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Will Stephen's dream cost him what he values most—Jane's love.

Award-winning historical romance author Dorothy Wiley's WILDERNESS TRAIL OF LOVE is the first American Wilderness Series Romance. This memorable novel breaches the walls of time, bringing readers to a young America, where romance and danger are as powerful as the wilderness.

Set in 1797, on America's romantic frontier, this gripping journey of danger, heartache, and passion is the story of Stephen Wyllie, and his heroic and breathtaking quest for land-across a thousand perilous miles to the Kentucky wilderness-a new world for the brave. Stephen wants only one thing more than land-to keep his wife Jane and their young daughters safe. But he needs land to make a better future for his family, and the frontier lies open to settlement in the new state of Kentucky. He must make a difficult decision-choose between the comfort and safety of their New Hampshire home and his dream for their future. Can he risk exposing them to the dangers of the wilderness? Then an immediate threat makes the decision clear. A vicious half-Indian killer, Bomazeen, begins to haunt the area, stealing slaves for the Algonquians to replace those lost to smallpox. Having glimpsed her great beauty from afar, the cunning slave trader tantalizes the tribe's virulent Chief, Wanalancet, describing his next target-Jane.

Believing the merciless slave trader may soon succeed in kidnapping or murdering Jane, Stephen decides his family must leave for Kentucky with his four brothers. When the harsh demands of the frontier nearly tear apart their great love, Stephen and Jane must find a path through more than the wilderness. His courage is undaunted, her passion is deep, but the wilderness is full of terror. Two lives. One great love. Torn apart by a frightening wilderness.

A fresh, unblinkingly gritty, and deft new writer of intelligent heart-pounding romance novels, Dorothy Wiley's new American Wilderness Romance Series captivates readers by balancing the hardships of the frontier with amusing, romantic, and vivid characters. Join her as she robustly blends adventure and action, heartache and humor, with romance and passion.

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Dorine says

more thoughts in full review coming soon.

Maria Young says

If you're a historical romance fan, this one has it all. The author's well-sculpted cast of characters, not only come alive, but you actually begin to care about them and want them to succeed in their journey west. Her evil characters are truly scary and her good characters are painted gloriously. There's never any dull moments in this book; it's a fun and visual read that went by too quickly. The colonial setting is fascinating and gives you an up-close, personal glimpse into the life and death struggles of our pioneering ancestors who relied on each other to survive and who took time to love on their journey west. Can't wait for her next book to come out!

Patti says

Dorothy Wiley is a new author for me. "Wilderness Trail of Love" is a historical fiction story of a family that leaves their New Hampshire home in 1797 to seek new land and opportunities in Kentucky. Stephen Wyllie, his beautiful wife Jane, and their four young daughters are the courageous adventurers in this story on the trail of hope.

In New Hampshire, Jane is nearly torn away from her beloved family when a half-Indian wild man, well known as a slave trader, attacks her. He has promised the beautiful woman to the Algonquian Chief Wanalancet as a new wife. Jane wounded the evil man, but he is sure to return for revenge and to steal his prize.

Stephen convinces all but one of his brothers, plus his closest friend, to join his family's trek westward to Kentucky. The story follows the Wyllie family through the difficulties of the trail and the many dangers that lurk around every mountain, rock, and tree.

I love the story of Stephen and Jane's incredible love for one another and their daughters. Their devotion to family, including extended family, was strong and indelible. I liked this #1 in this American Wilderness Series by Dorothy Wiley enough to get the sequels. Seems each is the adventure of another of the Wyllie brothers. (I like books that extend to other characters!)

The trail west for our forbearers took guts and incredible courage. This summer I got a hint their trials as I visited the pioneer trails in Wyoming. Some of my own ancestors courageously made the decision to seek a new life out west. Even though "Wilderness Trail..." is historical fiction, what the Wyllie family faced is exactly what many actual pioneers experienced. The faith and hope of a new life had to be stronger than the danger, the pain, and in many cases, the sadness that often times happened. These fictional families are based on real families, and for my ancestors that made that journey, I am very grateful.

Janet Robinson says

A must read. One of the best books I've ever read.

A must read! This is the best book I have read in a long time. Stephen and Jane's love for each other was just beautiful.

Delta says

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Anthony Whitt says

Dorothy Wiley writes a compelling story portraying the perilous struggle of a family seeking a new life on the American frontier. She successfully captures the angst of the decision to risk all in the hazards of travel through a raw wilderness full of dangerous characters, terrain, and weather. Such is the pull of the untamed land in Kentucky that a man subjects the family he loves to the uncertainty and hazards of taking on this challenge. The perils of the trip are daunting, but it was the nature of these early frontiersmen to meet the obstacles head-on in order to make a better life out of the unsettled lands. Wiley takes the reader on an odyssey along the "Wilderness Trail" that dramatically illustrates the fortitude required to overcome the unknown. The men and women of those harsh times reached down deep to find the strength and love necessary to persevere. This story will please those looking for an engaging tale of a devoted husband and wife tested to the extremes in a time when nothing could be taken for granted.

Shawn says

This was an excellent and quick read. I enjoyed all of the characters immensely. While the love between the two protagonists is evident it is also notable that the affection and bond of the entire family unit is shown. I was impressed that the author choose to highlight how vital were bonds of family on the frontier and how settlers relied upon these connections to get through hardships. The book is very well written and I will read more of this author.

Yvonne Wohlfeil says

This is a very well written book. Stephen Wyllie has a dream of a better life for his family but it's in Kentucky. The journey from New Hampshire to Kentucky is long with hardships. He begins to think he made a mistake but he can't turn back now. This book will keep you interest from start to finish.

Juliet Aharoni says

Any reader interested in discovering how people, in the eighteenth century, survived the horrors of a perilous journey on the way to a better world, will find this novel has it all.

After Jane and her daughters encountered Bomazeen, who had been sent to capture them for the Indian chief, Wananat, they travel to find both salvation from the monster, Bomazeen and fulfillment of Stephen's desire to start anew.

The journey takes the families along a path of constant dangers. Another attack by Bomazeen brings the reader into horrific tension which increases each second.

Dorothy Wiley has an extraordinary knack of enticing the reader along the journey even when the going is frightening. How can Jane and Stephen survive the atrocities along the way? They somehow do and come out better and stronger people.

I highly recommend this novel. It was an enjoyable experience.

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by JoAnne

Book provided by the author for review

Originally posted at Romancing the Book

Wow, what a great read and set in the historical time period that I most favor – the formation of America in Colonial times and during the Westward expansion. The story takes place in the late 1700's and takes us from New Hampshire to Kentucky by wagon and on horseback with lots of hard travels, tears, hurt, injuries, sorrows, deaths, perseverance, life, Indians, slaves, wild animals, bad weather, fear, loss, fighting, hardships, family and friends along the way. My emotions were totally engaged. I could see and feel the hardships along the Wilderness Trail as well as the heat, the cold, the horrific weather along with the beauty of the rivers, mountains, woods and grasses. I could taste the fear – it was palpable! I could smell nature, the cooking fires and the food as well as the filth from not being able to bathe and having clean, dry clothes to change into. But there were many dangers that were encountered and fought from people, animals and nature.

The Indians played a key role in the story and you never knew who or what would pop up around the next corner or the next page! Bomazeen was evil through and through and caused my heart to clench and tears to form with his vicious actions. The Wyllie brothers were forces to be reckoned with and worked well together and were always there for each other and the other members of their family but also those they met along the trail. This was Jane and Stephen's story but we got to know all the brothers – Sam, William, John and their adopted brother, Bear. We even meet Edward who chooses not to take his family to Kentucky and stays behind but is still in the brothers thoughts as they follow their dream. Jane and Stephen had a love for each other that many would envy. They had chemistry and love to spare but had rough patches, anger, hurt and

rage like any couple would. The characters were multifaceted – even the children, who were brave beyond belief. We got to know them little by little but the author always showed us what they were made of and I know they will be able to ultimately survive in the new frontier! The others we meet up with – Catherine and Kelly – at different times throughout the story add another dimension. There was nice closure and the epilogue brought us to a great conclusion knowing that we'll meet up with them all again in books two and three in the series, New Frontier of Love, the story of Sam and Catherine and Whispering Hills of Love, the story of William and Kelly. I for one can't wait!

What a great debut novel for an author. I look forward to reading the next two books in the series but also other books this author pens.

Zoe says

I actually read the first 30 pages and thought the writing pretty. I could potentially read this writer's works and probably enjoy them. This book however, has parents of 4 daughters as lead characters. I know I probably wouldn't be very interested in reading about their interactions with the children so I will have to let this one pass.

I will however, check out other books in the series.

JoAnne says

Read my review on Romancing-the-Book.com by clicking on the link below:

<http://romancing-the-book.com/2014/10...>

Annie says

All I can say is what a book. This little read set in 1797 during the Pioneer days is full of sacrifice, action, loss, the test of love and new beginnings.

Stephen Wyllie a man of dreams and fierce determination to make a better life for his family. Four daughters and a wife, his dreams of obtaining land but having to make a dangerous insurmountable journey through the wilderness to the wilds of glorious Kentucky. His convictions are so strong he can think of nothing else but how does he convince his wife this is the right thing to do. To follow a dream, to reach for something that will put all their lives on the line on a perilous journey into the unknown. A journey of untold dangers. Will she go? Will she see his dream and help him make it into a reality for their family. Will she leave the home he built for her, a supposedly safe home until one day the devil from hell shows up on her doorstep with untold horrors awaiting her and her children, all girls? Stephen is gone on a trip to gather supplies and she's all alone. She and her daughters fight their attacker off but will he come back, is this enough to make her want to give up her home and travel with her husband to an unknown land?

Jane, a strong woman, very pretty to the eye and self assured that her and her girls are safe in their New Hampshire home. A home that her husband built, where their girls were all born, a home where they were to spend their lives in. But after a horrid attack from the devil incarnate him, she is torn. Stephen is duty and

honor bound to protect her and the girls, but his way is picking up and leaving the only home her girls have ever known and embark on a journey that will test the love they share and the strength they possess. What can a woman do other than to support her husband's dream although it's not hers? She's scared, terrified might be a more suitable word.

After much debate Stephen, his family, and three of his brothers and a adopted brother Bear start on the journey of their lives heading into the wilds heading west to a greater land, a land of green grass as far as the eye can see, a lush land with many opportunities to build a new life. But, first, they have to get there.

This author is awesome, the story is fantastic and I could not put this book down until the end. The characters are loving and true to the time period. Love is tested on this perilous journey as the author takes you through the wilderness with this family. The time period of the Pioneer days has always been a favorite of mine and this author did not disappoint. Her historical facts were right on the mark as you can tell this period is close to her heart. The characters are funny at times, the children you'll fall in love with, the traveling men all brave with each having their own little niche in life they undertake a journey of a lifetime.

The editing was good, no major issues at all, the sex scenes were all cleanly written with no raunchy going on and I liked that. You could feel the love between Jane and Stephen; it made you feel like they could reach the ends of the earth just on their love alone, but that love is tested to the terrifying limits of the author's imagination and the story the characters wanting to be told.

Times were hard back then, survival was always the top priority and this author describes in vivid detail the perils our ancestors faced, the strong test of love that they endured every day, the dreams in their hearts to make a better life for their family.

I would highly recommend this book to any reader and I will definitely be reading more from this author. She didn't drag the story it moves along at a good pace. The beginning was a little slow for me but the author soon takes off with the story and all its hidden dangers of being on a carved out trail back in the days of old.

Jo Barton says

Set in 1797, this romantic adventure takes the reader on a thrilling journey into the "brave new world" of the early American pioneers. Stephen Wylie has a thirst for land, and his search for his dream lifestyle means uprooting his wife and children from their home in New Hampshire, to travel into the wilderness of Kentucky. Their journey is fraught with danger and Stephen and his lovely wife, Jane, must face untold difficulties and heartbreak as they trek along the pioneer trail. However, it is their overriding passion for each other which holds the family together and which forms the basis of the story.

The book is professionally finished to a very high standard, and the light and easy style of writing compliments an engaging storyline. There is good attention to detail and the historical setting appears appropriate for time and place. I knew very little about the early American pioneers, but the author writes with authority about a period of history with which she is familiar, and this certainly helps to make the story an enjoyable and worthwhile read. The introduction of other major characters lends itself very nicely to a continuation of the story in further books, which I am sure will expand and develop the story of the Wylie family as they settle into the unfamiliar territory of a new lifestyle.

The romantic and sensual cover art depicts accurately that this story is primarily a romantic read; however, there are enough thrills and spills in the narrative to satisfy those readers who also like historical adventure. I have no hesitation in recommending *Wilderness Trail of Love* as an enjoyable and exciting romantic adventure.

Reviewed for the Historical Novel Society Indie Reviews

Jessica Brown says

I just finished reading Wilderness Trail of Love and I can't wait to start Dorothy Wiley's next book. The book is wonderfully written and kept me on the edge of my seat. It is the perfect balance of adventure, danger, romance, and excitement. Aside from being a great read, it also had some extra special meaning to me. My family came to America in the early 1600's settling in Virginia before migrating to Kentucky and Tennessee in the mid 1700's. I felt like I was reading about my own ancestors' journey and it really humanized their plight. Before Dorothy's book, I never considered the courage it must have taken for my family to uproot their lives and risk everything for new land. It's a really amazing story and I would highly recommend it to anyone, especially if you have any family ties to the early American settlers or any general interest in American history.
