

BOOK REVIEWS MARCH 2026

The German Wife by Kelly Rimmer

This book is based on fact regarding "Operation Paperclip" where German scientists were forcibly moved to the USA to work on rocket programs with NASA. It was a race to the moon and Russia had also taken top German scientists to fulfil its mission of space travel.

Jurgen Rhodes is a scientist with a passion and lifelong commitment to sending rockets into space. His wife Sofie is "the German wife". They are intelligent, reasonable people who are complicit with German cruelty/murder for the sake of their children, all of whom have been indoctrinated with insane ideology, not to mention Jurgen's passion for science. Their move to Alabama in the 50s puts them on the receiving end of hatred since everyone knows they are probably war criminals.

Kelly Rimmer lives in Orange, NSW and owns a book shop there.

Average Rating 7.6/10

The Dust That Falls From Dreams by Louis de Bernieres.

This is a very long, often sad epic detailing the lives ruined due to WWI. The writing uses letters and diary entries and third-person narration to tell the story which focuses on the McCosh family and particularly daughter Rosie. After losing her fiancé and finally marrying Daniel, she eventually moves to a tea plantation at Nuwara Eliya in Sri Lanka. I really enjoyed the detail included in this novel. However, some members did not enjoy the writing style. Ratings ranged from 3 - 8/10, quite a range.

Average Rating 6/10