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"A grand historical romance . . . Filled with passions, heartbreak and death." Chicago Sun-Times.
Liliane. Carolyn. Courtney. For half a century, they would devote themselves to the people of Simbayo, women healers bringing faith and hope to a beleaguered land . . . and to each other.

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Deanna says

I first read this book when I was 13 or 14... read it again when I was 20. Quite enjoyed it both times. :)

James Digate says

This is the only book I have read by this author. I see it is her first novel and she has written many more since. I picked it up at a library sale, liked the topic and noticed the high ratings on Goodreads. With all that said, I must say this is among the best novels I have ever read. I personally think it is up there with "Gone With the Wind" and should be considered a 20 th Century classic. It is excellent in every way and deserves the highest rating possible, in my point of view and I read a lot. Don't pass this one by. It is a keeper and you will want to read it more than once. I am looking forward to reading other novels by this author. When I read a story like this, I honestly feel that people that don't read are living in tunnel vision. Enjoy!

Jessica says

One of my favorite books!

Sue says

I could not put this down!!! Its thick but it is so good you get through it quickly.

Skip says

A very descriptive book , but too long spanning too many generations. I felt she could have stopped after her daughter.

Anne says

EAST OF THE SUN, Barbara Bickmore, AFRICA, Belgian Congo, Rhodesia, South Africa, 1926-1981. This prequel to West of the Moon which I read last year, had me fully engaged...a story of love, of loss, of monumental changes as the African countries achieved their independence, of turmoil and brutality...and how the Europeans brought modern medicine to the stone age tribes of the Congo.

Fay says

It's been years since I read it but I remember it to be a very good read!

Jessica says

I can't wait to read more by this author. She lived in Anacortes which is a short distance from my town.

I loved the strong female characters. It follows a woman, her daughter and then her grand daughter in Africa. (from the Congo to Zimbabwe.) It follows and talks about people who are not conventional. It's about wanting to make things better. It is about people who have money who use to help others mostly in the medical way.

Thank you , sister-in-law Tracy for giving it to me for my birthday.

Summer says

I loved reading this saga about Africa. I read this in middle school for the first time and thought it would be the neatest thing in the world to go over there and run a clinic. There was a scene where it told about the native women in that particular part of Africa and how they squatted all day that way for hours on end. I found that incredible and had to try it myself. It didn't work so well for me...

NanCcan says

Barbara Bickmore's heroines and even her male characters have an inspiring drive to make a difference in other people's lives.

One also learns some history of the African continent in both this book and its sequel, West of the Moon. An extremely enthralling, satisfying read!

Hannah says

To classify this epic novel as simply "historical romance" is doing it a great disservice. Is there romance? Oh, yes. And it is bittersweet and devastating. But, at its heart, it's so much more. It's a medical drama, an epic portrait of the African continent and the struggles of its people, a feminist manifesto about three generations of women who lived extraordinary lives as they helped the sick and dying. It's also easy to think this book is just another "well meaning white people go to Africa to bring God and modern medicine." And it's not, at all. It might spend the first pages letting you think that, but it is not.

Lyrical and beautiful, this book flows seamlessly, sweeping you away into the jungles of Africa. I fell in love with Liliane from the first page. Her ambition, perseverance, and strength drove this book until the very end, despite tragedy and despair. The secondary characters were no different. You will fall in love first with

Baxter, then with Marsh, and share in Liliane's heartache. You will be devastated and heartbroken. You will feel everything. The heat and humidity of Africa will envelope you as if you were actually there.

Getting sucked into this beautiful book was a privilege and a pleasure.

Manuela says

Una bella avventura, tra il centro e il sud africa, con protagoniste tre donne coraggiose e profondamente umane, nelle scelte e nelle passioni, che però deve fare i conti con un ritmo in alcuni tratti fin troppo prolisso e lento.

Ally Budd says

Loved this - cried buckets!

Shannon Kelly says

Historical fiction...very intersting story which spans several generations of women in Africa, from the Congo to South Africa. Slightly over dramatic at times, but a good read.
