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Sir Colin Donovan, British Under-secretary representative to the U.S., won't give up until Anne Maren is his.

Brant Powers, rogue scout for Sam Houston's Rangers, won't give up Anne Maren as his.

And, Anne Maren, beautiful young Scottish aristocrat, won't give up as captive to the brutal Po-hot-y-quosh.

But as Anne journeys back and forth across the Texas frontier, to whom will she give up her heart?

Anne Maren is willing to risk all for one thing in this life – her childhood sweetheart, Sir Colin Donovan, which her marriage to Texas frontier preacher Otto Maren has prevented. Now only the soulless Brant Powers stands in her way of reuniting with Colin. Brant, winning her in a fight as both his captive and bride, is hauling her kicking and screaming across the empty expanse that is the Republic of Texas. Colin is determined to reclaim her as his own . . . and all three must ask themselves if what they are willing to live for is what they are willing to die for.

The Flash of the Firefly Details

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FeliciaKaren says

god-awful heroine!too much self centered,worthless person.And she loved another man till the last page.

Mermarie says

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seton says

[rapes and violence (hide spoiler)]

Cindy Woods says

O, Parris!

This was the first book Bonds has written that I'm not crazy about! The ending is awful...to abrupt. The plot is good, but the main character, Ann, is horrid! What a self centered harridan! I could not stand her. She cries rape when, in fact, it's not. She loses a baby and, oh well! Are you kidding me? She screeches at the father line it's all his fault...what?! I don't know what Brant saw in her ever. She is a thankless, horrid, immature woman with an ugly soul.

So, basically, I didn't much like this book. The other thing I have to mention is the lack of editing....it us so poorly put together it's hard to read and follow! I had to reread passages over once or twice to figure out what the author was saying. It's very bad!

No, I could never recommend this book...what a disaappointment!

Aubrey Porter says

I couldn't put this book down. I loved watching how Anne grew and blossomed as a character and seeing how the different men in her life changed along with her.

Sandy Frediani says

Much as I enjoy Parris Afton Bonds' books, I found too many problems with this one, problems a proofreader and/or editor should have picked up. In one instance the way it's written has a person with three hands. Then there's Brant's chin tattoo. All throughout the story it's red, but near the end it's blue. So which is

it? I still enjoyed the story, but those gaffs - easily fixed with a proofreader and/or editor - brought the rating down.

Misfit says

SPOILERS AHOY You have been warned.

Our intrepid heroine is one Anne McLennan, who travels to Texas in 1838 to join her husband, Otto Maren. Otto's a Bible-thumping preacher and he's out in the wilds of Texas with a bunch of fellow German immigrants setting up a new homestead. Why this spoiled young miss from Barbados (or whatever island it was) married such a man is beyond me, but that's the story...

Anne's ship was delayed by weather and not-so-sensitive Otto and Co. went on without her, so she's in need of someone to escort her to her husband - enter scout Brant Powers. No surprises, but the two don't get along very well, especially since our spoiled and oh-so-self-centered heroine doesn't take orders like don't wander off by yourself if you don't want to get bit by crocodiles and/or man-eatin' injins. More stuff like that, until Anne's finally delivered to her husband's not-so-loving arms (he likes her body though).

Poor Anne. Out in the middle of nowhere with a bible thumping husband, and all she can dream of is being in the arms of Sir Colin Donovan, who she's been in love with since she was ten and she's sure he's gonna come and rescue her from her boring husband and whisk her away from the bad, mean world.

Well, to make a long story short, the village is set upon by a savage band of Indians, and Anne is taken captive by the chief's son and held as a slave and sexual banging board for months until it's time for Brant to come to the rescue. Or is he her knight in shining armor? Hmmm?

"The little idiot! She was always asking for trouble. Bringing death to every man she slept with. Maren, Pa-ha-yu- quosh, himself nearly, and God knew how many more there might be."

OK, enough spoiling. If you've read enough of these older bodice rippers, you can probably guess the rest of what's coming, because there are no surprises. None. (view spoiler)

OK, so I like the older romances as much as the rest of you, but unfortunately Anne was just too self-centered and not very likeable. (view spoiler). I might have ended up giving this an OK three star not bad for a rainy afternoon kind of read, but this new Kindle version has formatting errors that cannot be ignored. I obtained it via a freebie sale, but I'd be a might ticked off if I had paid full price. You be the judge.

"But now, the gratification of this childish whim had tom her from everything she had held dear."

"She turned her head slowly to eyed the girl."

"When he left to tend the horse, she hungrily put the rest of the beams in her mouth, chewing them until they were pulpy, savoring the bitter flavor on her tongue. "

"At first the Ups only brushed hers, like butterfly wings."

Knocking off a half star for the typos, 2.5 rounded up to three stars.
