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When Sarah Cannon joins the pioneers in the Kiowa lands of 1870's Indian Territory, it's not the virgin prairie, but the challenges to her young marriage, the ruthless treachery shown the Indians, and their bloody vengeance that ultimately tests her faith and resolve.

SARAH BRYCE CANNON... struggles to conform to society's definition of the proper wife and mother. When she can no longer watch her children suffer, she listens to her inner voice. A woman in a man's world, she is not to be denied.

GUS CANNON...distant...unable to express his love. Ill prepared for pioneer life, he fails at every turn.

Unbridled, paints a picture of the struggles of life in the unsettled west, flavored with the regional history of Custer and the 7th Calvary's Washita Massacre and the Battle of Anadarko. It's through her friendship with a Kiowa woman that Sarah is made aware of what it means to be Indian in Indian Territory.

Unbridled tells of Sarah Cannon's struggle against overwhelming odds to build a life for her children and herself in Indian Territory. The only problem that seems insurmountable to the young pioneer woman is the indifference of her own husband. I loved the book.

--Jackie King, author of *The Inconvenient Corpse*

Tammy Hinton's cadence makes for a smooth, marvelous read. Add her passion for these ancestors, and Unbridled becomes a terrific book.

—Sharon Ervin, author of *Aftermath*

Unbridled Details

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Meg Mims says

I enjoyed the historical details of Tammy Hinton's Unbridled, since I'm a real fan of western Americana novels. The grasshopper plague scenes were astonishing, and the rough prairie life heart-wrenching. The heroine, Sarah, was definitely a strong woman.

Patricia Kemp Blackmon says

Sarah Bryce Cannon struggles in Indian Territory to make a home for her family. Her husband Gus Cannon does not seem to be happy no matter where they live. He is absent from the home most of the time trying to earn money to feed his family. This leaves Sarah alone to figure out how to get a shelter built for her little family. She also has to till the soil and sow seed to start their corn crop.

God has seen her needs and given her a kind neighbor that lends her one of his sons to help her get her shelter up along with many other chores that need to be done that needs a man's strength.. She also meets a man in town that is looking for a midwife to help his wife deliver their child. She agrees to help if in exchange she could borrow his plow to till her field. It was heart warming her neighbors concern for her well being. They were especially concerned over her husband's lack of concern.

Even though she and the young man had accomplished much her husband was angry that she had allowed a man on the farm while she was there alone. He was jealous and dominate, fearing she would leave him if he softened towards her. His behavior only made her feel as if he did not love his family and may have found someone else. At times I want to put a knox on Gus's hard head.

Just when things start to look good and he will be able to stay at the farm mother nature hits and then they end up having to leave the farm due to the Kiowa raiding the town and farms.

This story will break your heart. The hardships trying to farm and care for a family were horrendous. To fear for your life on a daily basis should have broke Sarah but with God's help she got stronger. Sarah is the definition of a heroine. The things she did to protect and provide for her family was heroic.

There is so much more I would like to share but do not want to spoil the book for you. But I will say I am sad the story ended I would have liked to spend more time with Sarah.

I highly recommend this book.

Disclosure

I received a free copy of this book from the author. I was in no way compensated for this review. It is my own opinion.

Kathy Evans akins says

Well written, historical western. The trials of Sarah Cannon and the way she faced each challenge, show the type of strength that women of the west possessed.

Kathryn says

The book was extremely anticlimactic. The storyline had a great deal of potential but was lacking follow through.

Judy Wise says

Wow what a story this was. Started out kind of slow and wondered just what I had gotten myself into. Then it began to pick up, makes a person really think about what life was like back in the days of the settlers and the Indians. What a hard and lonely life that was. This is just a good clean story of one family and a joy to read.

Alison says

kindle 180 (Historic)

LynnSwenson says

Good read

I enjoyed the book. I only have one complaint, or observation, if you will. The end seemed rushed and like it wasn't fully fleshed out.

Michelle says

I loved this book. a great story on a young woman who gets married and is moved into the west. the trials and tribulations of early pioneer life.

Mary Drummond says

A good read on the initial settling of the west. Easy to forget all the hard work and sacrifices that were required.

Janet says

I just finished this book and can't remember it, lol.

jimtown says

Unbridled by Tammy Hinton – Unbridled is the story of a young couple, Sarah and Gus, trying to make a home, farm and raise a family on leased Indian land. Along with their story, we get a short lesson in American history. In 1870 life was rough and rugged on the Indian territory they tried to settle.

In addition to that, Gus has some unresolved issues from his past. At first he tried to dominate or control Sarah. His way of making her behave the way he wanted her to, often backfired. Sarah's spirit continued to grow as their family did. She takes care of their children, makes a home and tries to stay safe when Gus is away.

Sarah makes friends easily and Gus doesn't like that, but the friends are what save them time and time again.

The story gets a little more involved and intense when two white women who have been captured by a renegade Indian are brought to an Indian camp where the young family is staying. It was supposed to be a safe place. The captor trades the two women for Sarah and leaves in the middle of the night with her tied to a pony.

Sarah is a feisty one though and doesn't let anything get in the way of her survival. The story is pretty good, but sometimes certain phrases, like, "Let's mosey over behind that fallen tree until we can eyeball them." seemed a little out there.

Still the book held my attention pretty well and had a good outcome. I have to say that Tammy Hinton has a good grasp of husband/wife interactions here.

The cover is very enticing.

Megan Stuchlik says

Loved this story!

Diane says

I really liked this story about a woman who moves with her husband to the wilderness right after the civil war. Between the Indians, living in a dugout, raising her children in the middle of nowhere and infestations of grasshoppers the book kept me interested till the end.

Mary says

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Lori Henrich says

Sarah isn't sure what to think when her husband wants to move farther into Indian territory. She wants to be with him and to raise their children together. But sometimes his attitude leaves a lot to be desired. She is left alone to start building their dugout living space and to plow the fields in order for the planting to be done. Her husband is off raising money so that they can the farm going. If it wasn't for kind neighbors she would have had a very difficult time. The lifestyle is preparing her for what is about to come.

This was okay for me. Not great but it was enjoyable to read. I like the characters and the values that Sarah portrayed.
