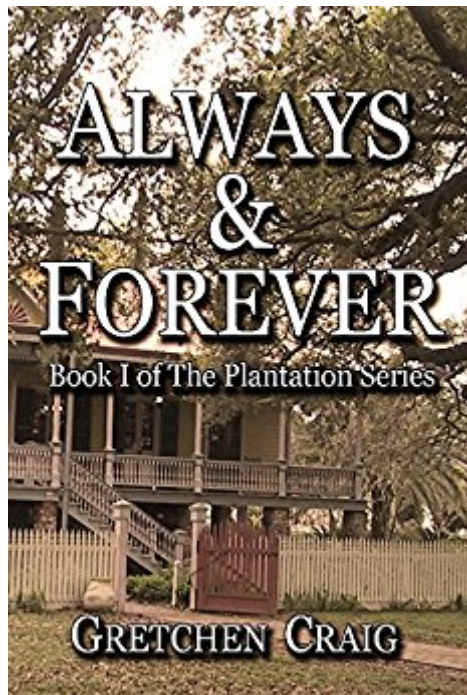




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Customer Reviews

Really enjoyed this one, but I am rating it a four because I didn't think Cleo should've ended up

living the same life as her mother, though the author did say she paid her own way. Yet, I was disappointed in the turn of events for her and for Josephine, and I had hoped they wouldn't allow Cleo to be bleed when she had Yellow Jack. Otherwise, the novel is a good read and some may not be bothered by those events and feel they just make the story. It is a worthy story to read set during antebellum days in New Orleans. I love books set during that time period, which is why I chose to read it. I thought the author did a very good job with characterization and description since I was able to visualize the characters and felt like I came to know them. The author also did a great job of illustrating character change in Josie from the time she was a young girl to the time she became a woman. The best part of the book to me was the great job the author did with the flood experience. I am from Louisiana and endured a flood in 83 and one in 93 when the Mississippi River flooded its banks and entered my home both times, so I could really envision the flood and felt she did a wonderful job with description. I think that was my favorite part of the book though it was sad, probably because I could identify with the flood situation. This is the first novel I have read by this author, but I've bought the other two books in this series and look forward to reading them as well, even though reviewers say this one is the best of the three. It would be hard to top this one. I tend to choose my own books and make up my own mind rather than listen to reviews. If you like books set in this time period, you should enjoy this one. I did. The author also does a great job handling the relationship between the siblings, and that was another favorite part of the book for me

There is not much that I would change if I had written this myself. Sometimes, we don't share everything about our feelings with those closest to us, so I can see how Cleo unknowingly betrayed Josephine. Josephine never shared her feelings for Bertrand with Cleo. Bertrand made the first move towards their relationship, but loneliness catapulted Cleo into his arms.

I found this book to be very interesting. It held my attention. I found myself involved with the characters who became real to me. Their era and struggle to survive. Their circumstances and pains. How hard the living really was. How hard one had to work. The confusion of slavery. The love and double sided relationships. All was touching and captivating. I look forward to reading her next book.

If you like the old South, then this is a must read. I liked it so much, I am reading the series for a second time. All of the characters are lovable and you look forward to the next book in the series. Series would make a great movie!

This is an excellent book that tells it like it was as far as relationships on plantations, and how those relationships touched the lives of all involved, white and black. The story line is believable and could easily taken place over and over again throughout the South prior to the Civil War. The characters are well defined and show great development. Their actions and reactions held true to the time period and also to human nature. The story is beautifully written and edited. This storyline reminds me of the Falconhurst Series which I read almost 40 years ago. Those wonderful books have stayed with me all these years, just as I'm sure this story, and others by this author also will.

A story set on a southern plantation, of two girls. One the daughter of a slave and the other the daughter of the mistress. They will eventually find that they are sisters born of the same father. This story tells of the love they have for each other and as they grow to adulthood they find they fall in love with the same man. Due to this they separate and go their own way. A must read

The storyline was interesting but some parts seemed to draw on while other events that needed more attention seemed to happen with little fanfare!

I hated for this book to end. I didn't want to let go of the characters. easy reading, no jumping around in time, characters you love and know in depth and a great story plot. what else do you need? I was really glad it was a long book.

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