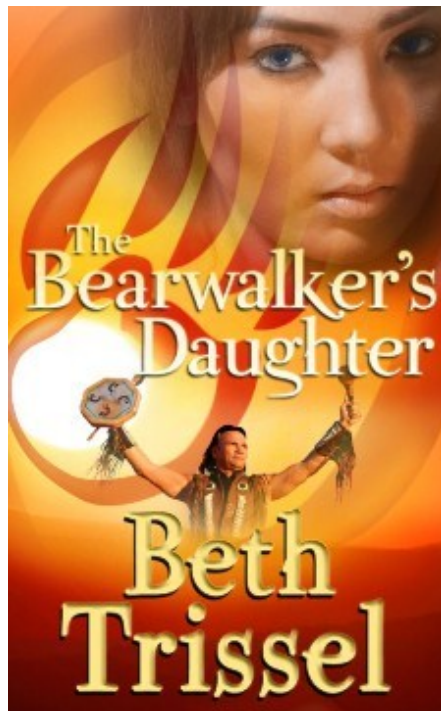




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A Handsome Frontiersman, Mysterious Scots-Irish Woman, Shapeshifting Warrior, Dark Secret, Pulsing Romance...The Bearwalker's Daughter

Karin McNeal hasn't grasped who she really is or her fierce birthright. A tragic secret from the past haunts the young Scots-Irish woman who longs to learn more of her mother's death and the mysterious father no one will name. The elusive voices she hears in the wind hint at the dramatic changes soon to unfold in the mist-shrouded Alleghenies in Autumn, 1784.

Jack McCray, the wounded stranger who staggers through the door on the eve of her twentieth birthday and anniversary of her mother's death, holds the key to unlock the past. Will Karin let this handsome frontiersman lead her to the truth and into his arms, or seek the shelter of her fiercely possessive kinsmen? Is it only her imagination or does someone, or something, wait beyond the brooding ridges--for her?

(The Bearwalker's Daughter is a revised version of romance novel Daughter of the Wind)
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Cynthia says

The overall story line of this book could have been fleshed out to be a really good book or even series of books. But, as it is written, it felt like someone had 5 minutes to tell an hour long story.

Everything felt so rushed and crammed together.

Karin goes from a pampered, timid girl to a hot blooded, strong minded woman, literally overnight.

The actions of Karin, especially, seem totally inconceivable for the time period the book is set in.

Colleen M. Chesebro says

I've been a fan of Beth Trissel's books for several years. I haven't read a single book of her's that I haven't enjoyed. In fact, this book fell off my (magical) radar until this summer when I saw her advertise it on social media. What a great find to add to my Kindle library.

Book one, "The Bearwalker's Daughter," is a historical romance filled with lots of great Native American lore, early American history, magic, and even some sizzling sex!

There's a mystery that swirls around the birth of Karin McNeal, and when in 1784, Jack McCray finds the bonny lass, he's bewitched by her unusual beauty. Karin is haunted by voices on the wind who seem to be calling out to her. She can't figure out what the voices mean or why she has been chosen to hear them. The only thing she knows for certain is that her mother died shortly after her birth, and no one will tell her who her father is.

Of course, Jack knows her birthright, having been sent by Karin's father, Shequenor, who belongs to the bear clan, a division of the Shawnee tribe, to bring his daughter home to him. However, Karin isn't aware of that fact, and even if she were, she is so drawn to Jack that nothing could tear her from his arms. Not even the family that raised her.

Jack is part of that family too, but tragically he was taken as a child by the Shawnee tribe, to be raised as Shequenor's brother. That put him fighting on the wrong side of the war for American Independence. As a result, he is shunned by his step-father and half-brother.

The family discord sets the story in motion as Karin and Jack declare their love for each other. Now, Jack must deal with his emotions and love for Karin as he tries to figure out how to honor her father's wishes. If they both survive it will be a miracle!

The magical aspects of this tale are what drew me deeper into the story. I love Native American lore, and knowing this author like I do, I knew there would be some spectacular paranormal activity, and there was!

This is not only Karin and Jack's love story, it is also the love story of Karin's parents, finally coming full circle. This is a fabulous read that kept me enthralled for hours.

I'm looking forward to reading the second book in the series, "Through the Fire, book two" in the Native American Warrior Series.

MY RATING:

Character Believability: 5

Flow and Pace: 5

Reader Engagement: 5

Reader Enrichment: 5

Reader Enjoyment: 5

Overall Rate: 5 out of 5 Stars

Emmy says

I was really looking forward to trying this author because I have been struggling to find some colonial american romance and I had Kira, Daughter of the Moon on my to-read list, but this one came up as a kindle freebie so I decided to try it first.

I got about 35% of the way through before I decided to throw in the towel. I just couldn't get into these characters because I found very little believability in their actions, particularly Karin. Karin is supposed to be this timid girl who has been raised by a group of overly protective menfolk. Ok, that's all fine, but (view spoiler)

Perhaps I should add that I don't believe in love at first sight, or even love in a few days. So any book that has the H and h falling in love so quickly immediately becomes hard for me to swallow. People that don't have this hang up may be able to get into the book more than I was able. But I still found that the characters behaviors were unrealistic for the time period and it took me completely out of the story.

There is also quite a bit of this mystical/magical element that I didn't really expect. I understood that there might be a little, but around when I stopped it was becoming a large part of the story.

Some people might not take issue with the things I did though. This book obviously just wasn't for me and I decided not to waste my time with something I wasn't enjoying.

Sandra Nachlinger says

I rarely read stories with a paranormal slant because of my skepticism of anything magical. But my attitude changed when I devoured The Bearwalker's Daughter. Maybe it was the Native American connection or the author's beautiful descriptions of the setting, or maybe it was the compelling story and characters, but this book captured my imagination and held my attention until the very end. I'm looking forward to reading Through the Fire, Book 2 in the Native American Warrior Series.

Margaret says

It could be my own Scots-Irish heritage or my love of Native American spirituality that drew me in, but it was the fast-paced adventure and romance that kept me hooked. Everything about the story was unexpected and kept me wondering what was around the next corner. The scenery was atmospheric, the magical scenes were intriguing, and the characters were unique. There were no good guys or bad guys here, just people with strengths and weaknesses. The biggest room for improvement would be more depth into what drew Karin and Jack together, other than good looks and charm. There was obviously their shared, although different, background, but I would have liked to have had a greater understanding into what beyond physical attraction really brought them together so quickly.

Jennifer says

I picked this novel up for a bit of light reading, assuming it to be a novella at first. I was soon surprised by how compelling this story is. Coupled with a sweeping backdrop of post war Pioneer America and the prejudices of two very different peoples, "Bearwalker's Daughter" is beautifully balanced. With plenty of heaving bodices and mountaineer Scotsmen running around, Trissel imbues a nice dose of heat in this wintry backdrop. I enjoyed the characters and the simple complexity of their past struggles. Though this novel is romanticized to a degree, it also manages to maintain the raw beauty of this distant time.

Tammy M. Mongold says

Great book

If you like romance, history and excitement, you need to read this book! Not a dull moment anywhere. I enjoyed getting lost in this book. Great read!!!

Shan ~ A ~ says

I am now a fan of Beth Trissel.

I really like this story. Here we have Karin McNeal who was raised by her grandpa John and his sons, plus her aunt Neely. This is due to the fact that her mother died after giving birth to her and no one every talks about her father. She has been curious about who her father is, and now her curiosity has peaked.

In comes Jack, who hasn't seen his family since he was a child. He was abducted by a tribe of Native Americans and adopted into their family. His purpose in coming is two-fold: Karin and to reunite with his family.

Even before they actually physically meet, you can tell there is going to be an abundance of energy between them. Once they meet though it is a big WOW factor. Their lives are forever changed. They have many obstacles to climb or plow through, but they stick by one another no matter what.

This has all the makings of a great romance, without the silly misunderstandings that usually plague the hero and heroine. It's very honest, because Karin herself is so honest and forthright.

Sandi Layne says

I was not entirely sold on the characters of either Our Hero or Our Heroine. Our Heroine, Karin, is the daughter of a Shawnee warrior and a Scots woman, but Karin grows up with her extended family, having next to no information about her parents. She's pampered but sweet, and is the object of desire for more than one young man in the settlement. Which is all nice, but I don't have a sense of her, overall, even after having read her story.

Our Hero, Jack, is bred of these mountain-dwelling colonials, though he was abducted long ago and adopted by the Shawnee. He is now on a mission that involves...Karin.

Of course.

His inner dialogue never worked for me, and I felt that his past was not fully realized in the course of the story. Like there was perhaps too much of it to use, you know? Left me unsatisfied personally.

There are some welcome paranormal moments as well as some that, to me, felt very much along the line of *Deus ex machina* - tossed in there just to solve a problem - even if that solution wasn't permanent. Some of them, though, such as Karin's extra sense of perception, I could get behind.

There is definite chemistry between Karin and Jack, which was fine, but I felt that the relationship moved far too quickly, all things being equal.

3 Stars

Stacey says

I loved this story. Beth has a way of drawing you into the story with her vivid details, you can almost touch and smell what is happening in her stories. I love reading her historical romances because she has such a love for times gone by. Her stories are accurate, well researched, full of humor, conflict and of course a sweet love story. If you love historical romances this book is a must read! In fact if you love historical romances Beth Trissel is a must read author! Curl up with The Bearwalker's Daughter and enjoy the ride.

Lu Ann says

This is a great story, muddled by unnecessary incessant lustful musings and unneeded explicit sexual detail.

This is a beautiful love story cheapened by the above details.

It is also a great story of the hatred and injustice that has and does corrupt mankind. If one only realized that different is not a bad thing. Customs, racial color, etc. are what makes this world and ones life interesting. Just a the various types of landscapes in our great world add variation, beauty and wonder, so do the differences in each other add to the serenity of earth life.

The genetic in addition to the upbringing of a young woman is what made her unique and desired by all. She must find out for herself who

she really is.

A young man taken from his family and lived as "the enemy" for years has benefited from both worlds and became the man of courage, strength, and of principle as he is. He must put aside all self-centeredness if he is to win the prize. This is a great example of combining worlds and accepting others who are different.

Heather Marchand says

Good

Enjoyed the mix of native and immigrants. Little bit of supernatural. I would enjoy a sequel to follow the new family.

Janet Niendorf says

Wondrous

Romance, mystery, ethereal, magical and a love unending. A Beautiful read. Recommended for those who dream of a forever love.

Penny Gagnon says

Must read

I would recommend this book to everyone. It was intriguing from page one. Keeping you wondering what was going to happen next. I didn't want to stop reading. I can't wait to start reading the next book in this series.

Anita B says

The Bearwalker's Daughter (Native American Warrior Book 1)

A really intriguing love story taking place in 1784 in the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia. If you like history you will love this one.
