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When Doris Dunbar's loving father dies, her family is torn apart. Suddenly Doris is faced with financial ruin, a hateful stepmother, a disgruntled fiance, a dying brother, and the care of younger siblings.

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Vickie Brannon says

I've never read anything by Grace Livingston Hill until this book so I really didn't know what to expect. I was so pleasantly surprised. It was a very sweet story consisting of challenge after challenge for the Dunbar family as one might expect - given the title. I admired Doris, detested Milton, and Zephyr - good grief! I wanted more of a conclusion; an epilogue would have been nice. It was old-fashioned, yet refreshing.

Rachel says

I like these clean Christian romances by Grace Livingston Hill; however, I will say that her good characters are almost too perfect and her bad ones horribly evil, which can make them amusing although that's not the intent. They are well written though.

Dianna says

Everything that can go wrong does, and then it all magically wraps up in about three pages, with a few major plot holes still gaping.

Jill says

My favorite GLH book

I have always loved her books about families pulling together in hardship. This one takes the cake with well developed characterizations. Although following a tried and true theme, there are differences in outcome that are unique in this one. Highly recommend.

Danielle Reily says

I'm enjoying reading Grace Livingston Hill novels again. I read them when I was in middle school, and I found a bunch on sale at a used book store and I had to buy them. They are romantic and sweet, a little predictable and sappy, and very old fashioned, but happy and "feel-good" reads. Job's Niece has a slightly disappointing climax I think. There is a lot of build up with the family troubles and etc, and then ...poof....everything is wonderful. I also want to know what happens to some of the characters and their situations, overall not my favorite Hill novel.

Margaret Boehm says

I love this author. Even with the time period she wrote you still live the story.

Jerry says

A Quickie Review

Though it was good, it was a bit hard to get into, which is not what I've come to expect from Grace Livingston Hill. This is the second GLH book in a row I've read that wasn't up to her standard; hopefully, the next one I read will be better.

Score: 3/5

Teri-K says

This is my first GLH, though I tried and didn't finish another one that had a very spoiled rich girl for heroine. This heroine grew up rich, but when the book opens her father has died, leaving the family with crushing debt that will change their lives drastically.

At first it read like a George MacDonald romance - which made me quite happy as I love his old romance novels. Then it became more French farce, the doorbell ringing to admit another outrageous person bringing more problems to the beleaguered family, and I giggled through that part. Finally it settled into a more typical old-fashioned romance, with the hero and heroine falling in love through letters and postcards, since they were on different continents.

Ultimately it was a delightful story of a spunky young girl who made the best of her life and ended up with her HEA. I will read another by Hill some times.

Cws says

JF-YAHil

Sheryl Tribble says

Not one of Hill's best. As others have noted, she throws everything she can think of at the heroine, while giving only a few hints of possible solutions, before abruptly tying up a bunch of threads into a pretty unbelievable happy ending that requires a pure *deus ex machina* for one of the problems and nearly that for two more. I don't mind Hill's Happily Ever After trope, and I'll shrug off any number of unlikely happenings to get there, but this one is just ridiculous.

I was also more irritated by Hill's obsession with social status in this one; sometimes she gets past that whole thing and presents people of a "lower social class" as having unexpected quality and proving themselves human beings worthy of respect, but in this one social class trumps any possibility of change or growth.

I still found things to enjoy in it. At one point the heroine is being pressured by her fiance, and he's using the whole "the husband gets to dictate to the wife" line of thinking, which she rejects by saying, "Milton, you have no authority over me. I must do what I think is right. It is my own conscience that I must follow, and if you really love me you will not hurt me by" insisting she ignore it.

I suspect Hill always believed that the best marriage is one where the husband and wife are of like minds, and she'd probably never bought into the argument that Christian women should abandon their beliefs in order to "submit" to their husband. But I also believe that her own experience with her second marriage convinced her that enough people believe in such foolishness that she needed to directly challenge that idea, and IMHO she does a good job of challenging it.

Another lesson that Hill had to learn in her own life, and tries to pass on, is that "she knew herself to be not really bound by what anyone else, even of her own family, did. She was herself, and accountable for her own character." There's some good stuff here, and with some rewriting it could have been a good book, but Hill did not give it the attention it needed and her editor let it slide.

Wintersong says

So bad, it's funny.

My Book Addiction and More MBA says

JOB'S NIECE by Grace Livingston Hill is an interesting inspirational historical romance set in 1920's United States. Ms. Livingston Hill is considered the pioneer of Christian Romance and her legacy continues. "Job's Niece" is book 11 in the "Love Endures" series, but can be read as a stand alone. This is the story of Doris Dunbar, her siblings, her very demanding stepmother and the mounting bills her father left at his death. And Angus Macdonald, a Scottish businessman, his widowed, aging mother, and his hope of a future in Europe. Fast paced story of hope, family, healing, faith, forgiveness and love. Can love bring salvation, hope and peace or more pain and hurt? I enjoy this author's stories. It just goes to show you Love does Endure. If you enjoy historical romance and family you will enjoy "Job's Niece". Another wonderful classic! Received for an honest review from the publisher.

RATING: 4

HEAT RATING: SWEET

REVIEWED BY: AprilR, My Book Addiction and More/My Book Addiction Reviews

Katherine Cunningham says

This was a great book with a happy ending that had a surprising twist to it. Definitely five out of five stars for a page-turning story.
