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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Bestseller Andrews provides another round of light historical fiction, with themes similar to his last book, *The Lost Choice*. This time the person finding historical artifacts in his yard is Andrews himself. (Fact or fiction? It's tough to tell, and some readers may find that confusing.) While trying to dig out the roots of a dead wax myrtle tree, Andrews's shovel hits a tin containing WWII artifacts—buttons, photos, a badge and medal from a German U-boat officer. Andrews, who lives on a Gulf Coast island, immediately begins researching U-boats in the Gulf of Mexico during the war. Who did these items belong to? How did they end up buried in his yard? What happened to the German officer and the family shown in one of the pictures? The questions lead him to uncover the past: a U-boat officer washed ashore, critically injured; a desperately bitter young war widow; a crazed Nazi; and a cast of characters from a sleepy undeveloped beach town. The underlying theme concerns the necessity and nature of true forgiveness, portrayed through the story and in occasionally didactic dialogue that may grate on some readers. But many are sure to love this sweet tale, simply told. (June 2)

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About the Author

Hailed by a *New York Times* reporter as “someone who has quietly become one of the most influential people in America,” **Andy Andrews** is a best-selling novelist, speaker, and consultant for the world’s largest corporations and organizations. He has spoken at the request of four different United States presidents and recently addressed members of Congress and their spouses. Andy is the author of three *New York Times* bestsellers. He and his wife, Polly, have two sons.

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Andrews tells the story of an unlikely love affair between a German soldier stranded in the U.S. during WWII and a young widow struggling to move beyond the loss of her husband. Andrews himself is a character in this historical novel, set on an island along the Gulf Coast. He lends his own perspective to the events as they unfold, as well as his gentle, relaxed drawl. Andrews's pacing is superb; he gives locals of the town distinct and likable personalities that fit both his character descriptions and their actions. While this is not great literature, Andrews's reading and the general amiability of the town and its people make for a welcome escape. H.L.S. © AudioFile 2005, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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