

# WITHOUT A TRACE

## Lesley Pearse

**Lesley Pearse author of 23 books to date. She writes a compelling story that has you emotionally invested in the characters right from the beginning.**

Lesley was told as a child that she had too much imagination for her own goos. When she grew up she worked her way through a number of jobs, including nanny, bunnygirl, dressmaker and a full time mother before at the age of forty nine, she became a published writer. She has become an internationally bestselling author, with over seven million copies of her books sold worldwide. International number one bestselling author Lesley Pearse brings a compelling story of courage, friendship and love in her brand new novel Without a Trace.

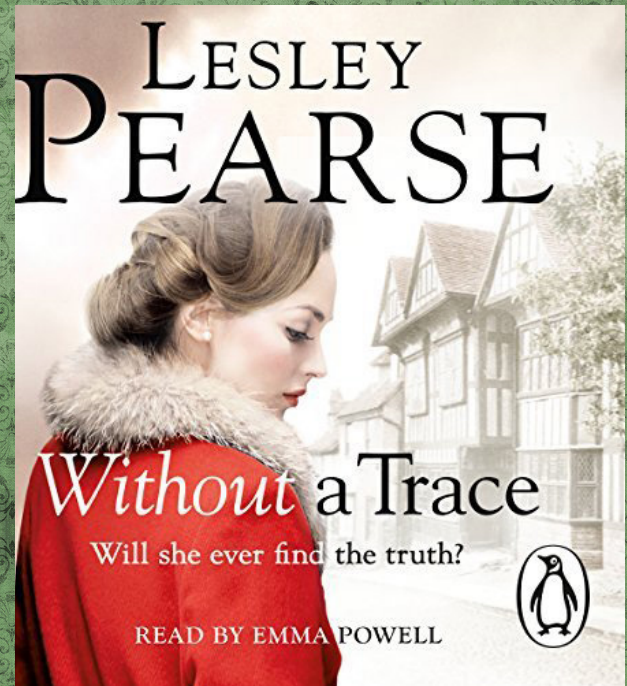
### SYNOPSIS

Coronation Day, 1953.

In the Somerset village of Sawbridge, young shopkeeper Molly Heywood slips away from the celebrations to her friend's cottage and makes a shocking discovery: Cassie is dead and her six-year-old daughter Petal has vanished without a trace.

In her grief, Molly seeks help from her childhood friend George, now the village policeman, but no one can find Petal. The only clue is a letter from London, where Cassie once lived. Despite George's reluctance and her growing feelings for him, Molly resolves to go to London in the hope of discovering the missing child.

Arriving in the big city, Molly quickly learns it's a dangerous place for a country girl on her own. But there's hope too - in the Blitz-ruined East End, she unexpectedly finds friendship with strangers from Cassie's past and, with handsome, mysterious workman Charley, the possibility of something more. However, the closer Molly gets to the truth, the more perilous her journey becomes. She has given up everything - her home, happiness and a chance at love - all to find Petal. But is she also risking her life?



Review by Patricia Kruger

You really feel as if you are there alongside Molly as she battles through life to find her happy ending. This is a novel of mystery, romance and also of a journey. We see transformation from a young girl longing for independence but yet unwillingly to break free. The writer shows a character of self determination out to achieve her fulfilment for herself and justice for her friend. Without a Trace is simply an unmissable book, chock full of depth and emotion. The story was a bit slow, did not expect twist at the end. Good... but not as gripping as most of her other novels.



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