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Synopsis

Mamie Garrison is a story of an ordinary woman who goes to extraordinary lengths to do what she knows is right. Everything in her young life has led her to this moment, this decision. She will embark on the greatest adventure of her life. Approximately one hundred and fifty years later, her ancestor, Bella Garrison, inherits a house from her grandmother and finds Mamie's journals in a trunk in the attic. Bella with the help of her historian boyfriend, Andrew, will follow Mamie's journey through her writings, to find out more about this intrepid woman and what she achieved. However, someone is trying to stop them from learning about Mamie. What do they not want Bella to find out? And...what is the meaning of the strange events occurring in Bella's house?

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Mamie Garrison
Teresa McRae
Reviewed by Author Roy Murry
The underground railroad and slavery in the United States of America are a story we Americans know is part of our history, but few are connected personally. The stories are many, and few are brought to light the way Ms. McRae has in

Mamie Garrison. Using a present day event, a house left to a grandchild becomes the uncovering of the early inhabitants participating in freeing humans from their enslavers. The recipient, a young lady lawyer, finds a journal of Mamie who's identity propels her to risk her life and that of others to help in that endeavor. The people enslaved and those who helped free them went through are impelling life change. Using Mamie's journal read by her relative, this preamble to Civil War comes alive. Going back and forward, the reader, tells her story of meeting a man who helps unravels some mysteries related to Mamie, the slave trade, and how the adjacent properties' occupants were involved. Ms. McRae has done an excellent job of bringing the reader into a tale that lives on through the journal readers eyes and unique abilities. The writing is clean, interesting, and believable. I would recommend reading on to Book 2.

I must start by saying that I highly recommend this book for everyone who loves historical fiction, in particular those surrounding the Civil War and slave issues. I found this book to flow very easily and was anxious to see how the story unfolded. There are two linking story lines that go from today to the time of preceding the Civil War and the actions of one family's participation in the Abolitionist activities. It was well researched and really shed an interesting light on the struggles of the people of that era. Do yourself a favor and read this wonderful tale. I look forward to future projects of this author. I see good things for her in her future in writing. Excellent work for her first novel!

I have never been so impressed by a book as I have Mamie Garrison. The historical details brought the characters to life and the author brought life to the characters. I don't have much free time, so every minute I had I couldn't wait to get back to it. Every emotion I had in me was brought out by the story line and the authors ability to pull me in. Bella made me feel like I was falling in love, Mamie made me see the horrors of the time, and the courage and fear of doing the right thing. And both the present and the past brought history into perspective. I would recommend this book to anyone of any age. Tastefully done. I look forward to the sequel!

Well written. Tells a good story of what it was like even if it was a bit of fiction

The author had an engaging story to tell, but her characters were flat. The story is merely told, not lived. Honestly, I had a difficult time staying with it to the end. The editing was also poorly done. I had trouble getting beyond misspelled words and other errors. I read dozens of books a year that I would describe as "must reads", but this one doesn't make the list. I do see potential in the writer's

ability to create a good plot.

This is so interesting if you like history and romance. A Young woman moves to her grandmother's house after her grandmother's death. In searching through the house she finds a trunk that has the journals of an ancestor who lived in this house, dated in the middle 1800s. She goes to the library and talks to the man who does the historical research. He helps her discover many things about the house and her ancestors who lived there over the years. They enjoy each other's company tremendously.

Fascinating story of slavery and abolitionists who worked tirelessly trying to help slaves escape, placing their own lives and that of their family in jeopardy. This very well written novel brings the issue of slavery down to a personal level when a present day young woman researches her family tree. I really enjoyed this book.

This story was interesting, but I purchased the ebook, and it had a lot of mistakes in it. The pace wasn't as fast as I'm used to either. Some of the characters were one-dimensional, so I rated it a three. It did hold my interest enough that I finished reading it and wanted to see what happened. Parts were better than other parts. I love Civil War romance and found the way this one was written with half in the Civil War era and half the modern good. The romance was believable. I wanted to find out what happened to John. Don't know if it will be in another book or what. Otherwise, things were wrapped up at the end. It did say he could've been killed in the Civil War, but no outcome given for sure. I enjoyed the story and reading it, but it could have been better. The story itself is good.

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