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Fleeing a typhus epidemic in Boston, Roxanne Sherwood ran headlong into a band of Indians and was immediately taken captive. At the mercy of the fierce warriors, Roxy feared for her life...until a white stranger claimed her as his wife. His well-fitting buckskins outlined every detail of his tall, muscular body, and the smoldering look in his dark eyes left no doubt of his desire. To secure her freedom, the Indians declared Roxy must share this man's bed along with all the intimacies of a married couple. Could she possibly trust the rough-riding frontiersman to introduce her to the pleasures of being a woman? Torn between duty and desire, society and survival, Roxy was sure of only one thing: he must win her heart before she would fully surrender to being...CALEB'S BRIDE.

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KatieV says

Oh, for the love of God! That was quite possibly THE stupidest book I've ever read.

Sad thing is, I was warned. I often check out JennyG's ratings before reading something, because I almost always agree with her exactly (or within one star) in the rating. Well, I agreed alright! One star and that's only because you can't give negative stars. Good heavens, why do I allow my morbid curiosity get the better of me. Will I ever learn? It's like I can't resist reading something if I'm strongly warned off of it and, so far, I've always regretted it.

I've read several Hess books and enjoyed them. I loved Fancy. This, however, seemed to have been written by a different person. I know this was one of her earlier novels and apparently she grew a lot as a writer. The characters were one dimensional. The romance was non-existent. There was absolutely NO emotional depth. I can't think of even one nice thing to say.

Some disturbing things happen in this book (lots of slapping women around, including the H slapping the h twice. Women getting raped left and right, and a rather detailed description of one character's brutal rape by her uncle at 12 followed by all her cousins piling on). Thing is, I wasn't emotionally disturbed, because I didn't give enough of a crap about anyone in the book to even bother being disturbed. I just couldn't bring myself to take any of it seriously.

It was just WEIRD and insulting to those of us who are from the mountains of the southeast. Ms. Hess owes the entire state of KY an apology.

Yes, I'm sure there were some rough characters in what was considered the frontier in 1776. I'm sure women (and men) had a rough life. But I seriously doubt that EVERY single man was screwing EVERY woman they encountered and then passing them around to their friends. Even the h's uncle (who was portrayed as a good guy) had sex with his mistress right in front of the heroine. Oh and the mistress was freely shared with his son. Apparently sometimes they even went to see her together. *And these were the 'good guys'* Good, wholesome family fun right there.

The heroine was completely unbelievable. She was a properly raised young lady from Boston, but she sure caught on fast to the bizarre behavior going on in KY. She flopped her boob out right in front of her male cousin to make the H jealous and to turn him on. Really?!?! Who does that?

This had all the depth, dialogue, and substance of your average 1970s porno. It was almost funny.

Janet Holderman says

I love this woman's books. They keep you captured.

Lorka says

I usually like Norah Hess's books, however, there were a few things that turned me off about the book. One being the guy was a man-whore and the over-all story was really far-fetched.

Greeneyes Belle28 says

Excellent

Simona says

very non-pc. one of her earliest books, I think one can find all elements you will find in other books. despite a very poor plot, I liked the book because of the large number of may-december pairings. also the heroine being virgin and then getting desires like man is one thing she does best. another peculiar aspect you'll find in other books exist here too, not every character gets there ending, happy or otherwise. it bugs me as an epilogue with all the babies from different characters would have left a sweet impression after the rough ride each of them got earlier in the book.

A few pet peeves. (view spoiler) But I am thinking of writing an epilogue to resolve those to my satisfaction.

Readitnweep says

The summary of the plot was interesting, though her journey out west away from the epidemic, was a missed opportunity - and I couldn't buy off that she'd go unescorted at that time in history. It wasn't the only one. I thought the idea behind the plot was interesting - and there were some good bouts with description and historical touches, but the emotional journey was too easy.

Natalie F says

A bit filthy for my taste

I normally like this author but this book was a little bit on the filthy side. Okayish plot..her other books are better.
