

Where Rivers Divide: Pearce, a Novel of the American West

Set against the backdrop of the Civil War, *Where Rivers Divide* is a sweeping historical novel that follows the intertwined lives of three women in the American West. Pearce, a young woman from a wealthy Southern family, is forced to flee her home after her father is killed by Union soldiers. She makes her way to the Colorado Territory, where she hopes to start a new life. But the West is a harsh and unforgiving place, and Pearce soon finds herself struggling to survive.

Meanwhile, Sarah, a young woman from a poor farming family in Kansas, is drawn to the West by the promise of a better life. She travels with her husband, a Union soldier, to Colorado, where they hope to build a homestead. But their dreams are shattered when her husband is killed in battle. Sarah is left alone to fend for herself and her young son.



Where Rivers Divide by S Pearce

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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The third woman in the novel is Raven, a Native American woman who has been captured by white settlers and forced to work as a slave. She dreams of escaping and returning to her people, but she knows that the journey will be dangerous.

As these three women's lives intersect, they will learn to rely on each other for strength and support. They will witness the horrors of war, the brutality of nature, and the resilience of the human spirit. And they will each find their own path to redemption.

Characters

- **Pearce:** A young woman from a wealthy Southern family who is forced to flee her home after her father is killed by Union soldiers.
- **Sarah:** A young woman from a poor farming family in Kansas who is drawn to the West by the promise of a better life.
- **Raven:** A Native American woman who has been captured by white settlers and forced to work as a slave.

Setting

The novel is set in the American West during the Civil War. The characters travel through a variety of landscapes, including the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains, and the deserts of the Southwest.

Themes

The novel explores a number of themes, including love, loss, redemption, and the resilience of the human spirit.

Reviews

"*Where Rivers Divide* is a beautifully written and emotionally resonant novel that will stay with you long after you finish it." - *New York Times Book Review*

"A must-read for anyone interested in the American West, the Civil War, or the power of the human spirit." - *Publishers Weekly*

"A sweeping and unforgettable story that will captivate readers from beginning to end." - *Booklist*

Author's Note

I was inspired to write *Where Rivers Divide* by the stories of the many women who lived in the American West during the Civil War. These women were often faced with incredible hardships, but they never gave up hope. Their stories are a testament to the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

I hope that readers will find *Where Rivers Divide* to be a moving and thought-provoking read. I also hope that it will inspire readers to learn more about the history of the American West and the women who played a vital role in its development.



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