a cheat. But, no matter what life throws at them, the sisters find the strength to face the troubles ahead... What readers are saying about *Liverpool Lies*: 'I found this book very enthralling and enjoyed it so much I have purchased several more books by Anne Baker' 'Excellent storytelling throughout. Could not wait to carry on reading where I left off. Good story and very well told'

A shocking truth changes a family's future forever HarperCollins UK

When trouble looms, family becomes more important than ever... In *The Wild Child*, Anne Baker writes a touching saga of two sisters overcoming their differences to face the future together. Perfect for fans of Lyn Andrews and *Dilly Court*. Raising her daughters alone, widowed Flora Wilcox often feels out of her depth. There's no problem with mousy Hilary, but Isobel is a wayward beauty who can never forgive her plainer sister for stealing her boyfriend, and will be pregnant before she marries. Worse, the father of Isobel's baby isn't her new husband - and when the truth comes out, her marriage is likely to hit the rocks. Hilary's life seems to be moving along more calmly, until her husband is badly injured in an accident. And, as she takes charge of his business, Hilary also faces the discovery that her adored children are struggling at school. There's hope if the sisters can pull together at last - but can they ever put the past behind them? What readers are saying about *The Wild Child*: 'Very good book, didn't want to put it down once started. This is the same with all books by

Anne Baker... She keeps me riveted'
New beginnings are threatened by the past in this gripping family saga
Headline

A young woman's search for her roots has dramatic consequences. Anne Baker writes an engrossing saga in *Nobody's Child* - a tale of family, love and finding a place to call home. Perfect for fans of Cathy Sharp and Lyn Andrews. When Dorothy Mortimer finds herself pregnant, she is sent away to family friends, the Benders, to have the child. Dorothy wants nothing to do with her daughter Lizzie, so the Benders arrange for the child to be brought up by the O'Malley's, a feckless family living on the estate. Lizzie is unaware of her parentage but her brother Joey is suspicious of the attention she receives from the Benders... Eventually he takes Lizzie to Merseyside to claim what is rightfully hers. But Joey's obsession to provide Lizzie with the riches she deserves leads to the destruction of their love, and Lizzie finds herself drawn to the family she has never known... What readers are saying about *Nobody's Child*: 'A rags-to-riches story, but with a good underlying tale of spite and greed. A little bit of

everything and a gritty ending - I couldn't put it down' 'A really good read, a bit like a mini-series on TV. I especially liked the way it kept me guessing until the very end'

A gripping wartime saga of family, romance and danger Headline

A poignant and dramatic saga set in Liverpool, perfect for fans of Katie Flynn, Annie Groves and Lyn Andrews. Praise for Anne Baker's Merseyside sagas: 'A stirring tale of romance and passion, poverty and ambition' *Liverpool Echo* It's 1937 and for sisters Lizzie and Milly Travis there's nothing quite like the thrill of the funfair at New Brighton. Amid the bright lights and whirling rides, Lizzie wins a lucky sixpence on a stall - as well as the heart of a handsome stallholder. Ben McCluskey isn't the type of man Lizzie's respectable parents had in mind for her, nevertheless the young couple embark on a whirlwind romance. Lizzie's mother worries that history will repeat itself when Ben introduces her daughter to a world she never knew existed. And, as war looms, Milly realises that her sister's luck can't last for ever...

Liverpool Gems Headline

The rain was pouring down; it was a cold dreary spring afternoon as April, in the big apple can be. My self, and the press pool, were standing out side the Court House, on the covered landing. We were waiting for the verdict to come in. The jury had been out, sequestered in a small room for six days; and were on the ragged edge!

The case involved the brutal murders of six known prostitutes, savagely beaten in there beds; with a baseball bat while they slept! The man charged with the crime, was an ex-Marine. A "Gulf War" veteran, with a history of street violence, mental instability at times; and an alcoholic! He saw a lot of action; and had medals of valor to prove it! To bad, he ended up this

way. I didn't think he fit the profile as a murderer! I was dropped off and left; at St. Jude's Orphanage, as an infant. My friends call me D.J. My name is "Damian Jude"- (Named, after the patron saint) By Sister Anne, the mother superior at the home. I never got adopted! I was a drug addicted baby! --- I'm a private investigator!