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From Reader Review River Whispers for online ebook

Andrea Smith says

I love the flow of Kathi Oram Peterson's writing. It just seems smooth and flawless to me. I really liked the small town, cowboy and ranch setting with the river. I enjoyed the characters and thought that the author did a great job of throwing around blame. I suspected everyone in town. This was an LDS Romance/Suspense. I almost would have preferred it without the LDS part. Though, I did like the references to prayer during the climax of the story. It wasn't too preachy but the Epilogue felt like a happy "tie everything together" ending and very contrived to me. It didn't feel natural. I thought the novel could have ended strongly without it.

Brittany Ostler says

Great read. Kept me hooked.

Hilary Roberts says

I don't think I've ever given a book one star before. I'll admit I read the first third waiting for the book to get captivating, but it never did. I completely skipped the middle third and very briefly skimmed the last third. I realized I would have been just fine not knowing "who did it." The problem with this book is that it is so predictable and set up. The characters are really annoying because their relationships with each other get really old -- I felt like I was reading the same thing over and over and over and over. This seems like the writing of a first-time writer. If anyone likes any of her other books, let me know; otherwise, I think I will move on from Kathi Oram Peterson...

Sonja says

Enjoyed.

Tamera Westhoff says

I liked it! It wasn't a favorite, but it was a great read! I love how Regi (Regina) has a temper, yet everyone knows she would never hurt anyone. There were a ton of people who were happy that Curtis died, so it wasn't much of a surprise that there were a lot of suspects! There was so many different people and situations in this book, that it wasn't easy to keep on the same track and it made it harder to guess at who did it! Great for the mystery, the little romance, and not preachy! It was clean through and through!

Susan says

Regi, a widow with grown children, in my opinion, acts like a teenager most of the time in this book. While fishing she finds a dead body in the willows and runs through most of the town as suspects and takes off on tangents. She refuses to accept that some aren't likely just because she is carrying a chip against them. Romance, though I don't see why he keeps trying, rounds off the story. Wow, in reading this over it doesn't sound like I enjoyed it much. It was a little better than that but not much.

Lu Ann says

This exciting novel mixes the mysticism of Indian lore with modern day mystery. In her River Whispers' novel, Kathi has brought in a socially unaccepted woman who is strange and holds to the traditions learned as she lived among the American Indians. She also brings into the suspenseful plot, old loves of times past. Capturing an element of romance, intrigue, murder, mystery/suspense, and real life situations, Traci has developed a well-written, captivating clean, mystery/suspense novel.

The Title is a perfect "fit". The book cover is well done and portrays the story and title well, but is too dark. It fails to effectively attract the "browsers" attention.

The variety of the small town characters are described in a way they seem real. The background scenes are equally effective in visualization.

The Book on CD is read very well by Luone Ingram.

Jill Kemerer says

I enjoyed reading River Whispers. Kathi has a knack for writing small town characters and gripping suspense. The heroine Regi has plenty of conflict in her life--including a dead body, an annoying, yet hunky, ex-boyfriend, a business to run, oh, and that pesky little problem of being a murder suspect. Her tenacity and faith work together to convince her to trust the ones who can help her. While Regi's faith rests on the Book of Mormon and mine rests on the Bible, I found the religious journey of the characters uplifting. Most of all, it was heart-warming to watch Regi open her heart to her true love.

Kathryn says

fun murder mystery that brings suspicion on many people in the small town in Idaho. Everyone seems to have a connection with the deceased. Long lost love is tested and found true even after time, distance, and trust is restored.

Regi has lost her husband and raised her twins alone except for the help of her widowed sister, Claudia. They open a bed and breakfast to support themselves. Regi has sold off her land and her prized horse to keep them afloat and send the twins to college. The buyer is none other than her long lost love, Samuel Tanner. Tanner

ran off when they were teens to Alaska to escape his abusive father. He tried to write, but never did and this devastated Regi and all their plans for the future. She marries and moves on, but when Tanner comes back he wants Regi back and isn't too happy that Regi has moved on with her life. He has a grudge and won't sell back the land as promised. After her husband's death, Tanner tries to express his true feelings, but Regi isn't making it easy for him. When they are both suspects in a murder of a ranger...they let go of the past and help prove their innocence. Tanner proves he loves Regi still and will protect her.

Entanglement and blackmail bring Claudia's politician husband's death into focus because of the land deal that he tried to ban and the ranger's part in this.

The murder weapon is one that both Tanner and Regi have...a knife. But who used it is the clincher. Ultimately it is Tanner's brother that has killed the ranger for greed of wanting land that his father gave to Tanner and not to him for sticking around. Then the Aunt whose mind is gone with thinking that her brother, Isaiah is still living that are the bad guys.

Susan says

I enjoyed this book although it was kind of unbelievable, and the main character, a mother of grown children, acted like a teenager most of the time. Also, her sister's terrible secret about her husband turns out not to be so terrible.

Regi finds a body in the river, and she is the prime suspect since the knife he was stabbed with is found in her Jeep. So she tries to find the murderer on her own. At the same time, her old boyfriend, who deserted her many years ago, is still in love with her, but she won't have anything to do with him, and even wonders if he is a murderer.

There were a lot of suspects and I didn't figure out who was the real murderer until the last pages. It's a clean, LDS novel.

Sheila says

River Whispers is a novel very different from anything that Kathi Oram Peterson has ever written. She has written two young adult time travel books, *The Forgotten Warrior* and *The Stone Traveler*, and a best selling Christmas book, *An Angel On Main Street*. Now with *River Whispers*, she has written her first romantic suspense.

To read more about this book and my full review, please go to my blog where you can also enter to win some fun prizes. You can only do this May 23-27th 2011. <http://whynotbecauseisaidso.blogspot....>

Laurie says

RIVER WHISPERS

by

Kathi Oram Peterson

It's a wonderful thing to find a book you can become so immersed in that laying it aside is a burden. Kathi Oram Peterson has written such a book. "River Whispers" is one of my favorite reads this year, and if I could give Peterson a 4.5, I would. Let me tell you why.

The storyline is engaging, the list of suspects is endless, and Peterson's setting in small town Trailhead, Idaho's Snake River country provides a complicated web of tangled lives and plot lines, but it's Peterson's writing style that captivated me. She writes like a painter—creating perfect moments and clear images that drew me in and made me love her characters.

Trailhead is far too small a town to bottle up Regi Bernard's mistrust of two men. Samuel Tanner abruptly ended their romance when he abandoned both Regi and Trailhead without a word of explanation. Worse yet, when he returned years later, he seemed bent on making her and her husband miserable at every opportunity, clear up until Earl's death. Curtis Romney, a local park ranger, abandoned her daughter after dragging her reputation through the mud. It's no secret how Regi feels about either man.

On a particularly unpleasant trip into town, Regi has run-ins with each of these irritants, and her temper lets loose. In a moment of frustration, Regi issues a scalding warning to Curtis, and when she stumbles upon his corpse a day later, she becomes the prime suspect.

Peterson does a splendid job casting doubt on everyone's innocence, which casts a pall of suspicion over those Regi loves most, leaving her mistrustful of their assistance until she believes only she can prove her innocence.

The tangle of lives is tight and convenient at times, but Peterson's deft writing style fleshes out the situations nicely. Her characters are rich and complex, and she releases tidbits about them like a cracker trail through the woods readers will be delighted to follow.

Clearly, Peterson knows her setting well. Raised in southeastern Idaho, Kathi Oram Peterson developed a love for the Snake River region early on, while her research on fly fishing, Indian culture, and ranching enriches the story and draws the reader in.

Still, what makes Kathi Oram Peterson one of my favorite authors is her unique descriptive passages. She works hard for her readers, bypassing trite descriptions in favor of rich, colorful, original thoughts that satisfy.

The book is written in third person, but the reader is constantly in the characters' minds, as they ruminate over, and rehash, the same questions over and over. These passages slow the read a bit in places, but Peterson's efforts to insert the reader into the characters' thoughts adds urgency early on.

The mystery is well-formed and keeps you turning pages as does the romantic tension between Regi and Samuel. While these two are clearly drawn to one another, they also suspect one another, and with good cause. Peterson doesn't tip her hand about their innocence or guilt to the very end. Nicely done.

I'm nominating River Whispers for a Whitney Award. The e-book version is available at Amazon. Readers

can pick up copies at Deseret Books or at your local LDS bookstores, where you can also purchase Kathi Oram Peterson's other fine books.

Readers can contact Kathi through her website, www.kathiorampeterson.com, and her blog, www.kathiswritingnook.com.

Linda Trionfo says

I liked this book a lot and the characters were great, My first book by this author and I hope to read more. I liked the goofy small town people and the locals. The dialouge was believeable and smooth and the love story was realalistic. I gave it 4 stars because I really could not put it down, it was funny and the plot thickened at the right points in the book for me. However a few things were a little distracting. The religious aspect was a little off for me, could have been great with out it and I felt it was not needed, I did not connect how it had anything to do with the story. The baggage that she had from the past and dealing with her husbands death seemed to be dealt with too easily, with that sort of past her new realationship shoud have happened slower. But over all it was a fun book and I would recommend it, Thanks Nikki!

Charlene Raddon says

That Kathi Oram Peterson knows her subject is evident in the details of her book River Whispers. She's familiar with the setting obviously knows fishing. I enjoyed this read very much. Kathi's words flow as smoothly as the river she writes about, making her story an easy and pleasant read. I loved the rural setting and the characters were great fun. Who couldn't love Wakanda? Or Regi, with her fiery temperament? Personally I can't wait to see what Peterson comes up with next.

Elizabeth Mueller says

Kathi's River Whispers had me turning its pages!

Regina Bernard struggles from the death of her husband and blames many of her problems on her old flame, Samuel Tanner. The sudden murder of Ranger Curtis Romney is pinned on poor Regina, and while she fights to clear her name, Samuel thinks of ways to rekindle their passion.

I enjoyed the intricate thought patterns as Regi reasoned how every person around her could've murdered the poor Ranger. Her stubbornness, I have to admit, made me want to beat her over the head with a pillow.

Kathi is masterful at creating her story. I enjoyed the page-turning experience, and was pleasantly shocked at the many twists at the end of the book.

When I was done reading, my teen daughter snatched the book up and finished it in under 24 hours! That says a whole lot if you ask me.

