

One Last Summer

Allenstein, East Prussia, 1939 - Charlotte von Datski's parents hold a glittering ball to celebrate her eighteenth birthday and to announce her engagement to a Prussian Count. But Hitler is about to plunge the world into war - and East Prussia will be wiped from the face of the map.

Charlotte is forced to leave behind her beloved homeland and flee to England. By 1946, Charlotte finds herself in London with her young son, struggling to adapt to a new country and a new way of life. But she carries a secret that both strengthens and torments her - and when a book entitled *One Last Summer* is smuggled out of a Russian prison camp and becomes an instant international bestseller, that secret is revealed. The book tells of an affair between a Russian POW and a Prussian aristocrat. Years on, Charlotte's granddaughter, Laura, comes across material relating to these events and persuades her grandmother to embark on a journey into her past. As Charlotte recalls the one great love of her life, she finally faces the demons that have haunted her for over half a century.

Praise for Catrin Collier

Moving, heart-warming, impossible to put down - **Evening Star**

A powerful take of survival and hardship very well crafted and with strong characters all of which help to make this an engrossing story

- **Publishing News**

A top-notch story of life and love in a Welsh community, peopled with superb characters and not to be missed. - **Bolton Evening News**

Collier has a gift for bringing her characters to life. This book will keep the reader engrossed until the end. - **The Daily Mail**

The lovers suffer a series of setbacks worthy of Thomas Hardy, which could see them parted forever - **The Journal**

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