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After savagely quitting her job, Lorena Durrell finds herself returning to her hometown of Tucson, Arizona. Searching for adventure she decides to visit a historical Indian site -- the Montezuma Well. While exploring the Well she encounters an Indian woman who puts into motion a series of events that catapult Lorena out of 2017, and into a desolate, unfamiliar Tucson in the year 1826.

Propelled through time, Lorena is dropped into a world ran by outlaws and cowboys—where she must quickly learn to adapt-- not only for survival, but to shield her heart. For Alexandre Castro, a young cattle herder, shows her a love unbound by time. Leaving Lorena with an unbearable decision; return home to 2017 or plunge blindly into her deepest desire.

Disclosure: Bound Through the Ashes contains dark subject matter and may not be suitable for all audiences. Reader discretion is advised.

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Anne says

Interesting Historical Novel

I won this book on Goodreads. I'm glad I did. I love how it began in present day and then went back in time in an unusual way. I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

Kimberly Butler says

I could not put this book down. It has from the first sentence in the book. I love how the book just flows from one chapter to the next. I cannot wait for the next book in the series to come out. I cannot wait to read about Lorena and Alexandre again

Thomas Trimble says

I am not a true fan of romance novels. However, I am a great fan of time travel as the basis for a book. This kept me interested. A good book to read.

Chrissy says

I received this e-book through a GoodReads giveaway. I enjoyed this book overall. I did however feel like Lorena lost herself along the way. I don't know if was intentional or not. At the beginning of the book she is strong and independent. The further into the book that I got the more Lorena became dependent on Alex. This can be understandable because she is out of her time and he protects her. However, the more attached Alex became the more possessive he became. I felt like Lorena's character was lost a bit because of this. At the beginning of the book I do not feel that she would not have let any man basically say that she was his possession. It was like after she went to the well as second time it seemed like she was a different character. I did like the relationship between them aside for the possession. I also liked how the storied handled the aftermath of the attach on Lorena. That the loss of the baby and the attach affected them both equally and the only way to get though it was together. I also liked that Lorena kept talking about things from the future, and would use modern slang. I liked how Alex would be confused and it would make me laugh. Unlike other time travel books that I have read that has the character pick up on the speech almost immediately and don't slip up. It felt realistic. As I said, overall I enjoyed the book.

Shelly says

I won this book through the giveaways on Goodreads. I read this story in one day. I believe this is the authors first published story but am not 100% sure. If it is her first, it was very well written and the characters were

fairly easy to relate to. However, even though I can appreciate that the story was interesting and well-written, some of the subject matter was too dark for my taste. I have read stories with extreme graphic violence and have felt the story redeemed by the end. In the instance of Bound Through the Ashes, even though the story takes an upward turn for the better by the conclusion, I was left feeling darkly depressed and disappointed by the story. Not a feeling I enjoy. In my personal opinion the reason for me feeling disappointed in the story is that I do not generally like stories where the heroine is a literary punching bag, always getting dumped on emotionally, physically etc. (I mean, of course, a disproportionate amount in my view). I'm not talking about the absence of ANY struggle and conflict. I was also a little confused by some of the decisions that were made by the main characters, Alexandre and Lorena. Knowing that there was imminent danger and taking extreme precautions and then all of a sudden doing an about face and deciding that there was no need to be hyper-vigilant. To me, their behavior was not character consistent and that bothered me. That may be more of a flaw on my part than the characters in the story. I do not know. I do know that this story was not my cup of tea. Even though it was a very interesting plot and very well-written, it was much too dark for me to continue reading other installments.

Diana Aden says

I normally read medieval, regency, or Victorian historical romances but since I won this historical romance from a giveaway on Goodreads, I thought I would quickly read it and offer a voluntary and unbiased review. Instead, I found myself having a very difficult time finishing this book.

Bound Through the Ashes is a time travel romance. I have read other time travel romances though most were from present to either medieval, regency or Victorian periods. In Bound Through the Ashes our heroine, Lorena, travels from current day Tucson to mid-1820s Arizona when she goes to visit Montezuma's Well. After meeting an old Indian woman she goes with a native guide who will get her back to Tucson. They meet some nasty characters. She is rescued by our hero, Alexandre Castro. It becomes pretty obvious they are attracted to one another but Lorena is determined to get back to the present.

I had no problem with the main characters in this work. Or the gist of the story. My biggest problem was in some of the incongruous information and terminology presented. I feel the dialogue of Alexandre's character, as well as others, was more suited to an old western novel set in the latter half of the 1800's. Tucson at the time purported, 1826, was under Mexican rule. It did not officially become part of the United States until 1854 after the Gadsden Purchase. When Lorena meets Alexandre he was on his way to Tucson to get supplies to take back to his "homestead." In Tucson he takes her to a "saloon" and gets her a room and everyone spoke English. Also, most of the men in the saloon were wearing gunbelts. Later there was a scene when he gave her a cup of coffee made with a metal percolator. (I believe they were invented later.) Also, another scene when Alexandre was teaching Lorena to shoot and he handed her a loaded revolver. Colt didn't come out with the first revolver until 1835.

There is some darkness, i.e. graphic violence, to the story told about Lorena and Alexandre as well as steamy love scenes. Lorena didn't always make wise decisions in her old life as well as her new. I feel she was fortunate in finding love with Alexandre.

Rating: 2 1/2 to 3 stars

Judy says

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This was a good western time travel. Actual one part may have you in tears. Very well written but I didn't like the ending because you would need to read the next book to see what happens to Lorena and Alexander.

Tracy says

I won this book in Goodreads give away. Historical fiction is my favorite genre. With that in mind I was somewhat disappointed that there was not a lot of detail historically. The story read like a romance novel and was full of detail regarding the relationship of the two main characters. The author did a good job with character development. I found the characters interesting and believable. This is the first in a series of four. So the ending leaves you hanging for book 2.

Lourdes says

If you love historical romance, and time travel, then this historical romance will have you turning the pages, I won this book from Goodreads. I really enjoyed and can't wait for the next series.

"I squeezed his hand, trying to reassure him. "The rebellion, I think we were meant to take part," I said, in a whisper. The reality of the situation finally sinking in. Had I not come to be in 1826, Alexandre would never have had to kill the Underwoods, and would be able to stay in his homestead to grow old. Our actions catapulted us into the rebellion, and our survival would depend on our ability to adapt. I only hoped our love for one another would strengthen with the trials to come."

You will definitely enjoy this book. I'm ready for the next!!
