



Wind Dancer

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For readers who crave adventure with their historical fiction *Wind Dancer* (B&H Books 978-0-8054-4534-3) by Jamie Carie places fiery Isabelle Holt in the center of the action as American Revolutionaries capture the British town of Kaskaskia and seek a truce with the Shawnee tribe that is terrorizing the surrounding settlements. Sam Holt a scout for George Rogers Clark meets young Isabelle and her brother on one of his missions. When she kills a wolf with a knife to its belly and helps him fight off a band of Shawnees Sam knows that they belong together. However when Isabelles brother is killed and she and Samuel are taken captive by the tribe it becomes obvious that happily ever after will be hard to come by. Even so the Revolutionaries are hesitant to break a tenuous peace with the Shawnees by abducting the newest members of the tribe.

“Had [Sam] been planning an escape with anyone else he would have made for their lodge to help” the author writes. “But this was Isabelle. If anyone could escape with as much stealth as heit would be her. He found he had complete faith in her abilities.” Isabelle is a unique character in historical fiction and the Shawnee are portrayed with sensitivity as people who have been wronged by the settlers. The books Christian message is subtle.

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