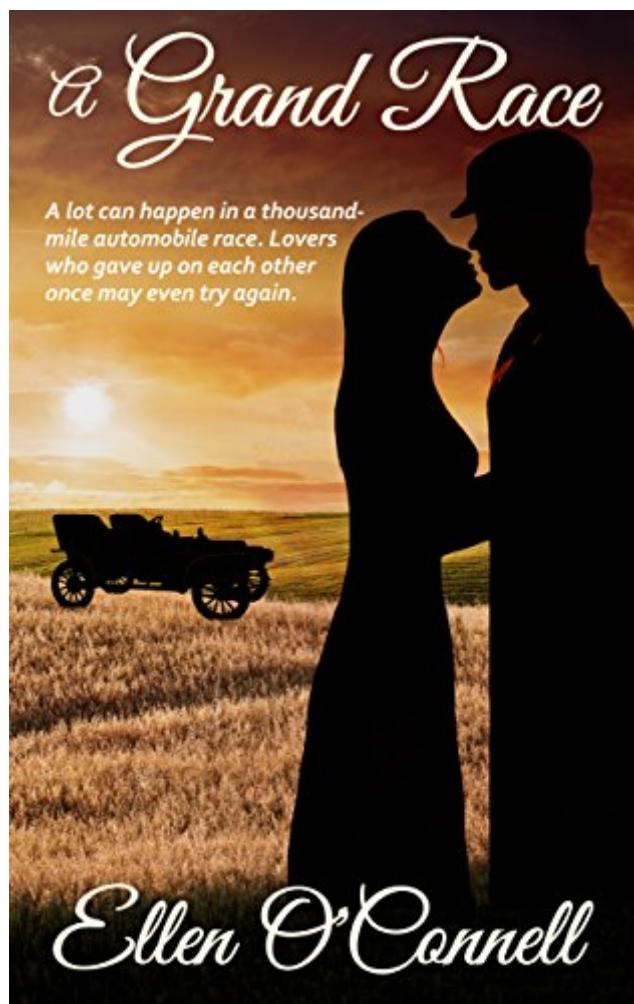


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# A Grand Race (Sutton Family Book 3)



## **Synopsis**

Caroline Tindell arrives in St. Louis for the thousand-mile 1905 Great Plains Automobile Race expecting a comfortable ride in her cousin's Pierce Great Arrow. Instead, she endures an unsettling encounter with the rogue who broke her heart six years ago, a seat in the back of the automobile with the luggage, and long moments of terror when the speeding Arrow plunges off the road. Jamie Lenahan's brief conversation with Caroline before the start of the race evokes regret and painful memories. The way she left him years ago didn't surprise him. The effect she still has on him does. At least since her cousin roared off among the pacesetters, Caroline will be safely out of sight, if not out of mind, for the rest of the race. Caroline is not out of sight, however. There she is, sitting stranded by the side of the road. What can a man do except stop and offer her a ride?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ellen O'Connell is one of my favorites, but I was disappointed with this one. I didn't like the plot to start with. I guess old car race stories are not my cup of tea. It just didn't have the rich characters or story line that I have grown to love. It can't possibly compare with Eyes of Silver, Bad Man, Sing my Name, etc. I will look hopefully for another book from this author as well as a return to the type of stories I love.

I don't think Ms O'Connell can write a bad book but this is not one of her strongest. That's the only reason I didn't give it 5 stars (which I reserve for Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold and Beautiful Bad Man. So far.) It is a great road romance however, and watching the sparks fly between Jamie and Caro was fun. Plus you learn a bit about classic automobiles along the way. Likeable characters, good plot; the only drawback was that it ended too soon and I wanted more. Waiting patiently for her next book. :-)

In the past I only read historical novels. I read quickly and I read frequently so over time it just felt harder and harder to find an interesting historical novel. I finally moved to contemporary novels and found myself drawn to books about outlaws, mafia members, mc clubs. At first I did not realize that what I really like in a book is a H and h who flout the rules although the "rules" in 1905 are clearly different from the "rules" in 2016. Caro and Jaime ignore the rules of their day to a large extent and I for one loved it! Caro reminded me a bit of one of my all-time favorite heroines, Katherine from Dancing on Coals. I was surprised at how much I enjoyed this light-hearted book. Honestly, the blurb sounded a bit boring. I was not too sure about an automobile race. I should have known Ellen O'Connell's beautiful and witty writing would pull it off! This was quite an enjoyable little romp and a rather clever plot device. Very happy and very romantic. This made for a quick read. I am glad I read this book. It gave me the happy tingles!

My least favorite by this author but still very readable. The characters, as always, come to life in no time. Looking forward to reading the next book but hoping it'll be something new, not again a Hubbell story.

I love reading Ellen O'Connell's stories. A Grand Race is book three in the Sutton Family Series. The book tells the story of Jamie, who we met in book two. The couple face social difficulties as he is an Irish immigrant and she a daughter of a rich family. The story unfolds during a two week long car race and the strive to overcome their doomed and painful past. They race again all odds and fight for a future that is against them.

She is my very favorite author. I love her books. The H & h in this book had not stood out to me in the previous books so I had to go back and read previous books to familiarize myself with them. They turned out to be great characters in this book and it was a good story but it did not "grab" me

as did my "favs" did (Eyes, Sing, Dancing, and Without Words). IMO the characters in these books had more depth with greater insight into even the secondary characters feelings than this book. It felt more like a novella to me. That said, Ellen is an Auto-buy for me. I personally like her that her book covers are not like many others with the same unrealistic "six-pack" guy on the front that are on thousands of others. She works hard to design her own covers that are unique to her. This is a good read with feisty h and tolerant H. Recommend all her books highly.

This was not only a great love story, but an exciting historical account of a time in history that many don't know about. The two main characters were exceptionally well-written and I also enjoyed how the author tied the secondary characters into this story. This was an enjoyable storyline from start to finish.

You will always enjoy every story Ms. O'Connell writes so you can never go wrong taking the time to read her books. That said I couldn't quite connect to the characters of Jamie and Caroline as much as I have her others. I really enjoy romance stories that take me through the start when the couple actually first meet and I get to see them falling in love. Here it's different because that all happened already and circumstances pulled them apart. So we pick up of the two seeing each other again after years of ignoring each other. It just didn't quite have the same depth as all her other stories. Either way I can't wait for more from her. This author is an automatic read she is that good.

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