



Bangkok in Times of Love and War

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1941. War is raging in Europe and now sweeps through Southeast Asia.

In Bangkok, Kate Fallon, an American nurse, who came to Thailand to leave her past of poverty and a broken heart behind, and Lawrence Gallet, a wealthy English journalist, are trapped in the chaos of conflict, believing their love can overcome their differences before being torn apart.

Lawrence flees to China to escape the advancing Japanese army, while the net closes slowly around Kate, who has remained behind, increasingly threatened and forced to hide her identity.

A sweeping saga moving from a Thailand uneasily poised between Japan and the west to the ravaged battlegrounds of Burma and India, from the charity ward of the Bangkok hospital to bombed airfields, from the Thai domestic resistance movement to the deadly jungles of the Arakan, ***Bangkok in Times of Love and War*** is the story of life and death, passion, loyalty and loss, and of a man and a woman caught up in the upheaval of history.

Claire Keefe-Fox was born in Italy of French and American parents and grew up between Europe and the USA, however, she always felt a special affinity for Asia. Her love affair with Thailand began when she saw a replica of the Bang Pa In pavilion at the world expo in Brussels and she has been coming to Thailand almost every year since 1975. She has written three novels in French and one in English, *Siamese Tears*. After serving for four years as director of Alliance Francaise for Thailand, she returned to university in Paris to complete her degree in Thai language and studies, constantly trying to deepen her knowledge of the country which she feels is her second home, and now divides her time between France and Bangkok.