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Abandoning everything she had ever known, Abigail Trent left her family and chose her fate--to ride with Zeke Monroe, half-Cheyenne scout, into the unexplored west. Together they faced peril, until Zeke found his mother's people and became Lone Eagle, turning his back on the white man's world. To stay with him, Abigail must become Cheyenne too--even if it means death and warfare.

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Tonya Lucas says

Rosanne Bittner's- Ride The Free Wind, book 2 in her explosive Savage Destiny Series, takes us on the journey of Cheyenne Zeke and his Abbie girls first years living with the Cheyenne. It's a beautiful time and place for Abbie while learning the life and love of the Cheyenne people. Rosanne Bittner's eloquent description of the Cheyenne ways, their great hunts, and the sun dance ritual will leave a huge grip around your heart for these beautiful people. Enjoy the history and ride the free wind.

Stephanie Jenkins Ortiz Cerrillo says

I'm not sure there could ever be a greater love than the love between Zeke and Abigail. So many trials and tests go up against the couple that could end the best of relationships yet their love just grows. Abigail is just a white child when she falls in love with the half breed Cheyenne buck but she grows to be a great white Cheyenne woman that is loved by Zeke's Cheyenne family and tribe. So many things happen in the 2nd book, Ride The Free Wind. There is more death, births, tragedies, fear of the future for the Cheyenne and all Indians, the influx of the white settlers into the West that wreaks havoc on the Indian way of life. The whites bring disease and take over more and more of the land the Indians had always hunted on and traveled on freely. Yet there is adventure, human growth, spirituality, reunions and beauty. How can one couple endure so much and not let it tear them apart. Excellent read and great historical teacher of the Indian ways of life.

Sherron says

3.5

Blue Falcon says

This review is of "Ride the Free Wind" book #2 in the "Savage Destiny" series by Rosanne Bittner.

The story: "Ride the Free Wind" begins shortly after the first book, "Sweet Prairie Passion", ended. Abigail "Abbie" Trent Monroe and her husband, "Cheyenne" Zeke Monroe, are traveling to find Zeke's Cheyenne relatives; his mother and three Cheyenne half-brothers (Zeke also has three white half-brothers, one of whom, Danny Monroe, is introduced in this book.) Danny, as well as one of Zeke's Indian brothers, Swift Arrow, will play pivotal roles as the series goes on.

There are also three evil characters introduced who will adversely affect Zeke, Abbie, their family and the Cheyenne. They are:

Dancing Moon: An Arapaho Indian woman and Zeke's former lover, Dancing Moon becomes intensely jealous when Zeke brings Abbie into the Cheyenne camp. This emotion leads to a series of attacks against both Zeke and Abbie. Zeke takes revenge on Dancing Moon, but does not kill her, a decision he will come to rue as the series continues...

Winston Garvey: A U.S. Senator who lusts after money and power, Garvey aspires to become a war profiteer when the U.S. and Mexico go to war, among other plans.

Jonathan Mack: Garvey's right-hand man. Mack hires Zeke to act as a scout for a dangerous expedition. What Zeke doesn't know is that Mack has stashed contraband in the wagons so that HE can profit from the Mexican-American War.

As the book goes on, Zeke and Danny find each other, Zeke and Abbie become parents of two children-a son, Little Rock, and a daughter, Blue Sky-but both they and the Cheyenne and the rest of the Native American tribes deal with sadness and anger as their ways of life are forever altered by the encroachment of white society.

Upside: As usual, Ms. Bittner's writing is exquisite. I never feel as if I'm reading a book she writes, but rather that I am watching the characters in front of me, and I feel every one of their emotions, especially Zeke and Abbie's. I feel their happiness, and I feel their pain, and that is something only the truly great authors can engender in me.

I also like the fact that Ms. Bittner writes Zeke as a totally human character. Unlike Gray Eagle, the "hero" of Janelle Taylor's "Ecstasy/Gray Eagle" series, who is often written as omnipotent, Ms. Bittner doesn't write Zeke that way. During the course of the "Savage Destiny" series, Zeke is shot and injured and allowed to be human. This is great to see and makes Zeke a total character as opposed to a caricature.

Downside: In addition to what I wrote in my review of "Sweet Prairie Passion", I can add one more criticism of Ms. Bittner: at times, the "Savage Destiny" series is formulaic. The formula goes like this: Zeke and Abbie are happy. Zeke and Abbie are separated. Abbie and/or Zeke is attacked. Zeke finds the attackers and inflicts maximum pain on the malefactors before-usually-killing them. Lather, rinse, repeat.

Sex: Ms. Bittner's love scenes are very salty; this is not a compliment. Salt, to me, is a very basic spice, and that also describes Ms. Bittner's love scenes. Basic, at best.

Violence: Ms. Bittner's scenes here, however, are far from basic. As usual, there are scenes of assault, rape and various killings. When Zeke does it, it's a little more graphic and creative.

Bottom Line: I'm much more willing to forgive Ms. Bittner for the somewhat formulaic nature of some of her scenes due to how exceptional she is in other areas. Ms. Bittner's books will not be everyone's cup of tea, but those who like Native American romances will find lots to love in Rosanne Bittner's books.

April Brookshire says

Really good like the first book and like the first book it's a little uncomfortable that the heroine is 16 years old and married to the 26 year old hero. By the end of the book the heroine is 21 so that sorta makes it all better.

Cheyenne Zeke is as awesome as he is in the first book. Badass, sexy half-breed that he is.

The heroine is likable but I feel like her wanting to pop out a bunch of babies is kinda sad, but those were the times.

I don't know that I like a book that spans so many years, but it was interesting.

I'll probably end up reading the entire Savage Destiny saga eventually, but I think I need a break from the depressing plight of the Indians.

I'm hoping in the next book we'll see more of the deranged Dancing Moon. Her and the androgynous Jonathan Mack kept things interesting. And go Zeke for carving that crazy bitch up.

Dianne says

I started "Ride The Free Wind" within half an hour of finishing "Sweet Prairie Passion". I became so absorbed in Zeke and Abbie's story, that I simply had to start book two immediately. I found this book extremely hard to read. It was very well written, it was just the events and actions of many of the characters were very upsetting. My minor problems with Abbie in book one disappeared quickly in this book, although she was still quite young at the start. Her character felt more real to me. I loved seeing both sides of Zeke - the kind and gentle man and the savage warrior. Many characters deserved his harsh methods of revenge, so although I hate violence, I didn't have a problem with the actions of Zeke in battle. He only killed out of necessity or to seek revenge on those who deserved it.

I felt many emotions while reading this book. The actions of the government, the greedy white senator, Jonathan Mack and Dancing Moon sickened me, more so than when the Indians did battle. Reading this book at times made me ashamed of being white. I know that is probably a ridiculous sentiment, but it is how I felt. When I look back at how the Indians were treated in America and the Aborigines in my own country I cannot feel anything but anger and shame.

This book is was so powerful and the storyline at times so hard to read that I have decided I need a break from the series. I most definitely will be continuing the series, however after reading such an emotionally draining book, I feel a strong need to read a light-hearted romance which will make me smile rather than cry.

Debra Grumbo says

Zeke and Abbie is now married and very happy. They went to live with his people, the Cheyenne. They lived in a tipi and Zeke promised Abbie a cabin even though she didn't mind living in a tipi. Zeke's half indian brother, Swift Arrow didn't like her at first but in time he did. Black Elk and Red Eagle did like her. Zeke's mother and step-father adored her. Abbie had made a friend, Tall Grass Woman. There was one woman who hated Abbie b/c she was a white woman married to Zeke. Dancing Moon was Zeke's ex-lover. She slept with all the guys and was always starting stuff. Abbie became pregnant, which she and Zeke was very happy about. Dancing moon attacked Abbie and stabbed her in the stomach, almost killing Abbie and she did kill the baby. The indians banished her for what she did. After that things was rough between Zeke and Abbie but they made it through. Dancing Moon was still going to cause trouble....

Lynna C. Edmondson says

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The 2nd book in this series was just as good as the first one. I will have to get the rest of this series . Bitter is an exciting author to read. I really enjoyed this book!

robert mcmillan says

Wonderful story with historical content that must be told.

I enjoyed this story tremendously. the history Islamists be told. Please read this story, I am looking for the next book with great enthusiasm.

Michelle says

Really, you MUST get all 7 books in the Savage Destiny series and fall in love with Zeke and his Abbie!!! My heart felt every emotion possible with these two - I cried, laughed, stressed, rejoiced, cheered, worried along with them. When a book/series can do that, you *know* they're the best! If I could only keep one set of fiction books, this would be it, hands down, no hesitation!

While I always enjoy reading how a couple gets together, I *love love LOVE* the romance and story that follows the HEA/wedding. I think that's another reason why I so enjoy this series - it didn't just stop at the wedding - we get to experience all their joys and struggles through their married life - but yet how much stronger their love grows over time.

Another thing I love about this series is the American history Rosanne Bittner gently teaches us. I've always loved history, but hated reading the dry text-book type things. However, RB makes learning history enjoyable because we can experience it through Zeke and Abbie's eyes. I learned so much about the American Indian/Cheyenne culture and my heart broke to really realize how much prejudice people have for one another - and how quickly that can affect lives.

These first few years of Zeke and Abbie's lives was a mix of such joy and hardship - but they proved together how much they need each other!

Lorena Helfers says

A bit of a rehash but love,love,love

So many items were rehashed throughout the book, I wonder if the other books are the same? I love the historical information given in the story. I have read many and not too many love scenes in the other rather dry ones.

Alpha Fangirl says

Vicki says

One of the best love stories I've ever read!

I read this series years ago and the characters have stayed with me all this time. This is a sweeping love story of epic proportions and I recommend all of the books in this series to anyone who loves romance, particularly historical romance set in the wild West.

Jordana says

My favorite book out of the entire series. Ya know writing the reviews about these books makes me want to read them...I think I am going to go and grab book one and read some of it tonight :) I LOVE THIS SERIES!! I love Rosanne Bittner

Simone Z. Endrich says

I feel bad rating this novel so poorly. If the reviews here are any judge, it seems I am the exception rather than the rule. But there it is! I was that disappointed in it. The characters are OK, but the story drags and gets bogged down in superfluous detail. Not to mention that I hated the minor characters. I skipped pages (something I never ever do!) in an effort to get back to the story. Seriously? If I hadn't already bought the first three books in this series, I would have stopped at the first one and be done with it. As it is, I still have to plow through #3, and hope very much I won't be as disappointed in it as I was in the first two. One thing's for sure though, I'm not buying nor reading anymore of this series after that!
