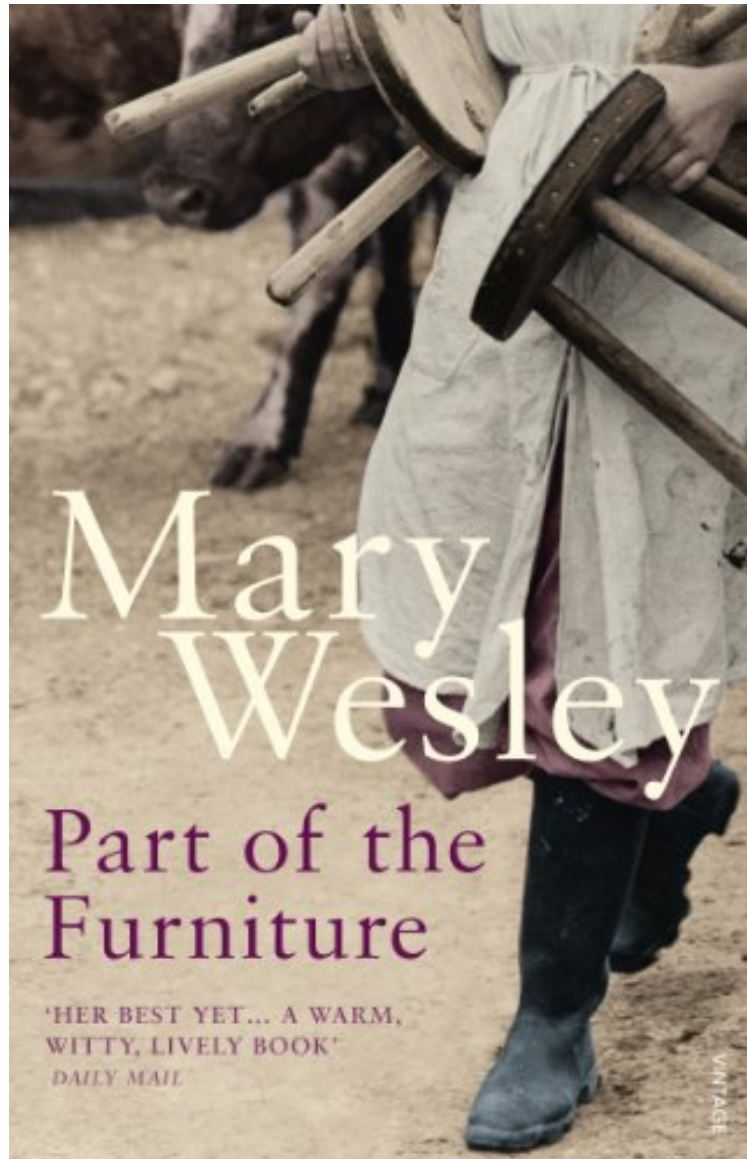


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Von Mary Wesley

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Von Mary Wesley : Part Of The Furniture before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Part Of The Furniture:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wesley Does It Again!Von Ein KundeO.K., so the fix is in. Mary Wesley is my favorite writer, so naturally you would expect I would love her latest book, "Part of the Furniture." Of course, you are right -- and boy did I! Wesley is now 85 years old and her writing seems to get better with her age. In this great book, the main character, Juno Marlowe has to find

out the difference between adolescent and real lasting true love. The novel takes place during WWII, but this is only secondary to romance, the true focus of the novel. As usual, there is plenty of comedy that can be found here as well (one of Wesley's trademarks). While I cannot say this is Wesley's best book ("An Imaginative Experience" still gets my vote for best Wesley novel), I can say that "Part of the Furniture" is damn close. I recommend everyone who enjoys a well written novel, to try all of Wesley's ten novels to date.

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World War II Fairy Tale
Von Jo Manning
The only negative thing anyone can say about Mary Wesley's novels is that there are so few of them! Not one of England's most prolific authors, Wesley is nonetheless one of its most unique writers. Each novel is a gem! (Harnessing Peacocks is my all-time favorite.) This bittersweet fairy tale concerns the intrepid Juno, who, betrayed by her girlhood heroes (a pair of beastly cousins off to fight WWII) in the worst way imaginable for a young, impressionable woman, goes on to survive and prosper, surrounded by love and affection. A triumph of the human spirit, it's a May-December romance readers will hold dear to their hearts.

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An excellent read.
Von Ein Kunde
It is so nice to read a wonderful romance novel without all the hot detailed sex scenes that American authors seem unable to write without. The was my first Wesley novel -- but it won't be my last.

Kurzbeschreibung
Seventeen-year-old Juno Marlowe has just waved off to war the two young men she has loved for the best part of her life when the air raid sirens begin to wail out across London. She is rescued from this nightmare by a gaunt stranger called Evelyn, frail and older than his years, who offers her the protection of his house and his family before dying suddenly in the night. Determined to avoid being sent to Canada to join her mother and new step-father, and still grieving for her lost lovers, Juno instead finds herself on a train to Cornwall in search of Evelyn's family. There she discovers the blossoming of an English spring into which the war only occasionally intrudes and finds at last a peace for herself and a world in which she is more than simply part of the furniture.

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The heroine of Mary Wesley's latest novel, *Part of the Furniture*, is 17-year-old Juno Marlowe, a girl possessed of both extraordinary innocence and remarkable courage. We first meet Juno during the World War II blitz of London; she is suffering the twin effects of rape and having to sleep next to a dead stranger during an air raid. Other novelists might have chosen to plumb these traumatic events for several chapters at least, but Wesley gives them no more time than she thinks they deserve and then moves quickly on to the heart of her story, which takes Juno far away to the western corner of England to deliver a letter from the dead man to his family. Here Juno meets the stranger's father, a man considerably older than herself, and finds her soulmate. If there's such a thing as a steely-eyed romantic, Mary Wesley is one. On the one hand, she deals with death, rape, and other horrors with unsentimental straightforwardness and humor as black as a coal cellar; on the other, she is a firm believer in love's ability to heal even the deepest wounds. The pleasure of reading *Part of the Furniture* is observing this surprising marriage of love and pragmatism, as well as the unexpected twists and turns Wesley throws into her tale of loving during wartime.

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"A novel whose freshness of tone, energy of plotting and sweet nature make it exceptional by any standards" (Sunday Telegraph)
"Few novelists offer such a rich concoction of amoral spice and cleverness; but to judge her work exclusively on this level is to miss more subtle rewards" (Mail on Sunday)
"With its brilliant final twist, this is Mary Wesley's best yet" (Evening Standard)