

CAT GARDINER

Novelist

Romance, 20th Century Historical Fiction,
Contemporary, Austen-inspired

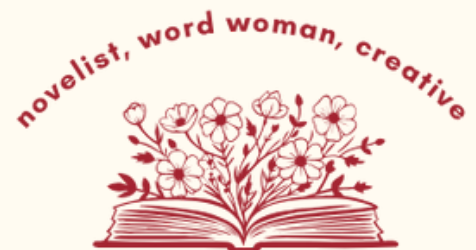
Cat Gardiner loves romance, happy endings, history, and comedy. A member of the esteemed National League of American Pen Women, she enjoys writing across the spectrum of the romance genre from Contemporary to Romantic Comedy, 20th Century Historical Fiction, and Pride and Prejudice-inspired.

Apart from her husband, her greatest passion is writing Historical Fiction, WWII-era. Her debut novel in this genre, *A Moment Forever*, was a 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Award Romance Finalist.

Cat takes her readers on a swell journey at The 1940s Experience blog and gallery where she shares her writing, home front reenacting, and the stories of those who lived through the trials and joys of the era. It is her belief that everyone should have an understanding of the 1940s experience.



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FLYING WITH THE SWALLOWS

THE LISBON AFFAIR VOLUME ONE



***An unforgettable reading experience about one woman's brave determination to prove she is more than a do-nothing aristocrat and, in her journey of self-discovery and sacrifice, finds a second chance at true, unconditional love. ***

New York City, 1943: War widow and Best Society's darling Mrs. Evelyn (Evie) Rousseau Somerset is five months into mourning her husband's death when her family insists on an untenable plan for her future. Desolate and disenchanted with life, she's determined to remake herself and prove she's something more than a useless socialite—regardless of what her senator brother and domineering mother demand of her.

A previous clandestine job at a newspaper provides the escape she's looking for: a trip to Lisbon, the spy capital of the world, to use her money and connections to rescue a family of German Jews stranded in neutral Portugal. While crossing the Atlantic to Lisbon, she meets handsome and enigmatic Carl Wilson, a cocksure, ill-mannered American musician with an agenda and secrets of his own.

Armed only with sophistication and moxie, Evelyn reluctantly welcomes Carl's invitation to a new world—one that ultimately lands her as a secret agent for His Majesty's government.

RENDEZVOUS IN BERLIN VOLUME TWO

An unforgettable, breathtaking WW2 saga of one woman's wartime determination to do her bit and make her mark on history.

March 1943: New York City Socialite Evie Somerset's liberating adventure in Lisbon opens the door to the dangerous world of wartime espionage as a swallow—an agent—within Great Britain's Secret Intelligence Service.

Without Carl Wilson's supportive presence, Evie is thrust into the rigors of training in England armed with nothing but determination to prove herself to her superiors and fellow recruits. But, when a letter arrives from home, Evie is faced with unexpected demons. She must bury them, and the accompanying emotions, to focus on her mission as Salzburger aristocrat Eva von Lamberg visiting Berlin, the heart of the Nazi war machine.

Her perilous infiltration into German High Command's social circle is aided not only by a resistance network of wealthy, high ranking officials but also her new skills at deception. Convincing her mark, a General within the Wehrmacht, of her affection is tantamount to gaining access to the information she seeks.

The mission brings Evie face to face with evil, humanity, and painful crossroads. Will she be able to separate her heart, which belongs to Carl, from the acts she must commit as a means to her success? Will she and Carl make it back to each other? Or is the end result of their respective missions a fait accompli with no future for either of them—just a legacy left behind after the Official Secrets Act ends?

WHAT ARC READERS ARE SAYING...

"This is exciting, end of your seat reading. It is exquisitely written with such details you can actually feel the tension, the emotions and the exhilarations of Evie as she walks through this book."

"Incorporating well-researched fictional and non-fictional historical characters, the writing is evocative and captivating, the romance is passionate, and the angst is real."

"The emotional and exhilarating feelings of reading this book and *The Lisbon Affair* were SO WORTH IT!!"

PUBLICATION DETAILS

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