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When soldier Caitlin McKae woke up in Atlanta after being wounded in battle, the Georgian doctor who treated her believed Caitlin's only secret was that she had been fighting for the Confederacy disguised as a man. In order to avoid arrest or worse, Caitlin hides her true identity and makes a new life for herself in Atlanta.

Trained as a teacher, she accepts a job as a governess to the daughter of Noah Becker, a German immigrant lawyer, who is about to enlist with the Rebel army. Then in the spring of 1864, Sherman's troops edge closer to Atlanta. Caitlin tries to escape north with the girl, but is arrested on charges of being a spy. Will honor dictate that Caitlin follow the rules, or love demand that she break them?

For more information on this series, visit www.HeroinesBehindtheLines.com.

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Jeanann Barrett says

Another heart wrenching page turner. An exceptional read, highly recommended. That said what brought my rating down was the ending. A sucker for happily ever after -- this was just a little much. An awesome fictional write filled with true historic events turned into --- Once upon a time, the "prince" rode in on his horse and "all" lived happily after. But that is my opinion and I hope it does not stop anyone from reading this book.

Kelvey says

Yankee in Atlanta is the third book in the Heroines Behind the Lines series.

I did not read this series in order (for the sake of time), but I *highly* suggest you do. I am interested in reading the rest of the books—hopefully sometime soon.

I loved all of the history woven into this novel! I learned so many new things while reading, and it never felt info-dumpy at any point.

I had some trouble getting into this book, but after 70 pages or so, I was a lot more interested in the storyline. It took a lot of build to get to the main conflict because of the war going on, and us getting to know the characters.

The characters were wonderful! There never was a time that I thought they were unrealistic, or that their situation was resolved too easily. Caitlin was easily my favorite simply because I could see more of a women's aspect of the Civil War.

This story was very informative, interesting, and very well-written. Because of that, it gets a 4.5 star rating from me! I highly recommend it if you love historical fiction and also learning something from the novels you read.

***I was sent this by Moody Publishers for the purpose of this review. All opinions are my own and they're honest. I was not compensated for this review.**

Staci says

Simply delightful marriage of history with two different story lines. I adored this third book in the Heroines Behind the Lines series!

Yankee in Atlanta encompasses so many aspects of the Civil War and the level of detail is amazing. It is clear that author Jocelyn Green has spent a great deal of time researching her topic. I could smell Atlanta burning and hear the riotous crowds in New York City. The imagery was beautifully done.

All of the history was woven into two different story lines. Noah a German immigrant living in Atlanta and Caitlin serving as a Union soldier finds herself in Atlanta. The second story line has slightly less focus, but is equally captivating. The story of Edward, a preacher in New York City and Ruby, an Irish immigrant and former prostitute.

I highly encourage the Heroines Behind the Lines series for those who enjoy a great deal of history in their

Historical Fiction. Yankee in Atlanta was solidly a five star read.

Martha says

The third book in this fabulous Civil War era series, Jocelyn Green does not disappoint. As with her others, she takes you behind the lines, so to speak, to give you the feeling that you just experienced the trials that others would have if you were living in that time.

It is hard to describe how this book touched me without giving too much of the story away, but I will say that I struggled to get to read it because I had my sister take it from me and another friend almost grab it to borrow, all while I was reading it.

The one thing that I love about Ms. Green's writing is that she gives you a historical view of the times from a woman's perspective. You get to see some of the men's point of view, but the women, and seeing what they contributed during this very hard time in history is just astounding.

You can tell this book was inspired by real, first person accounts in the writing, and therefore that makes it a great option to use in your high school level history literature. If you would like more info, check out the author's website

heroninesbehindthelines.com

If you are a history buff, check out the whole series. You will not be sorry. You will have people stealing it from you as well, and you will have to send them to get their own copy.

Jennifer says

3.5 stars.

Moving and compelling, I stayed up way too late last night reading this book. It had everything I've come to expect from Ms. Green: strong historical details, complex characters, and a holy and loving Father. The reasons I can't give more stars are as follows: 1) for one of the story lines, the MCs spent almost all of the book apart (but I guess the sweet epilogue more than made up for it), and 2) while my heart broke for the other heroine of this book, I was still **so frustrated** by her lies of omission. Plus the decisions that she made with her son that led to all the drama were so stupid (strong word, I know, but if you read this book you'd understand).

For all of this story's frustrations, I suppose they all pointed back to flawed people being loved by a perfect Father. I certainly couldn't love like He does, but I won't stop asking Him to help me be more like Him. This story was deeply saddening yet uplifting at the same time. I hope you'll be inspired and encouraged by it.

Kate (The Shelf Life) says

Can I just start off by gushing about the history! The detail and the events added to the story were fantastic.

Jocelyn Green included aspects of the Civil War that aren't touched on by many, and I love that she includes it in her stories.

I love stories set during the time of the Civil War. There is so much there. From both the North and the South, there is so much history to work with and Jocelyn takes it and runs with it. She weaves her fictional characters (some based on true people) flawlessly through these historical moments.

Caitlin McKae is such a strong lead. She pretends to be a man to enlist in to the Union army to fight beside her brother, but after being injured and some confusion on the battlefield, she winds up in Atlanta, the hub of the south. She is stubborn to the core, but it helps her persevere as she navigates Atlanta, trying to keep her past a secret to protect her life. Caitlin is a smart woman, not afraid of hard work and is willing to stand up to anyone around her.

Noah Becker I thought was a wise character. He is stuck between a rock and a hard place when the war reaches him. Despite his leanings, he joins the Confederate Army. All he cares about is his daughter's safety. His devotion to his daughter was swoon worthy for me. My goodness, how I loved reading about Noah. He does what he has to do and suffers a lot for it, but he is a character you keep cheering for.

I loved how in Yankee in Atlanta, we got to go back and visit with Ruby from Wedded to War. We were brought up to date, really, on all the characters from the last two books. The connections between the families was fun to see and kept the series connected. We also were introduced to new characters as well, and I have to say, Susan Kent could make Scarlett O'Hara look civil and kind and morally righteous.

This story was great. I know most people know about the fall of Atlanta from Gone with the Wind, but really, you don't get the full story. Through Caitlin, we experience everything that happened and how much harder it really was to survive and live during the siege and after. This book captures it all. You see it from both sides perspective and it gave it such depth.

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Katie says

Another excellent installment to the series. The second book, Widow of Gettysburg, is still my favorite of the series, but this was also heart-rending and enthralling. It also led to some lively discussion about "Did Sherman really..." and "Did he know he was firing on civilians...". Any book that leads to the retrospective is a worthwhile read. Was Sherman right in firing cannons into a city of women and children? Could he have broken the backbone of the south without those drastic measures? Regardless of stance and beliefs about the Civil War and other wars and violence, we can all agree that "It is well that war is so terrible, or we should grow too fond of it." (Robert E. Lee).

Jocelyn Green shows the evil and horror of war vividly and unflinchingly. This series is highly recommended to anyone interested in the Civil War and the impact on the country and the women left behind.

Amy says

The third book in the series and the most intriguing story yet.

I love the way Mrs. Green weaves actual history into her fictional stories.

I especially enjoyed the very end of the book tying together the Civil War time with the Orphan Trains and Westward Wagon Trains - historical things like that tend to be compartmentalized in my brain instead of thinking of the big picture of how these things happened at the same time!

Lydia Howe says

Why I Choose this Book:

It appears to be a spy book and starts out with the MC masquerading as a man to fight in the Civil War. Now that, my friends, is a big grab for me.

What I Thought About this Book:

I had such high hopes for this book and it started out SO well. I read the first two books in the series just so I would be ready for this book and not miss out on anything. Both books 1 and 2 received three stars and I was pretty sure this was going to be a four star book because it was so promising... And instead it barely squeaked in with three stars. What in the world?

First of all, I was wrong about the premise. Caitlyn isn't a spy. She's only a solider during the prolog. She's a governess. Still, the book was still redeemable, despite the two most exciting elements not panning out... Yet, it wasn't redeemed.

Instead I felt like there was far to much focus on romance and some of it was too detailed and I ended up skim reading sections. A fair amount of one of the sub-plots was how one of the characters from a previous book dealt with being abused and (sorta) forced into prostitution. I'm guessing that if I was working with ladies who were dealing with those issues this book might have come in handy, but I'm not, and it didn't. (Hence the skim-reading.)

The ending was also an eye rolling experience for me. I felt like one of the characters jumped out of character and did something that in reality, they would never do. And then *boom* so many pieces fell into place at just the right time for a happy-ever-after. Obviously that kind of stuff can happen, and when it does in real life it's so cool, but in fiction it feels very... fictional.

So, with all of these issues why did the book still garner three stars? Because, despite all that^, the book was captivating at times and the characters really came alive and were well developed and individual. I liked the story, although it wasn't what I was imaging, and I enjoyed finding out what the characters were doing after the last book.

I learned a lot about the war and how the civilians lived in Atlanta and all the problems they faced. The book reminded me once again how horrible war is. This series has brought the Civil war alive from the perspective

of the women during that time. I commend the author on what seems like thorough research.

Conclusion:

I was pretty sure I wouldn't read any more books in the series... But, then I saw the next book IS about a spy, so we'll have to see. I sadly won't recommend this book because of the romance I had to skim-read, but other than that I think it was nice.

Rating:

I'm giving "Yankee in Atlanta" 3 out of 5 stars, 4 out of 10 stars.

I received this book for free from Moody Publishers in exchange for an honest review

Anne Osterlund says

Caitlin is a prisoner of war, though no one in the city of Atlanta knows she was actually serving as a soldier in the Union army before she wound up in a southern hospital. Nonetheless, she has no option of escape.

Except to take on the charge of a young girl whose father, Noah, is off to fight for the South. Caitlin knows her own days of returning to the battle line are done. But as a prisoner in Atlanta, the battle line may come to her.

Caitlin's story was by far my favorite storyline within this novel. There are actually a myriad of other narrators, including several who live in New York and share their own perspective on the events of the war; but I found Caitlin's dilemma to be unique.

Joleen says

I had to laugh at the blurb on the (Kindle edition) book title page. I'm not sure what book they're talking about but it's not *Yankee in Atlanta*. The description talks about a Cyrena Stine, her husband Amherst and brother Chester. There are no characters by those names in this book. The disclaimer below it says "Fictional plot subject to change", which I thought was funny too. ?

(I noticed when I clicked on the book from the author page, the accurate blurb is there. This must be just the Kindle edition error?)

Anyway, this book begins in 1862 in New York. Caitlin McKae, escaping a "murder scene" after defending herself from her stepfather's attack, joins the Northern Army (as a man) with her brother Jack. Wounded on rebel soil, and separated from her brother, she was found with a dying rebel's coat wrapped around her wound and his bible in her hand. After treatment and release, she has to pretend she's a southern sympathizer, taking a teaching position in Atlanta. After the school closes to become a hospital for wounded soldiers, fellow teacher Noah Becker needs to enlist, and asks her to stay at his home as his daughter's private teacher while he's at war. This becomes her home for years, taking in refugees and struggling to survive, always hoping to be reunited after the war with her beloved Jack.

Meanwhile back in New York, Ruby is a new believer, and has bible studies with Edward, the pastor who visits the home of a woman for whom she is employed as a maid. He's not a man she's interested in, and because of a secret past, she would never be interested in a relationship again. On a carriage ride with Edward in July of 1863, they unknowingly headed right into the most violent insurrection in American History. Because of an announcement of a federally mandated conscription, what started as an organized opposition soon turned into a violent uprising by the Irish immigrants against the city's wealthy elite, its free black residents (because they were exempt from this conscription) and the Civil War draft. Edward was trying to get out of there and protect Ruby and her son, but was attacked by the mob. Ruby, being Irish herself, knew some of them and was able to get them to stop their attack on Edward.

I started to go into the many things that happened to these characters, but honestly, there's just way too much. It's one thing after another. Escapes, captures, flogging, near rapes, secrets revealed, kidnapping, unwelcome people from the past, love and evil.

My four star rating is because I just don't appreciate when characters suffer constant adversity, misfortune, sickness and tragedy. Not until the last few chapters, as storylines and characters are coming together, do you see much happiness. If it had been two or three hardships, okay. But it was months and years of hard times and painful events. There was one satisfying romance, albeit a struggle because they were separated throughout the war. But the other one was exasperating...Love yes, but their marriage was based on a lie and cost them in a number of ways.

On a good note, this was a very well researched book with an amazing amount of Civil War history, and Ms. Green is a wonderful writer. She probably wrote an accurate depiction of what life was like for families, especially in the South, losing so much and struggling just to survive. I read Ms. Green's *Widow of Gettysburg* years ago and loved it.

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

Some of the best historical novels I've read are built around historical facts with some liberties taken to enhance the story to gain the reader's heart and soul and that is just exactly what Jocelyn Green does in the latest novel, *Yankee in Atlanta*. This is the third novel in her Heroines Behind the Lines Series which I have been a part of since the beginning. This time she utilizes the American Civil War as her setting and places our heroine Caitlin McKae at the forefront of the battle where she was disguised as a man and enlisted in the Union army. Little did she believe that she would be shot by the enemy. When she wakes up from her injuries, she is immediately questioned as being a spy since when would a woman want to disguise herself as a soldier and go to war. This is based on the fact that hundreds of women did just that by disguising themselves as men and enlisting in the army on both sides of the war.

Noah Becker represents another minority, the German immigrant living in the Confederacy with more of them fighting on the North than on the South. His relationship with Caitlin is to hire her as a governess for his children before he heads off to war. Yet before he leaves, he cautions Caitlin to assist any women or children in Atlanta that need help as war refugees remembering what that was like for him in Germany. It is his way of paying it forward. But just like *Gone with the Wind*, soon soldiers find their way into the house and soon take what they need from food, fuel and animals not caring what the women or children need. This is war, and everything must be done to ensure their side has an advantage in the war.

The best part about this novel is that it defines for the reader by involving them in the story of Noah and

Caitlin, how difficult it was for families that were torn apart by the war, from often times fighting against one another and then coming to terms with not knowing what happened to those that were left to fight, not knowing if they were wounded or killed or even if they were coming home at all. For those that love American history and novels involving the Civil War, then this is the perfect novel to settle down with. The characters and their stories are enough to gain your sympathy and have you turning pages as fast as possible to learn their fate as soon as it is revealed. There is a great section at the end where the author shares how she formatted the basis for this novel and the historical facts from the Civil War as well as a compelling discussion guide that is perfect for book clubs!

I received Yankee in Atlanta by Jocelyn Green compliments of River North Publishing and Christian Fiction Blog Alliance for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation and the opinions expressed here are strictly my own. I would rate this Historical Christian Novel a 4.5 out of 5 stars and this is the third novel in the series with Wedded to War and Widow of Gettysburg being the first two in the Heroines Behind the Lines Series. Word has it that a fourth novel is coming soon!

Peter says

'Yankee in Atlanta' by Jocelyn Green continues the hard to put down series 'Heroines Behind the Lines.' 'Yankee' boasts Green's imagination flexing a bit to bring in character's we've met in previous books, intertwining lives we care about. Her historical sense and moral compass bring deeper issues to light that give this story a literary quality. Worth every 5 stars I can give it. Can't wait to read more from Jocelyn Green!

Patricia Kemp Blackmon says

I read this book back in September and just now getting around to writing a well earned five star review.

I found book three to be as intriguing as the first two books in this series.

Women like Caitlin McKae took on roles they never expected to have to take on especially with no men to direct them in this man's world. Most of the women were treated as if they were fragile, that is before their men set off to fight in the Civil War. So much to deal with on such fragile shoulders. Women like Caitlin turned out to be a very strong force on their homefronts and frontlines during the war as they tried to preserve what they had left, not just themselves but for their children and also in hopes of having a home for their sons and husbands to return home to. We learned much about the roles men held in wartime and finally we are learning about the roles women took on during these times in our history. Women can be heroes too!

I highly recommend this book.

I rated this book a 5 out of 5.

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Amelia says

The third installment in Heroines Behind the Lines did not disappoint. Green's grasp of the historical era shines, as does her character development. I fell in love with the characters in the early pages and the mystery and intrigue kept me turning the pages. Green shows us the reality of the war, and the pain and heartache for both sides. It's a story of redemption, grace, and God's great love.
