

## SYNOPSIS

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* is a novel written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. It is an epistolary novel consisting of the letters written by the characters. The characters correspond each other. There are so many characters in the novel who are separated because they live in different region. Some of them live in London and the others are the Guernsey Islanders. The story focuses on the story of Guernsey Islanders during Germany occupation in World War II. Juliet Ashton is a journalist who tries to find a topic for a series of articles for *Times* magazine. When she is confused because she has no idea about what to write for the magazine, she gets a letter from Dawsey Adams. Dawsey Adams is a Guernsey Islander who finds a book owned by Juliet, a name written in that book. At first, because he is so interested to Charles Lamb's writing, he hopes to get more books written by him.

He writes a letter for Juliet Ashton while hoping she has another Charles Lamb's book. In his first letter, he says that he finds the book after he joins with The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a literary society built during World War II. By reading the Charles Lamb's book, he finds joyfulness during a hard condition of Germany occupation. On other hand, Juliet feels interested to the literary society. She thinks that she can write about the literary society's history for her responsibility towards *Times* magazine. She thinks that a story about a literary society in Guernsey Island during Germany occupation will be a new interesting topic for the *Times* readers.

When she says that she wants to know more about his literary society, Dawsey Adams asks her to write a letter for another member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, Amelia Maugery. When she writes a letter for Amelia, Amelia answers that she needs to know more about who she is before giving and letting her know more about the literary society. Juliet Ashton who really wants to write about them, she asks her two friends to write a letter for Amelia and to say who she is.

She is successful in making Amelia believe that she is a good and trustworthy woman. Amelia then starts telling the history of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by describing that Elizabeth McKenna is the founder of it. It is a literary society that is founded unexpectedly because of Elizabeth's brilliant idea that has successfully changed their lives during the occupation. Juliet then gets some letters from the other members of the literary society and what she hears is many stories about their hard lives during the German occupation and about Elizabeth McKenna, the good and the bad stories about her. In one hand, Elizabeth has helped so many war victims during the World War II. She becomes one of the war volunteers who are active in helping the war victims. She also becomes a nurse who sacrifices herself for someone who needs her help. After helping one of the Todt workers, a group of workers who are forced by Germans, she is punished. The Germans send her to a prison camp, *Ravensbruck Concentration Camp*. The Guernsey Islanders feel loss because of Elizabeth's leaving. It makes them sad because they hear no news about her until there is a letter written by Remy Giraud from which they know about Elizabeth's death.

Other heroic acts Elizabeth does during her life as a prisoner causes other punishments she gets. Remy tells that Elizabeth McKenna has helped her and other woman prisoners during their lives in the prison camp. The climax of the colonizers' anger is when they decide to kill Elizabeth as the consequence of her fault. She is killed by a colonizer who shoots her.

Juliet also gets a letter from another Islander named Adelaide Addison from which she gets bad stories about Elizabeth McKenna. She tells to Juliet that she is a traitor who builds a relationship with one of the colonizers, Doctor/Captain Christian Hellman. They are unmarried couple and Elizabeth delivers a baby, Christian's baby. Elizabeth McKenna is also called as irresponsible mother because she leaves her daughter who is raised by the members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. After hearing a lot about Elizabeth McKenna, Juliet concludes to write about Elizabeth McKenna.

Juliet decides to visit Guernsey Island to get deeper feeling so she can write wholeheartedly about Guernsey and its Islanders. The Guernsey Islanders with whom she correspond feel so amazed and happy accepting her coming to their hometown. The story then moves to Juliet who lives in the Guernsey Island. It is about how she really enjoys living in the island. The end of the story goes to another Juliet's story besides others love story she has in the beginning of the story, which ends unhappily. Juliet falls in love with Dawsey and it is told that Dawsey asks her to marry him. Juliet accepts his proposal and she is sure that she can live happily as a married woman and maybe one day she will write another story about a happy family.