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His Brother's Wife (Days Of The Judges Book 2)



Synopsis

Hannah has endured six years of a brutal marriage to a husband who used her barrenness as an excuse for his cruelties. Just when she thinks she can endure no more, Levi falls in the river and drowns, a release too good to be true. In a nation that guards land rights, under the rule of levirate, or brother-in-law, marriage she must go to another. What she does not know is that her husband's brother Joshua has loved her from afar every day of those six years. Having broken the Tenth Commandment, Joshua cannot believe God is now giving him his heart's desire. Surely there must be some punishment to come. And there is, but not at God's hand. At Levi's. He just never expected to die before his greatest act of malevolence played out, and Joshua and Hannah are left caught in his scheme.

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Customer Reviews

This is a sweet, touching and emotional story of Hannah who has been abused by her husband Levi, who dies shortly after the book opens. Hannah is now free to heal emotionally and physically and for the first time in a long while have a happy life. But due to Biblical Law she is now to become the wife of Levi's brother, Joshua. What Hannah does not know is that Joshua has been in love with

her ever since he met her years ago and has stayed away from her because she belonged to his brother. Now with the Brother-in-Law marriage performed they both have things to learn about themselves and each other. Reading this story to see how Hannah and Joshua would grow to trust and love each other and escape the legacy that Levi wrought was enjoyable. I would have liked to see the two main characters spend more time with each other...a bit more interaction between them to see the relationship blossom even more over time. Instead Hannah and Jacob were separated by circumstances due to Levi's treachery, separated possibly a bit longer than they should have been, nevertheless the story was strong and the research into the times of the Judges was evident. This story was very well done. This is also a sequel of sorts to *Temper the Wind*, which was a fascinating love story and not to be missed, many readers will be pleased to have an opportunity to visit with Taleh and Javen again.

Joshua is a metal worker in the village in Gilead, his brother runs the family farm but Joshua has never wanted to farm, he gave up his land to Levi in order to pursue his dream. When Levi marries a girl from another village after the death of their parents Joshua is happy for them. He doesn't meet Hannah until the wedding but once he talks with her and after he gives her a gift he made for her he realizes that he's in love with his brother's wife. Joshua decides to stay away from Levi and Hannah so they won't know how he feels. He does visit the farm to help Levi when asked but otherwise he has no interaction with Hannah. When Levi drowns after six years of marriage Hannah's prayers are answered. Because she is barren Levi has abused Hannah and she is afraid that one day he will kill her. But Hannah has forgotten the law, if a man dies and has no issue, his brother must marry his wife and their child will become his brothers. Hannah is terrified, will Joshua abuse her as Levi has done? They will never have children because she is barren and if he doesn't want to marry her what should she do. Joshua knows the law and he cannot believe that God would give him his heart's desire, surely he cannot be rewarded after he has coveted his brother's wife. Another wonderful touching read from Mary Ellen Boyd. I have really enjoyed this series. This is a topic that has to be handled carefully. This book was very well done.

I really liked this book and would highly recommend it. It started out a little slow, but soon picked up. It is a story about a man in 1157 B.C. who beats his wife, and the brother who is secretly in love with her. Her story goes into detail about the damage done to her physically, but mostly emotionally. The man, in a drunken stupor, drowns and the brother has to, by law, take over all aspects of his life. This book is well-written with a believable plot, and a great ending.

Again, the author does a fine job of bringing an ancient era alive. There are a few historical errors, however. First, there were no coins yet in the 12th century BC, as they weren't invented until the 7th century. Second, I am a spinner and a weaver, and I can assure you there is no way any number of women could have woven a piece of cloth large enough to contain a two-person pallet on one loom in one day (although I have helped weave a shawl in one day, in a sheep-to-shawl contest at a county fair). Also, archaeology has shown that the classic Hebrew house at this time was the iconic 4-room house, which was generally built of adobe bricks and usually had beaten earth floor. Stone floors or walls would have been only for the very rich. The slave huts would also have been adobe, as wood was scarce, and the back walls of all the houses would have been joined in a defensive circle, as was the case in family settlements in this era. The characters, however, are very well drawn and 3 dimensional.

His Brother's Wife was a fabulous read. I loved it. This is book 2 in the Days of Judges series and it was even better than the first which is a rare thing. I couldn't put it down. Hannah's story was intriguing and I couldn't wait to see how it played out.

This Christian romance has a Biblical perspective, where if the husband died, and there were no children, then the husband's brother will marry his sister in law, to keep the family's name going. Good story, finished in a few hours. Liked this author's book.

This sequel is as good or better than the first in terms of being a quick read with some interesting points and setting. However it is often repetitive in terms of describing the main characters physically. There is a neat plot twist ending.

Hm-m-m-m-m what to say about this book. Ok, got it! WOW! I simply could not get out of this book! When I wasn't reading it, I was thinking about it and wondering what happened! I didn't want it to end and was sad when it did. This author puts you right into the story. She should definitely write more of these types of books. She's very detailed and gifted! Get this book! You won't be sorry!

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