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For four decades Eugenia Price has shared her love and knowledge of the American South with tens of millions of readers worldwide. From the intimate details of her characters' lives and loves, to the pageant of history that sweeps across the land like a relentless storm, her books contain pure pleasure, and have made her one of the most beloved novelists of our time. Now, in her most captivating novel yet, she follows the fate of one unforgettable woman, as America stands at the brink of civil war...

Anne Couper Fraser has often endured sorrow-- the death of her beloved husband and daughter and the loss of the family home. Now, frightening rumors of a war between the states are circulating, and Anne, an ardent Unionist, can only watch and pray as her cherished son enlists in the Confederate Army. But, when the tide of war turns against the Southern cause, Anne finds new strength, fighting to keep her family-- now cruelly divided by war-- bound to each other by faith and love.

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Graceann says

The final volume in the Georgia trilogy, which takes our heroine to Marietta, Georgia to try to get through the American Civil War in one piece. A fitting finish to a satisfying series.

Sue says

The final book of the trilogy opens with Anne as a new widow back in the Lawrence cottage with the three girls and John Couper. It continues through the years leading up to and into the Civil War as she is forced to move and re-establish herself in Marietta.

Re-read in 2013. I've enjoyed the series although I've had enough of the South for a while. It's well written so I really felt like I had a sense of the culture and setting. That could be why I need a break - I really sensed I was back in that time.

Kim Malavey says

I think this is the only Eugenia Price novel I didn't like.

I enjoyed the first two books of this trilogy but just didn't get into this at all. I found Anne an unlikable, spoiled character. The mourning for her husband got very old, very over-done. Most of us are able to put our grief aside for the good of our children. She came across as unintelligent and self-centered. I did finish it but only when I had nothing better to do.

Becky L says

Every word of this trilogy based on the real diaries of a woman who lived through the late revolutionary war through the early 1800's is very inspiring & insightful.

Must read all.

Karen says

A truly inspirational novel. As usual, Ms. Price not only tells a story, but she introduces you to people who begin to feel like family members. You said right along with their successes and you grieve right along with them through their losses. The main characters Anne Couper Frazier and John Frazier have the golden romantic connection that we all want. We go with them from mystical Saint Simons Island to London where John tried in vain to retain his military post with the British Royal Marines. Anne is terribly homesick for her beloved coastal island. She was raised by a loving, caring father, Jock

Couper, who is also Laird of the beautiful Cannon's Point plantation. Missing his beloved daughter, Anne, as much as she misses him, he offers to give John and Anne a smaller plantation next to Cannon's Point. Hoping this will give John direction for his life and a way to support Anne and their family. The one problem that stands in the way of John's acceptance of this remarkable gift is the fact that John hates farming and his doubt that he could ever be comfortable owning another human being. This sweeping novel takes you through years of joy as the Fraziers begin to have children added to their little family. Much like life, we also walk through the shadows with Anne as she begins to lose beloved family members. As we struggle with this remarkable young woman to once again find the light that comforts and brings peace to her, we are reminded that we, like Anne are weak and scared without the loving light of God shining strength and courage into our souls. There are many unique characters in this novel that you will enjoy getting to know. Ms Price never fails to capture you and take you through

to a satisfying conclusion. I always enjoy paying a visit to the quaint, beautiful Christ Church cemetery on Anne's splendid island. I visit with John Frazier, his father James Frazier, and his brother Willam's gravesites. You will also find there Anne's esteemed father Jock Couper and her mother Rebecca Couper. Also there is her firstborn Annie Frazier DeMere. Ms Price also shares space with her beloved friends. I would suggest this book to anyone who loves historical fiction!

Laura Weiland says

Amazing series - a must read if you enjoy Southern history. Eugenia Price was a truly master at writing!!

Luckngrace says

This book is a study in grief. The first two-thirds of the book explores the diary of a real life Georgia woman just before the Civil War. I especially enjoyed the last third of the book when Anne Frazer's family had to face the Civil War, more family losses and starvation. Recommended for people interested in emotional healing and grief.

Carol says

Either my reading preferences have changed over the years, or this was truly a painful book to read. I finally abandoned it. I struggled to reach the end of Part IV in an attempt to finish the book only to reach the conclusion that I was no longer interested in the story. The main character continues to grieve the loss of her husband after many years which affects her family who try their best to please her. Although I've read a number of Eugenia Price's books and enjoyed them, I'm through reading her series.

Wendy says

Again. . . you canNOT go wrong with Eugenia Price. . . ever!

Patsy says

Eugenia Price is one of my favorite authors, the 3rd book in the Georgia Trilogy Series. The story and characters were outstanding telling about the children that are now grown up and how the mother makes it on her own. This required much research on the authors part. All three books were about the same family by the time you are reading the third book you know the personally of each family member. The Author even tells you where the family members are buried and how to find the cemeteries. A good series.

CM says

I was a bit disappointed with the ending to the trilogy. I don't want to question the author's decisions about the characters -- I certainly don't know how to write. However, I was left wondering mostly about Eve. I somehow feel that we didn't get a complete picture. This book, to me, left us wondering. Perhaps it was meant to be that way?

Lori says

Love Eugenia Price!

Lisa says

Another addition to the books I started reading with my mom. I had become by this time interested enough to need to finish it but the story was bringing me down. I appreciated all the work the author had done to make it historically accurate. The books weren't enough to make me want to read other series by her though.

Mary Ann says

Another good story of the lives of real people in the south during the time leading up to and the early days of the Civil War. The dialog tends to be a bit ponderous at times but probably does reflect the speech of the pre-Victorian era.

Cheryl says

I liked this book better than the other two in the trilogy I think because of the glimpse it gave into the Civil War. It also did a good job of showing how a family breaks apart thanks to finances, politics, marriages,

etc... But I got weary of reading about Anne's grieving. I know she suffered a lot in a short period, but twelve years seemed a long time to waste your life in limbo.

Overall, not a great series and I have no desire to read any of Price's other novels. This story had great potential if only it had been better written. I was always aware of the author while I read thanks to the overusage of certain words like "erudite" and double words seperated by dashes and constant recapping. The story held my interest, the writing made me roll my eyes and groan.
