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The slave trader, "fancy" dealer was saving the best for last, for a special auction. However, at hearing how close he'd come to losing his mother - his priorities, his plan shifted. Dr. Quinton Thaddeus Caine had saved his mother's life - for this deed, the young surgeon deserved the best that he could give in compensation. A gift - the best - a Fancy. To his reasoning, what better gift could one man offer another? Especially considering that the new doctor had arrived and settled in their small town off the Port end of Connecticut - with practically nothing. He would need help, in more ways than one - thus - the placing of Suga - his most valuable possession - her skills far exceeded many of those whom were purchased simply to fill ones bed. According to her master, she'd been taught to serve in many more ways... than that one - as her new owner, Quinton Caine would come to find out.

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Elle1986 says

Insert happy dance

Finally, finally after about six books that I have read in the last few days (I am a very fast reader... blessing and a curse all at the same time smh) I found something that sparked my interest and not only that but it actually made me laugh... THAT I was not expecting in this book.

Now with the blurb I must say... I was nervous and I had no clue how any of this was going to work. However it worked perfectly.

Quinton... I promise you this guy has serious balls, like no other. I promise I laughed extremely hard when he lost it because she went in the woods to get that rabbit. I could just imagine his face being extremely red, every time he yelled "MY GOD WHAT HAVE YOU GIVEN ME" I fell out laughing. It was just so perfect his reaction, oh boy and don't let me start by his outburst in getting her to call him Quinton.. seriously tickled me.

Suga (who I am glad name was updated because sugar cane I just couldn't deal with) was so different then I thought she would be.. first well actually I should probably let those read the book just wait to be surprised. I will say she is not like any other "slave" or "fancy" I have ever read about... and that is a very good thing. I was hoping she would not be made feeble... which she was not!

The only part that turned my stomach was when they had to go to court. I was not prepared for that but I understood why everything happened the way that it did. Sigh. but it's okay it didn't make me dislike the book, if anything it gave me greater understanding of what the quinton character was all about.

So in summary.. I loved this book, it's clear you can't help who you love and you shouldn't have too.

I will be recommending this book to all my friends!

Signing off... One happy reader.

The UHQ Nasanta says

DNF

Let me know when this has been seen by a credible editor. As it stands now, I had to give it up before I completed the first "sentence" because the author does not know how to use punctuations to write a proper one.

For once, he was glad that he'd chosen to walk to those needing his care instead of taking his carriage; that day, he needed to breathe, reminding himself why he'd chosen his direction in life, the stroll was to help

clear his head, and now concluding his day, the much sought after surgeon, Doctor Quinton Thaddeus Caine, took a deep breath to steel himself; reaching up, he firmly applied the door knocker, giving it three precise raps against the weather worn brass plate.

Full stops/periods are your friends.

Zandra says

I was very leery of how this book would approach the subject matter, but I must say this book was really good. The heroine is strong, and the H isn't a jerk. They did not sugarcoat the atrocities of the era but gave it this modern flare that just makes you want to believe. I should definitely give this a re-read.

Amanda says

I just finished reading this book and I LOVED it! I have read man if the books by Mercedes Keyes and I have to say that this is my favourite so far. Ms. Keyes developed her characters well with full understanding of the period that they are in. This is not some melodrama where the young naive salve girl falls for the dashing master. THis book has covered all of the emotional upheaval that would have occurred when such relationships did occur. There is one scene, I will not say which, that is absolutely shocking and gut wrenching . Due to this scene some have given the book a low rating. I, on the other hand, believe that this scene made the situation that the two main characters are in more believable because it is something that would have happened and the reactions afterward were fitting given how each character saw their place in the world that they existed. I am going to add this by saying that Jane Austen's Mr. Darcy and Lizzie Bennett may have just been replaced as my favourite literary couple.

Cinquetta says

YES! YES! YES! I scream when I seem this book was release. It was worth the wait, it is best book I read in long time. I cannot wait to read it again. I giving myself few more days then i am reading the book. I love Suga. If I could be a character I would choose her. I love her strenght her tenicity her courage her sweetest and her iltelligent. Quinton is the man. He was patient kind and he have borderline rudness. Only thing I did not like about him he was 6'0 tall. If he was taller he would had been perfect, at least in my book. The book is well written. The plot is exciting and entertaining. BRAVO! Ms. Keys thank you for this wonderful amazing story thank you!!!!!!

Deloris says

This is a wonderful book, When it starts out Quinton is given Sugah as a gift she is a slave a Fancy (used for the pleasure of men) . Quinton does not believe in owning slaves but takes Sugah home with him. This is a true love story , love of self and love of others . Quinton teaches Sugah to be a lady he falls deeply in love with her and her with him, she learns that she is meant to be more than a slave. You have to read this story to find out the wonderful treasures inside their are parts of this story that will shock and make you smile but at

the end you will be happy like I am now.

Deena says

I can't remember if this book was recommended or if I just stumbled across it in my never-ending search for a good read; whatever the case, after reading so many good reviews, I decided to take the plunge. I'm usually hesitant about spending more \$\$ for a book from an author I'm unfamiliar with, but with all those 5-star reviews, the book has to be good, right? Well...maybe, maybe not.

To be fair, the story itself was pretty good. I love historicals, and was a little hesitant about this one, given the subject matter, but I was pleasantly surprised. There were a couple of scenes where I found myself giving Quentin the serious side-eye, but overall I liked Quentin and Suga a lot. I even liked the dog.

So, why only 3 stars? The book was rife with punctuation errors. Commas and semicolons seemingly were inserted whenever and wherever, which resulted in me having to read sentences several times just so they would make sense. This kind of thing frustrates me to no end and pretty much ruined whatever potential enjoyment I might have had. I would love to read the rest of the series, but I'm reluctant to spend more than \$5 for a poorly edited book.

Manoushka says

Again...I love happy endings!

Nia Forrester says

I was a skeptic, I'll admit it. I have strong feelings about the antebellum period and hate (yes, I used the word 'hate') the fluffy period books that somehow suggest that liaisons between female slaves and their masters were in some way voluntary. That whole 'Jefferson in Paris' yarn made me puke, for example. So it was with some trepidation that I decided to read 'The Fancy'. But Mercedes Keyes did a masterful job of navigating this very difficult tale to tell (and sell) of a white man and a "fancy" (slave bred to be the 'bed wench' of her master) falling in love. She had a wonderful parallel in his experience to explain why he was seemingly immune to the sensibilities of the time which dictated that those of African descent were necessarily inferior to their white masters. There were some anomalies in the dialogue and a few aspects of the story that were fairytale-like, but they were very, very minimal and did not detract from the overall feat of making it believable that a strong and genuine attachment had formed between these two incredibly unlikely lovers. I highly recommend this book to anyone who might have the same misgivings I had. Ms. Keyes will make a believer out of you. I am almost afraid to break the spell by reading anything else of hers, and am still a little befuddled about which of my shelves to put this book on. Perhaps it deserves one of its own.

Margie says

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A.W. says

This is my first read by Mercedes Keyes but it certainly will not be my last. By chance I just happened to run across this book and i am so glad i did and made the purchase. It was so good i read it in two days the anticipation of what was going to happen next made it difficult to put down. I love to read Interracial Historicals and this one goes at the top of my list of favorites. The strength in Shuga was incredible and the love and caring nature Quinton had for her from day one was simply beautiful. This author has an incredible gift of putting a story together where everything just flows perfectly. I can easily see Cora's Daughter series being a made for television series on the Hallmark channel or HBO. That would be AWESOME.

Dei Cowen says

This is one of my favorite historical romance novels and I have quite a few but this ranks in one of my top favs I really enjoyed this journey with Quinton and Suga (Sarah) Caine. The love that they had for one another was out of this world. The admiration, faithfulness and level of respect that everyone who encountered Suga (with the exception of one person lol) had for her was what made her character even more beautiful outside of her description. Although we didn't get much of Cora's story (Suga's mother) she to me exudes a woman who bared it all and still stood strong. Being able to survive off as well as taking care of others, and obviously taught her daughters to do the same. I was so proud of Sarah although a little weary at times she stepped up to the plate willing to learn as much as she could and helping as many as she could along the way. Believing that she could make a difference. The faithfulness and devotion that her and her husband had for one another was simply beautiful. Every captured woman needs a Quinton to stumble in their life as fate would have to save them. I learned so many new things in my reading of The Fancy and I've also read Suga's sister's story and I loved it as well! Mrs. Keyes did a phenomenal job bringing The Fancy to life, I could not put it down, I highly recommend this novel, it was indeed a Sweet Read! #fivestars

Shelly says

4.5 Stars...

I consider this a historical romance first, and the characters happen to be interracial.

There were a ton of things that I liked about this book but my primary reason was that story line was just that darn good. Who would think that that 'fancy' would have such an interesting tale to tell? I sure didn't and I was pleasantly surprised to say that I was very interested in learning all about her and Quinton.

I really enjoyed learning how Suga did her part - all I'm going to say is that Crocodile Dundee and his knife has nothing on Suga and Moose.

Holy Cripes, if Quinton could be any more 'the man' taking care of 'his woman' by any means necessary - ay caramba!

Now on to the serious stuff - there were some matter-of-facts in this story that were hard for me to say 'what happened to so and so' like when Suga briefly speaks about her brothers. All I can say that during that time

in American history there was some bad sh*t that went down.

There was only one thing I didn't like about this novel, maybe because it's an e-book (Kindle). I thought the sentence structure could use some serious editing, there were many passages where I wasn't sure (and I'm still not sure) who said what. I wouldn't consider them real errors but the use of punctuation and short paragraphs with dialog would have made it a smoother read (for me).

All in all, it was a wonderful read and I would definitely recommend this to anyone who wants to read good historical romance (it just happens to be IR).

Happy Reading Folks!

Rose says

Oh my god so corny!! Given that, it could've been way worse. There were really only two parts where I was just done, once with him and then the second time with her.

The two parts went with this. The first was his and I think everyone will agree on this SPOILER (how do you hide a small spoiler). It when he rapes her in the courthouse! Ok, so he doesn't want to. He's being coerced, which is shame on the town council or whatever they are, but he could've been gentle. He was pretending to be a snob who thinks he's too good for a slave not a sadist.

The second might just be me, but it's when they're going to his town or w/e and she gets all self righteous b/c of all the poverty. Yeah, it's sad and she was super nice to them, but it was too much for me. Like, what was he supposed to have down from across the ocean in America??? Govern them with good vibrations?

Still, I have to admit, I liked Suga/Sarah a lot.

Glenda Sparkman says

Love ? don't recognize color or Creed

It was riveting!!! .It was a love story plain ,simple.

There were obstacles overcame them with loyalty and compassion allegiance
