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From the bestselling author of the Comanche trilogy comes a mesmerizing and dramatic romance set in rugged Colorado Territory. When her infant son is kidnapped, Laura hires the rough-edged, dangerously handsome Deke to track down the comancheros responsible.

Cheyenne Amber Details

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MelissaB says

***** 3 1/2 stars *****

Laura Cheney is in a real bind. She is stuck alone with a newborn baby in a shack on the frontier near Denver after her no-good husband is killed for cheating at cards. She has no money and is estranged from her rich father in Boston who disowned her for marrying a man he didn't approve of for her, so she is stuck alone with a small baby and no friends or family. One day while she is collecting water from the nearby stream, commanderos steal her days old son who she left in the cabin while she lay unconscious after slipping and hitting her head. Frantic with fear, she goes to Denver to find someone to help her find her baby. But with all the Indian trouble nearby, no one will help her search for baby Jonathon. No one that is except one disreputable Deke Sheridan who was raised by the Cheyenne.

Deke takes one look at Laura and thinks she is a fancy lady who was careless and lost her baby because of it. She promises him money she doesn't have if he will help her because she is desperate. Deke feels sorry for her despite himself, so they set off after the commanderos. Laura pushes herself beyond what she should because she needs to find her son. Deke and Laura get along like oil and water, with her "high falutin'" Boston way of speaking and his aw shucks country boy slang. I swear half of the first 200 pages were spent with her saying a fancy word and him having to ask what it meant. It got old really quick.

Just as they are getting close to the commanderos, Deke realizes that Laura is very sick and that the commanderos traded the baby to his old Cheyenne band. He helps Laura heal then takes her to his friends in the Cheyenne camp, where he has to say the baby is theirs because his friend and his wife had claimed the baby to replace a child they lost. So Deke and Laura have to get married the Cheyenne way at the request of his friend before they can have the baby. They stay among the Cheyenne for a few weeks, where Deke and Laura fall in love. Deke was a very sweet man as he patiently showed Laura that all men were not like her abusive first husband and that he may bluster about things but he would never hurt her. Laura shows Deke that she has a lot of inner courage and strength, which he didn't see at first because he was not a fan of fancy ladies after a disastrous first marriage. There were a lot of very sweet and funny scenes in the second half of the book.

Okay now the bad stuff: The heroine drove me crazy for the first half of the book. She was upity, ridiculously prudish to the point where she endangered her health, she talked down to the hero all the time and she was very prejudiced against the Cheyenne at first. I would waver between feeling sorry for her about the abusive first husband and losing her kid to wanting to smack some sense into her for acting like such an idiot. Zeke was a good hero but the author made his language way too "country bumpkin", which got annoying sometimes.

But there were also a lot of good moments in the book, especially during the second part from where they were in the Cheyenne village and falling in love. I started to like Laura much better when she started loosening up, treating the Cheyenne as friends and seeing Deke for the strong, caring man he was. Deke worked really hard to help Laura trust him and learn her own strength, pride and self-respect which her first husband and her father had stolen from her. There were also a few funny parts, mainly from things Deke said or thought (he initially thought baby Jonathon had a case of the "uglies" because he was skinny from the stress of being kidnapped) and he was always sticking his foot in his mouth. He cared a lot for Laura and the baby, which was really sweet to see.

Overall, the book had some nice, sweet and emotional scenes. But it also had a heroine that drove me crazy for about 200 pages of the book and other small things that would annoy me. So it all kind of evens out to about a 3 1/2 star read.

Elaine says

I reread this again probably for the fifth or sixth time...if not more.

Catherine Anderson is a magical writer. Her books are sorrowful, funny, romantic, and full of beautifully flawed characters.

I've read quite a few of Ms. Anderson's books but this one remains a favorite. Laura, the heroine is just wonderful. At times her prudish ways frustrate me but that is the intent. Our Boston born heroine has found herself widowed and struggling to survive in the wilds of Colorado. Her son, just three days old, has been taken and she is desperate to find him.

Deke "Flint Eyes" Sheridan is our halfbreed hero. He was raised among the Cheyenne but makes his living as a rancher. He's crude, ignorant, and despises the whites. Despite his disgust at the heroines helplessness he agrees to help her find her child. The hero and heroine spend the rest of the book overcoming their prejudices and realizing that perhaps people are not always what they seem.

I recommend this novel to any true lovers of romance novels. This isn't a bodice ripper nor is it Christian romance but perhaps something in between. This is the love story of a true lady and a true gentleman. Happy reading!

Linda says

This was another wonderful story by Catherine Anderson. She has such a ability to tell a story that grabs you and won't let you go. She tells stories about very strong women and the men they love. This story is about Laura who came from Boston to Montana after marrying a guy who was only after her money. When her Daddy disowned her and her husband, Laura realized that he did not really love her, just her money.

He left her just weeks before she was to deliver their child and was shot while he was playing poker because he lost more than he had.

The story is about Laura's journey to find her son who was taken and sold to the Cheyenne. She hired Deke Sheridan to help her and she found so much more than just her son. She found that she was a strong person and that she had lived a sheltered life but also learned the world was ugly and beautiful at the same time. She also discovered real love.

A wonderful story to read and enjoy every moment of.

Dale says

Wonderful book!!! This book had me captivated from the start!

Laura, a Boston girl with whiskey hair and Amber eyes. She seems so delicate on the outside, but she's so tough and strong on the inside. She will stop at nothing, not even almost losing her life to her newborn baby boy back.

Then there's Deke... oooh what a MAN!!! Deke turned my heart to mush! Deke is a man of great character and honor. People fear his reputation as an Indian because he was raised among them even though he is white. I absolutely loved Deke's sense of humor. I could just see the glint in his steely light blue eyes when he teases Laura.

After her husband was murdered. Laura's baby is kidnapped by comancheros and she hires Deke Sheridan to track down the kidnappers and get her baby back. After being beaten by her husband and basically ignored/abandoned by her father all her life Laura is distrustful of all men. Deke must prove to Laura in many ways that he is a trustworthy, honest man. Laura eventually puts her faith and trust into Deke and they fall in love. She gets her newborn back and they live happily ever after.

This book is definitely going into my "read again" shelf. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

SweetSue says

Fabulous, fabulous story! I was enthralled the whole way through! What she endured from the first moment - childbirth alone and then having her baby kidnapped was enough to do in even a woman used to the life. She was not, but she didn't succumb to self-pity or TSTL moments. He was considered mean and unapproachable, but he still helped her and how he took care of her, even when he didn't want to! The relationship between them grew and just became so strong and beautiful. How he taught her to find her way in the wilderness, how he improved his vocabulary! They were both shown as being strong - she obviously needed him, but he was not the super perfect alphamale who needed nothing from her.

The plot was completely believable and still amazingly suspenseful. And true to history. There was a bit of "a good white person, is a dead white person" going on, but the dangers of living in Colorado and the benefits of Boston in the context of the story are shown fairly . All the secondary characters - including Jonathan - were well created. I really liked that Deke took some time to develop his relationship with Jonathan. That he was willing to take care of Laura's baby, but didn't have instant father-love.

A definite 5 stars - looking forward to reading more by Catherine Anderson.

L says

3.5 Stars

Sometimes you just want to read about cowboys who are more than a little rough around the edges and the prim and proper ladies who eventually realize they have hearts of gold. *shrug*

Cristina says

3,5 stars

Not bad but certainly not her best. This book wanted to be great. Catherine Anderson wants to write very descriptive, entrancing books, which she sets the stage for in the first 50 pages or so, but then the plot stagnates. There is no forward momentum. Just the same feelings, the same argument described over and over.

There is the classic fear of falling in love in this story, which in my opinion is inevitable. There is no action in more than two-thirds of the book. It mainly focuses on Deke and his attempts to slowly seduce Laura and introduce her to his world. I gave it four stars mainly because the one thing that irritated me throughout this book was the way CA used the same descriptions over and over.

If you like formula romances, you will probably enjoy these greatly.

Cphe says

One of the better books written by this author in my opinion. Love this angst ridden, poignant romance that really tugs at the heart strings. I enjoyed Laura's strength of purpose in her quest against unbelievable odds to find her newborn son. Deke Sheridan was a real diamond in the rough, enjoyed his sense of humour and his patience. Laura and Deke were a well matched couple.

I had read this book many years ago and I'm pleased to see that it still stands the test of time. An older romance but well worth the time.

Michelle says

I adored this story!! Laura and Deke warmed my heart and delivered laughter, swoony moments, bossy moments, intensity, and an emotional journey - but all in the best of ways.

Catherine Anderson is quickly becoming a favorite author!

Lovetoread says

This story begins with the h's husband being killed in a card game after offering her as payment to a gambling loses. Catherine Anderson is an amazing story teller. The saga in Cheyenne Amber tells of love heartache, love lost, love found and what is important in life. All is unfolded in a story that will have readers laughing, crying and in some cases shaking with fear. I loved Cheyenne Amber once again Catherine Anderson did not disappoint.

First read in August 2013 and now re reading this incredible story September 2014. I am never tired to visit some old friends and once again share their incredible journey of love. I highly recommend this wonderful book.

Sara says

And we're back to the usual Anderson fare. Ruff-n-tuff cowboy outlaw spitting and swearing, prissy city girl who's been victimized by all the men in her life and cannot, WILL NOT trust another man or get married and a kidnapped baby. And a marriage of convenience for the sake of the lady keeping the kid. This one was just...boring. Like, I was actually relieved when Laura's tragic past came up because at least something was happening, even though Tristan was yet another cardboard douchebag. At least the rapist who was after Laura didn't do much after kidnapping the baby.

The "white woman meets Native Americans" plot felt a little uncomfortable. I guess it was just a 90s thing to portray Natives as speaking broken English, but it really bugged me. Laura was whiny and stubborn and a complete idiot, Deke was a huge ass and the scene where Laura mouthed off to Black Star and Deke threatened to kick her ass nearly made me throw the book down.

I guess I had higher hopes for this one. No real feelings, no annoyance or anger. Even Laura leaving her controlling dad for Deke was really anti-climactic, just "oh, Dad, you don't care about your grandson" and then "hi Deke, let's live happily ever after". Just...eh. Boring.

Mirabella says

Wonderful story, lovable characters, beautifully written. This one goes straight into my favorites and re-read folder. I wish there would have been an epilogue where we get to know what happened to the village. But I understand that there isn't one, because considering the tragic history of the native people a HEA would have been too unrealistic.

K says

Took a little while to get into this book, but it was well worth it! Beautiful story where a smile is all it takes!

Karen says

Really like the grit, strength, intelligence of Laura. That a high society Boston lady who was emotionally neglected by her father and abused by her first husband did all she could to birth & keep her baby alive by herself in frontier conditions was amazing. Then face off a gunslinger to get help to retrieve her kidnapped baby mind boggling.

Deke Sheridan, a man who straddled two worlds but didn't quite fit in either. His skills as a healer/tracker are fascinating, his way of talking and the patient way of teaching/gaining trust sexy, his bluster funny. I'd love to

be captured in his blanket.

Thoroughly engaged & entertained in this adventure.

Diana_Nikolova says

I loved Cheyenne Amber almost as much as Comanche Moon. The story was touching... a mother left alone to take care of her infant in the rough West.

There were some nearly unbelievable (bet yet in reality even more absurd things have happened) events like Laura riding horse for so long only few days after delivery. The few days old newborn survived 2 days with bunch of commanderos who most surely wouldn't have known even how to hold it right. Trying to put myself into the heroine's shoes kept my heart in my throat most of the time.

The characters were both reasonable and very realistic in their reactions and thoughts. At times I was laughing out loud on their conversation. They both had sense of humour ;) Deke was a man of his word and had principles which I appreciate in a man and that's why I loved his character.

Catherine Anderson once again introduced us with the culture and traditions of the Native American tribes(this time the Cheyennes) in an intriguing way. She shows the good and the bad side of both worlds.

Great book, I would definitely reread it.

Greetings from Bulgaria!
