



## Reviews for DESTINY REVISITED

### by Eleanor Tremayne

1. *Wow Wow Wow Wow.* I found “Destiny Revisited” by Eleanor Tremayne to be *absolutely riveting!* I mean the brief description doesn’t even remotely come close to properly conveying the magnitude of themes, events and experiences of this epic tale. In a weird way it kind of reminded me of “Forest Gump”, but more literary and romantic, and also with an R-rated side. We see so many stories and experiences of the past era through both Gabby and Jake’s eyes, and live with them through the innocence of love, the horrors of war, the despair of loss, and the unexpected beauty of life and literature. I began reading it one night after supper with every intention of reading just a few chapters but I quickly found that I could not put it down. Not only is the introduction intriguing, but Eleanor’s writing is so lyrical, descriptive and evocative - she frames the story as more of a psychological/historical exploration of power of love and how the past is a big part of our present and who we are, versus a straight ‘romance’ just talking a linear love story. It is quite lengthy but absolutely worth it. The editing was flawless, and the ending was perfect – just enough closure, and just enough to make you want more. A remarkable journey that will not soon be forgotten and I would love to read more from Ms. Tremayne in the future. (5 stars)
2. It’s not often that I am blown away by a novel, especially one from an author I’d never heard of. But “Destiny Revisited” by Eleanor Tremayne knocked my metaphorical socks off. So much depth, with layer after layer revealing more of the past – and the present - as we go along. There is mystery (what does the “Death Box” represent?) and an emotional complexity that exceeds what I normally see in literary novels. The detailing of the era and places, whether it’s the South in the 60’s, or Vietnam, or Ireland... and then experiencing the present with Gabby’s life and the direction it has taken has an intensity that constantly compels you onward through to the bittersweet end – which isn’t really the end. A compelling look at a life done in a way that is raw and edgy, but authentic and touches the heart whether cultural or

- emotional – from racial to the war, drug abuse and relationships – the way everything makes us who we are, and the significance of life and love. I would love to read anything else she writes, and recommend this novel with highest of praise. (5 stars)
3. What an amazing book. I truly feel like Eleanor has raised the bar in several ways in her novel “Destiny Revisited” has more substance and real life issues, events, and is literary and raunchy and shocking and so sweet... even surreal and philosophical. But this is all wrapped around a love story to end all love stories. Seriously. Especially when we get to the end and see what’s really inside the box and what she does... it brought tears to my eyes and their chemistry and love transcends even death. This story takes us right into Gabby’s world and we see her life - and past- unfolding before our eyes. It does start with the death of Jake, but both his--and their-- story has just begun. Together though both their first person perspectives we see the experiences they had that shaped both their lives, for better or worse. I was disappointed when I reached the ending, only because I really didn’t want it to end – even though it has consumed the last two weeks of my life. It’s rare to find a book that you ‘experience’ and not just ‘read’, and this was an incredible, eye-opening experience I won’t soon forget. (5 stars)
  4. This book covers so many literary elements it is impossible to sum up, but definitely an emotionally inspiring story with well-drawn characters whom you grow to care about deeply. But it is also informative on various parts\_of life that we might not think about—culture in Civil Rights South, during the war... so much! It is so impressive how Ms. Tremayne writes their story and does so in a way that asks deeper questions and finds more meaning – more poignant than just “telling about” something that happened to two people in the past. Very literary and not exactly what you would call ‘action-packed’ but more ‘character-driven’ (although a lot happens – it’s never slow or boring). There are darker moments, and some heavy subject matter. I’m glad I read this and would recommend to adult readers of literary fiction. (5 stars)
  5. In “Destiny Revisited”, author Eleanor Treymayne shares with us a fascinating, emotional, jaw-dropping, heart-wrenching world that once we visit, we don’t want to leave anytime soon! Some of the most realistic and genuine personalities I’ve encountered in a long time, anywhere, and I thought the narrative and descriptions were wonderful; I could picture everything happening perfectly. Literally felt like I was there with Gidgit or Kennedy or MLK, or in the trenches of war, or touring the majestic greenery of Ireland. Tremayne has a masters in Literature and it shows. She has the ability to create convincing stories and lives of these characters whom we love, but also incorporates a sociological/existential questioning (and examination) of life itself – (like the Butterfly concept). Everything from politics and struggle for freedom.. so many ideas that could have been overwhelming and convoluted if

handled by a less-talented author, but Tremayne pulls it off with an effortless grace. We are not just bystanders in this story, but engaged throughout, actively experiencing the good and bad from their unique perspectives. Covers such a wide scope of the human experience and brings the past to life in a realistic and relatable way. How the book ends, is a little confusing -- while not a *total* cliffhanger, there is much to be answered and explained... I looked on Amazon and was pleased to see that "Destiny Revealed" is available and I'll be downloading it ASAP!! (4-5 stars)

6. I thought "Destiny Revisited" by Eleanor Tremayne was excellent and had many of my favorite themes and qualities of my favorite types of books, plus some unusual situations I haven't really read before. Great combination of everything from first loves and friends, living in different country for a while, facing challenges, love, war, death, toxic relations an emotional spirals and more... such a kaleidoscope of life, and I like how it is set in a different era much of the time and in a convincing way with Tremayne's astute detailing..... even though this book is most likely categorized as 'literary' as opposed to genre fiction of 'romance' or 'drama' or suspense' or any of those narrow descriptor, it encompasses them too.. I like her implementing the philosophical ponderings and conversations of the different experiences and this helps distinguish it from a run-of-the-mill 'genre romance or drama". Eleanor is amazing with her characterizations and bringing them to life and relating events in ways we could completely empathize with. There's one part I particularly loved – it's the very end of chapter 46, with the conversation with Life and Death... *chills*. I feel I could go on an on but even the most positive review won't do this book justice. I think what I liked the most about this book was how Eleanor managed to make this epic journey into one that felt intimate, like a close friend was telling me this really incredible story that I didn't want to stop listening to. The ending makes me want to read more because their story is not done yet!! (5 stars)