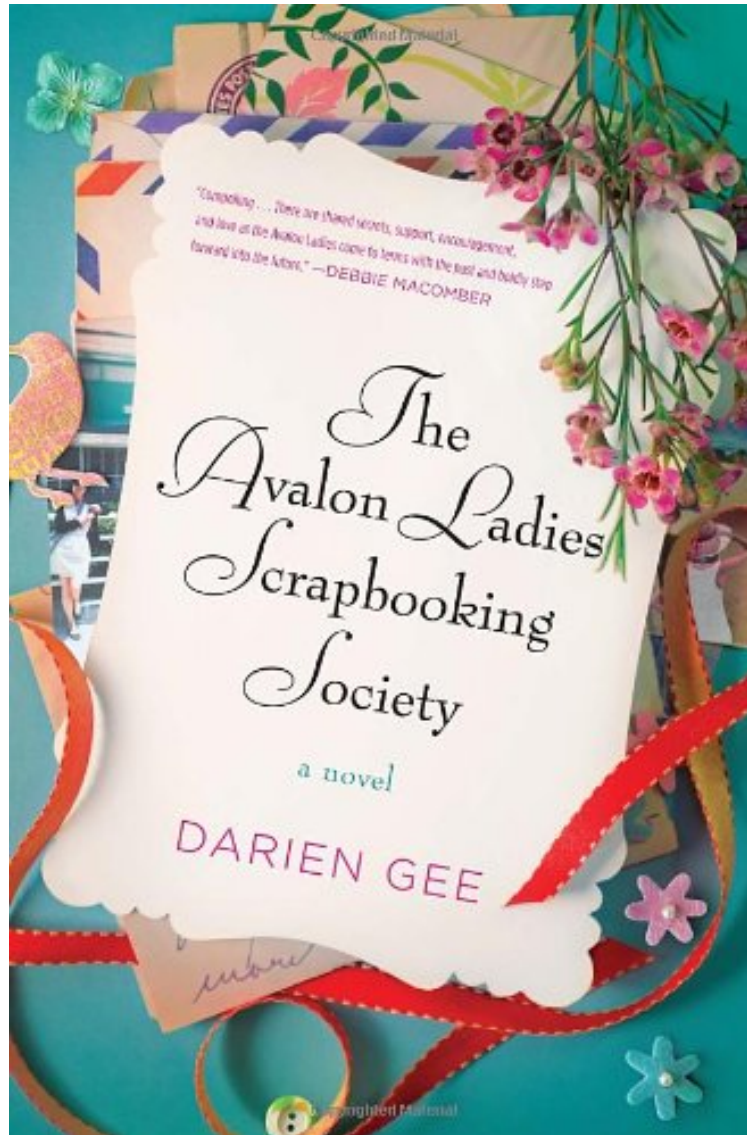


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Darien Gee : The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society: A Novel:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I fell in love with this story By Angela Risner The Sassy Orange This is the first novel by Darien Gee that I've read, though it's her second. Her first novel, Friendship Bread, is also set in Avalon. This book appears to feature four main characters: Frances, who is a mom to growing boys and is getting ready to adopt a baby girl from China; Yvonne, who is new in town and is trying to get her plumbing business up and

running; Isabel, who is starting over and still angry at her late ex for his betrayal; and Ava, who lost the love of her life and is finding single motherhood difficult to navigate when money is tight. And you will enjoy reading about each of these ladies. In the end, the true main character is Bettie, founder of said scrapbooking society, whose appearance at your door usually elicits groans. She usually shows up when you are your wit's end. As the story unfolds, however, Bettie shows up just when you need someone the most. Much like *Cats*, I laughed, I cried, it became a part of me. It's just a beautiful story, sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and incredibly satisfying. It's like a snow day, where you stay home and curl up in your favorite chair to read. Highly recommend. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Can I give it 4.5? By LBscraps The story was interesting, especially as I'm a scrapper, but I didn't find the characters as developed, or as interesting, as I'd have preferred. I don't mind books with a lot of characters, but it's vital to make sure they are clearly defined early on. The odd introductions to the trucker scrapper, as well as a few others, felt like they were thrown in with no real part in the story. Also, the crops that Bettie put on - along with her bargaining around and being so outspoken - weren't all that believable. I wanted to love the book, but I'd give it 4.5 stars if I could. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really enjoyed this! By Jill Bikowski I got this as a special from Book Bub. I scrapbook and thought it might be interesting. Well, it was but not for the scrapbooking. One character, who organized the Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society as a means for selling her scrapbooking products, is a continuing thread through all of the other characters. Her neighbors slowly come to grips with the mundane parts of their lives and make life-changes. Scrapbooking meetings and the subsequent making of scrapbooks teaches them to memorialize and eventually value their life journey and thus to appreciate where they are in their lives. Her efforts pay off for her in the friendships she develops that end up helping her through her own life challenge.

Perfect for fans of Debbie Macomber, Beth Hoffman, and Sarah Jio, this luminous novel from the author of *Friendship Bread* follows a group of fascinating women who form deep friendships through their love of scrapbooking--as memories are preserved, dreams are shared, and surprising truths are revealed. Welcome to Avalon, Illinois, Pop. 4,243 At Madeline's Tea Salon, the cozy hub of the Avalon community, local residents scrapbook their memories and make new ones. But across town, other Avalonians are struggling to free themselves of the past: Isabel Kidd is fixing up her ramshackle house while sorting through the complications of her late husband's affair. Ava Catalina is mourning the love of her life and helping her young son grow up without his father. Local plumber Yvonne Tate is smart, beautiful, and new to Avalon, but finds that despite a decade of living life on her own terms, the past has a way of catching up--no matter where she goes. And Frances Latham, mother to a boisterous brood of boys, eagerly anticipates the arrival of a little girl from China--unprepared for the emotional roller coaster of foreign adoption. Enter Bettie Shelton, the irascible founder of the Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society. Under Bettie's guidance, even the most reluctant of Avalon's residents come to terms with their past and make bold decisions about their future. But when the group receives unexpected news about their steadfast leader, they must pull together to create something truly memorable. By turns humorous, wise, and deeply moving, *The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society* is a luminous reminder that the things we hold most dear will last a lifetime. "In a gathering of women there will always be compelling stories. Throw in a love of craft and these stories take on a whole new dynamic. There are shared secrets, support, encouragement, and love as the Avalon Ladies come to terms with the past and boldly step forward into the future."-- #1 New York Times bestselling author Debbie Macomber

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