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Gloria knew the benefits of wealth. Her life had been filled with every conceivable luxury, which would only continue when she was married to a well-known and wealthy man. But Gloria's world is shattered when her fiancé is found murdered--in very questionable circumstances. Broken-hearted, Gloria flees to the quiet country town where her father grew up.

There she meets sincere, humble people who seem satisfied without money--and discovers a love she never dreamed existed. But can even the love of handsome Murray MacRae release Gloria from the shame of her past?

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Sarah says

This book was one of the best GLH's I have ever read. The message touched my heart. If you have never read a book by Grace Livingston Hill, you should try one.

Kay (aka) Miss Bates says

Livingston Hill's BEAUTY FOR ASHES is typical of her brand of evangelical Christianity and the device of having either hero, or heroine experience, through meeting the other, a conversion. In this case, the novel is weakened by the fact that Gloria's story is eclipsed by her sister's, Vanna's. However, the second half of the novel, which focusses on Vanna, has a great "dark night of the soul" description. It is in the writing that Livingston Hill's strength lies; her prose is powerful and interesting more often than not. If you'd like to read a more detailed review, please follow the link:

<http://missbatesreadsromance.com/2013...>

I am grateful to Barbour Publishing for an e-ARC, via Netgalley, in exchange for these honest reviews.

Alice says

Why do I enjoy the old Grace Livingston Hill novels so much? She wrote the original Christian fiction. Her characters, although "old-fashioned", face dilemmas which are surprisingly modern. Beauty for Ashes is not one of her most compelling but it makes a good read.

Dianne Sidebottom says

I got to give this book its due respect. This author actually lived the time period the story took place and she would have seen lots of changes with people, environment, government, economy in her life time. I didn't realise the author wasn't who I thought she was till reading the book (got her mixed up with another author). I liked the story of the 2 sisters who saw life in 2 different settings and were able to choose for themselves their futures. They didn't have to be governed by attitude n behaviour of lifestyle chosen by money, breeding, location. Their mother needed a slap or two in her behaviour n thinking. As for the men it's good to know their are spiritual ones out in the community to be found. (we are just passing through on this earth to a better place made without pain/sorrow/death)

Joyce says

Cairah says

I found it to be a charming book. I loved how the women found salvation through their different circumstances.

Kelsey Bryant says

I REALLY enjoyed this book, even more than *The Challengers*. The story was so sweet and sincere and the ending was just right, because it emphasized what is really important in this life. (Plus, the 1930s details were delightful, as always. :))

Gina Hott says

Hott Synopsis:

Gloria is devastated when barely a week before their nuptials her fiance is killed while out with another girl. Running away to her father's ancestral home to avoid the well meaning attention she finds that maybe there is a bit more to this life than she's always believed.

Hott Review:

This isn't my first or even second read of this book. I've actually owned it for years and read it several times. Yet, this time I didn't enjoy it as much as I have in the past. Usually, I'm more able to focus on Gloria's growth whereas this time I couldn't get past the devastation that started this.

More...

Author: Grace Livingston Hill

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Grade: B+ – I gave this a B+ because even though I didn't enjoy it so much this time, I have enjoyed it very much in the past.

Ages: 16+

Steam: Nada

Setting: 1930's Maine

Stephanie M. Allen says

Took me a few chapters to get into this story but once I did, I thoroughly enjoyed it! I like how the multiple stories were woven together and it got a bit suspenseful toward the end. Very enjoyable.

Kailey (BooksforMKs) says

My second favorite of her works.

Zorina B says

It was a great book! Definitely would recommend it.

Hanna says

I can tell what G.L. Hill thinks of city-dwellers ...

On the other hand, I can tell G.L. Hill thinks people in the country are much more superior.

If guys want to learn how to be as chivalrous as possible, they should probably imitate G.L. Hill's male heroes.

Those were kind of random thoughts, because that's generally what I had about this book. Overall, I enjoyed it, but there were little details that seemed a little too much. For example, how Gloria and Vanna *both* adapted so well to the country, and how everyone in the Sutherland family just loved the not-so-backwoods and plain, country, and Christian folks. Not that there wouldn't be someone who is attracted to the country despite their childhood, but I was surprised both sisters were immediately taken to them.

I also was a little confused at the fact that when each couple professed their love, that automatically made them engaged?? Like, there was no, "Will you marry me" moment, just an "I love you" moment. So ... I guess that was just understood? But it was very sweet anyway, especially with (view spoiler)

Susan says

One of my very favorites of GLH's books, I reread it regularly. You do have to be okay with her proselyting, but that's actually one of the reasons I love the book so much! I love a story where God is the the reason for happiness in people's lives, through tragedy but with God, they are brought to much better solutions than without them! Gloria's tragedy turned out to be her saving blessing!

Melissa says

This is a story of a young woman whose fiance is murdered. She leaves town, hating the rumors she hears about what he was doing before he died. She meets a young Christian man. Hard for me to remember it all, but it's similar to a lot of GLH's romances.

Ruth says

I have had this book on my bookshelves for a long time. Would pull it out then decide against it. I am so sorry I did not read it right away. If I could have given it a 10 star rating I would have. It was very well written and grabbed me right from the start. A well to do family with two lovely girls and a boy who was away from home. One of the girls was a week away from being married when a very unfortunate thing happened. Despite her mothers feelings she wanted to get away from any one that would know her. Her father had just the right place in mind. He took her back to where he was raised. Way out in the country where life was simple. She ended up spending many days there and found the true meaning of life and love. Her sister eventually joined her and what an adventure they had together. They both found faith in Christ and the true meaning of love. Then their father became ill and they had to return home. Let's just say that God's plan is always the best even when misfortune happens. Don't want to spoil the ending for anyone. A must read and a keeper book for me.
