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In this much-awaited sequel to *SPIRITED AWAY – A NOVEL OF THE STOLEN IRISH*, slave Freddy O’Brennan is on the run. In 1656, determined to pursue freedom for herself and her young children, she braves stormy seas, treacherous castaways, and corrupt Virginia Colony authorities.

Romantic sparks between Freddy and ship Captain Colin Shea Brophy smolder and threaten to explode.

As they paddle dugout canoes into the James River wilderness, Freddy and her friends must navigate a choking gauntlet of ruthless slave catchers, frontier bounty hunters, warring natives, and a Cherokee renegade out for blood.

DARING PASSAGE: BOOK TWO OF THE SPIRITED AWAY SAGA is a 70,000-word historical novel that captures a rare glimpse into seventeenth century colonial Virginia.

Daring Passage Details

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InD'tale Magazine says

4.5/5.0

A different take on the early colonial days of the U.S., this series explores what slavery meant not only to the African slaves but also to the Indians and Irish who were enslaved as well.

Read full review in the 2015 July/August issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Cindy Woods says

Amazing story

This is a beautifully written novel in which the author should be highly commended for her detailed descriptions of the escape of slaves and their babies from the West Indies from an English plantation owner. The fact that English, Irish, Native American, German and Dutch are represented here is an added bonus. The story will stay with me a long time.

I'm greatly impacted by the multicultural group who travel to Virginia. The religious intolerance is so unbelievable it leaves me stunned and angry. The very close relationship between the Native woman and the Irish woman, both very young and both slaves, is done to perfection as are their multiracial children they are attempting to save and free from slavery and oppression.

I give high marks to this author and the book. I think everyone should read this book. It certainly gives you food for thought. Outstanding!

Connie says

Nice to know what happens to the characters from the first book. Still historically accurate. Not bad if you can get through the effort to display junior high romance. First book was better.

Louise Reichert says

A delightful read! The story moves quickly, but thoughtfully. The chapters are short, but there is a lot of adventure in each one. Having read Spirited Away first, Daring Passage was an enjoyable continuation of the first story, with greater character development. Interesting details were also mentioned that indicate research was necessary. Thank you, Maggie Plummer, for a brief interlude in an era I knew little about!

Shay VanZwoll says

Book Two of the Spirited Away Saga takes us into the teeth of the storm, where Freddy, Colin, Birdie and the children flee from Barbados in their quest to find a place to call home. Sailing to America brings its own terrors complete with colonial politics, religious persecution, and the ever-present fear of having someone discover that they're runaway slaves. Even in the New World, freedom is not truly free and a slip of the tongue could destroy everything.

Maggie Plummer continues an excellent story in Daring Passage. Freddy and Birdie are still the strong and sweet women we met in Book One, and we are lucky to learn more about Colin, with the story being told both by Colin and Freddy in alternating chapters. The author really makes the past come alive as we meet corrupt customs officials, Quaker Friends, and the every day colonials.

While I loved that the author was able to show us that the colonials weren't either good or bad, we were limited to seeing well-off officials and plantation owners. While I would have loved more interaction with the every day people of that era, the story revolves around their journey through the wilds to find Birdie's people, with the hardships carefully written so they are not overlooked nor made to be overbearing.

I highly recommend reading this book, especially if you are interested in the early colonial days and interactions with the native people. This is not a stand-alone story, however, and you will want to read the first book - Spirited Away - in order to get the most out of this tale. I'm happy to say that this second book is as strong and well-written as the first, and I look forward to reading other stories by this author.

Thank you to the author for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Laura Mitchell-king says

Very good book.

Keeps you guessing what could happen next. It contains history and romance through each chapter and does a great job of continuing the story line from the first book.

Mike Monahan says

Good story

A simple story of a man, two women and their children escaping the horror of plantation slavery, crossing the sea and finding a new home among the people of the Native American woman. Many trials and tribulations during the long journey. A good read.

Mirella says

Spirited Away was truly I book that I fell in love with. I think it was because for the first time I learned about

Irish slavery. That's what historical fiction is supposed to do - teach with emotion. And the opening book of this series did just that. So I was truly excited when *Daring Passage* became published so that I could continue the fascinating story. As the first, the sequel has the same power and thrust of the first book. This time, the characters travel to the new colonies of Virginia. There, they meet danger and real life and death predicaments, especially if they are discovered to be runaway slaves.

A stunning plot, memorable characters, and lovely succinct writing, make this novel truly shine. I admire Maggie Plummer's ability to weave a spellbinding tale while digging up facts and research that is new and that teaches readers. I look forward to more books in the series, along with future books and topics Maggie will one day certainly write about. Although the two books will stand alone, I recommend reading both to get the true benefits of this engrossing tale!

Thank you to the author. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.
