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All Camilla Deardon knows of the Mormons camping nearby is the songs she hears floating on the breeze. Then she meets one of them—a young man named Nathan Fox. Never did she imagine he would be so handsome, so charming, especially after Mama and Papa’s warnings to stay away. Though she knows she should obey her parents, Camilla can’t refuse her heart. But even Nathan’s promises cannot prepare her for what she will face in Utah.

## **For Time and Eternity Details**

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## **From Reader Review For Time and Eternity for online ebook**

### **Eva Seyler says**

I really don't read much fiction any more, especially Christian fiction, which I have a general personal vendetta against - but because it was free on Kindle and about a topic I'm intrigued with at the moment (Mormonism), I gave it a read.

It was interesting. In fact, I liked it more than I thought I would - it wasn't well-written, but made a lot of interesting points. I think the part that stood out to me most was the part where Kimana (the Native American maid) makes the point to the main character that, had Jesus really come to the US as the Mormons teach, her people would have passed such a monumental story down through the generations.

I think I'd read the next books if the library would have them, but would never go out and buy them. Am mildly curious to know how she plans to wrap it all up.

Also really liked the author's little "interview" thing at the end of the book. It was nice to see her call Mormonism by its right name and not try to be all ecumenical about it. :-)

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### **Amy says**

My only defense in reading this was that it was free on Kindle. The author is extremely biased against the LDS church. She says she went to forums and talked to many ex-LDS members. Um...do you really think that is your best source of information? She wrote the main guy, Nathan to be a huge egotistical jerk who only cares what God thinks of him. The LDS community that the main character lives in is full of crazy people who yell from the pulpit and outright and in front of everyone tell you your a sinner and need to repent. I'm sorry, but I highly doubt that ever happened. And then the end....the elder kicking her out of her house and telling her that she can't take anything with her? Really? Um...I think not. Look, I can see a woman having issues with her hubs marrying another woman and all, but she's all like forced into it; I don't think that would happen. I'm sorry, but I really think that the author has a strong anti-mormon agenda and I don't like that at all. Boo on this book!

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### **Lisa says**

The author admitted that she browsed ex-Mormon websites and discussion boards for research for this book (as well as talking with her husband, who had been excommunicated from the Mormon church). It shows; this book is extremely biased against the Mormon faith. I am very offended with the way Allison Pittman portrayed Latter-day Saints, and I wish she'd looked to other sources besides the rantings of ex-Mormons for information.

She flat-out called Mormons "liars" and said that Mormons consider Joseph Smith a "Savior." I am completely disgusted, and also very upset that some readers who know little or nothing about the Mormon religion are being exposed to it through this book. Some reviewers have said that they have a better understanding of Mormonism after reading this book, and I am truly sad that they believe so because the

truth is that this book is not in any way a fair representation of the Mormon faith.

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### **Nancee says**

The story of Camilla Deardon is expertly documented as she leaves her Christian roots behind to follow the love of her life into the unknown territory of the Mormon Church. This novel is very well researched, and is an education into the mores of the Mormon faith. Character development is excellent, and the comparisons in the beliefs and practices in the Christian faith as compared to those of the Mormon church are precise. The beliefs of the Mormon faith are depicted in a factual manner, and wrapped into a fictional story that is believable and distressing at times. The author did a magnificent job of presenting facts with a very tactful technique, and I appreciate the education that I received from a beautifully written tale of spiritual battle. I am anticipating for the arrival of the sequel to this book!

Disclaimer: I obtained a copy of this book with no expectations for a positive review. All expressed opinions are my own.

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### **Elizabeth says**

This book by Allison Pittman was my favorite read this year. Seriously, I loved it! It was one of those books that I carried around the house with me...every few minutes mattered. I think my 3 year old was neglected for, like, 3 days when I was reading this book. {grin}

I'm a pretty avid Historical Fiction reader and a Pittman fan, so when I heard that she was writing a book based on the history of the Mormon church, I was instantly intrigued. Two words consumed my mind...

Plural marriage!

I have a huge fascination with this culture of plural marriage and sister-wives. Not because I'm interested...oh no, but because I am so curious about how people, real men and real women, go about making these decisions. I devoured *For Time & Eternity*.

I'm not going to go into super detail of the story line so NO BIG SPOILERS here...but I do want to go into the way I was emotional reeled in with the writing and characters.

Camilla Deardon is a young girl at the outset. She knows that she is supposed to stay away from the Mormon camp but when she meets Nathan Fox, she can't. Imagine being a lonesome 15 year old girl who suddenly is being charmed up & down, backwards & forwards by an attractive young man who has an entire family (his church) to offer. Everyone seems happy & cheerful, unlike her household where her father is unyieldingly strict and her mother is just a very dutiful mother, nothing more, nothing less. The companionship she feels with Nathan and the people he introduces her to were unlike anything she had ever experienced. ...and they are on their way to ZION.

What Pittman does so well is that you fall in love with Nathan along with Camilla. You know she shouldn't let him dupe her but you can't help but keep pushing her toward him. He's handsome, charismatic, and completely smitten with the Mormon prophecy. She has never met someone so passionate about spirituality.

Can you blame her near instantaneous love for Nathan and what he says he can provide her with? No...you can't. Camilla is also so likable...sweet, naive, and longing to belong.

Camilla does go against her parents and runs away with Nathan. I was so invested at this point I couldn't put the book down. The story moves forward rapidly here and she has been married for several years and has two daughters. She seems happy and still as in love as the day she met Nathan. Plural marriage is running rampant at this point and while she does not appreciate the practice, she also assumes that it won't touch her life because she and Nathan are so in love. But, when Nathan and Camilla go through a devastating loss they both seem to reflect on their emotions, spirituality, and perspective...just as we all do in real life. As they consider their future they are suddenly on different planets, neither really understanding the other.

The wonderful thing about this story is that you can really put yourself into Camilla's, and even Nathan's, shoes. Camilla believing whole-heartedly that plural marriage is not right and you want to fight for her. But, Nathan is so lovable and charmingly handsome, you can see yourself swooning, lost in his gaze. You feel his loss, his hurt, and love for Camilla as much as you feel Camilla's righteous anger about plural marriage. Pittman's writing is spot on. She owns the craft!

As the reader, you'll have huge emotional reactions to names like Evangeline, Brigham Young, Rachel, and...AMANDA. Beautiful. Sweet. Innocent. Amanda.

And with that I will let you figure the rest out. I HIGHLY recommend this book. Extremely well-written. Well-rounded characters. Believable and superb story-line. Compelling.

In my opinion...best book of the year!

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## **Victor Gentile says**

Allison Pittman in her new book, "For Time & Eternity" Book One in The Sister Wife series published by Tyndale gives us an insight into the Mormon culture in a brand new and unique manner.

In 1850 Iowa at the Deardon dairy farm and Camilla Deardon hears the Mormons singing from their camp nearby. Even though she is a Christian and her father warns her to stay away from them it is the music and the sound of the familiar songs that draws her to their camp. It is there that she meets Nathan Fox and falls in love with him. Despite what her parents have to say Camilla leaves her home, marries Nathan and makes the trip with him and the others to Utah.

This is a story about a marriage between what starts out as a couple then grows when the decision is made that Mormon men are allowed to marry more than one woman. Camilla now has to learn to share her husband with other women who are also his wife. This is a story about the conflict between the Christian faith and Mormon beliefs. This is a frank exploration of a belief system that many of us know very little about. If you are like me you know about the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, you know that Mormons come to the door to evangelize and you know that their headquarters is in Utah. Outside of that my education in things Mormon was very limited.

Ms. Pittman is an accomplished writer who knows how to deliver true to life dialog and create characters that you fall in love with. Ms. Pittman has done an excellent job of research and show all points of view very fairly. This is an excellent read and a thought provoker. And it is only Book One in this new series. Book

Two is due out in Summer 2011. Until then we have this first book.

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## **Cafelilybookreviews says**

For Time & Eternity, the first book in The Sister Wife series by Allison Pittman, was very interesting to me because I hadn't ever read a Christian historical fiction novel about Mormon culture. Being raised in Utah, and married to an ex-Mormon, Allison definitely knows her subject matter.

In this book, Allison writes about the Mormon marriage ceremony in great detail and I wondered how she knew so much about the "sacred" and secretive ritual. As part of her research, she spent time in Salt Lake City at Temple Square and also read The Book of Mormon and The Doctrine and the Covenants, as well as talking with and reading posts by ex-Mormons on various online forums.

For Time & Eternity is the story of a young woman who falls in love with a man and finds herself having to choose between her traditional Christian upbringing or following her heart and converting to the Mormon religion of her beloved. Although warned over and over not to follow after the Mormons, she ends up going against her parent's wishes and running away to marry her beloved. The first part of her marriage seems like a fairytale.

Years later when her husband begins dwelling on the idea of adding a second wife to the family does she realize that this is not the life she hoped for. She feels convicted about leaving her parents as well as walking away from God and His Word into a false religion. However, because she has two young daughters to consider, the choice of whether to stay with her husband and accept his decision to marry another woman or leave him and go back to her parents is much harder than she realized.

The story is intense, emotional and very interesting, although I anticipate that Allison Pittman will take some hits by those who will not agree with her accurate portrayal (and exposure) of the Mormon religion. This book is unique – not your typical Christian fiction love story and that's part of what kept me turning the pages. The subject matter was so unusual and so different that it was a breath of fresh air to read. For those who love historical fiction – this is a gem.

This book is a cliff hanger at the end and I hated to close the book! Thankfully there is an excerpt of Chapter 1 from the second book in the back so I have an idea of what happens next. I am anxious to read the second book in this series, Forsaking All Others.

Read an interview with Allison about this book:

<http://resurrectedgirl.blogspot.com/2...>

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## **Jocelyn Green says**

This was one of the most engrossing reads I've enjoyed this year. I seriously could not read fast enough to suit me. Allison Pittman continues to impress me with her versatility, integrity, and storytelling prowess. This particular story slayed me, for reasons you can probably guess if you've read the book description. Talk about high stakes--you can't get any higher than eternity! The author's note about her research and purpose at the end of the novel was illuminating. I would gush more about this amazing piece of historical fiction but I am dying to read the next book in the series!

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## **Kristen says**

Was pleasantly surprised at this read. The story is about Camilla Fox a young girl who left a Christian home to marry a Mormon moving to the Great Salt Lake. Her life is filled with her family, teaching of the church, and other saints. She is content until a loss sends her into doubt. As she struggles with what she has been taught over the years her husband, Nathan is also struggling. Camilla's struggle takes her back to her Christian faith while Nathan's takes him deeper in the Mormon religion.

I loved both the character's of Camilla and Nathan. The history of the early Mormon teachings were sound and represented well in the book.

As a Christian living in Utah I loved reading the historical facts. I walked away from the book understanding how Nathan thought he was doing the right thing and how we as Christians should show Compassion on those who believe in a false religion. At the same time I love how the author shows the importance to stand for truth even if it hurts the ones you love. I also thought the author made some of the Mormons very likable which was good because it's true. Mormons are very nice people. There were others that were shown as harsh and again I say good because the truth is some were and are like that as well. There were some Christians during the start of Mormonism that did not treat the Mormons kindly, and this was also explained in the book.

So just like back then things have not changed there are both kinds of people in the Mormon and Christian camps. Just because someone is unkind or unloving and claims to be a Christian does not mean Christianity is wrong the same goes for Mormonism. Truth comes when you study the doctrines and are not moved by emotions alone.

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## **Jennifer says**

From my book review blog Rundpinne.

"For Time & Eternity is the first book in Allison Pittman's The Sister Wife Series. I have been fortunate enough to review other works by Pittman so it was with eagerness I began For Time & Eternity. Pittman takes the reader back to 1850 Iowa where young Camilla Deardon is being raised in a devoutly Christian household and yet is lured to the sounds of singing, which would be the Mormons making their way to Salt Lake City. Pittman captures the emotions of the time, the fear of the Mormons as well as misconceptions that existed during that time in history. Rather than focus on the Mormon progression, Pittman focuses on Camilla who defies her parents to be with Nathan, a Mormon who is heading to Utah. Pittman does a superb job at conveying the thoughts, perceptions and misperceptions of Christians and Mormons. Her story line is solid and her characters are well crafted. Pittman's writing style is beautiful and strong, easily making the reader feel as though they are in the 19th century with Camilla and Nathan. My heart went out to the

Deardon family and to Camilla. I will need to wait until the release of the next book in the series, *Forsaking All Others* in 2011 to find out if my hopes for Camilla come true. *For Time & Eternity* is a novel I would recommend to anyone looking for a good story steeped in history."

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### **Lisa Godfrees says**

Have you ever read a book that you think is really important? I can't say that's usually (or ever) what I think when reading books but it sure is what I thought while reading this one. The book is a fantastic read, carefully woven by an adept writer. But the subject matter is just so important in this day and time.

Camilla flees her strict God-fearing parents to follow a young man, Nathan Fox, who is part of a Mormon group going to settle in Utah in the late 1800's. Things work well for the couple until Camilla begins to be uncomfortable with the teachings of "the prophet." This book shows how we can be led astray by someone teaching a "different Jesus" than the one that we know, especially when they are acting more Christ-like than the real Christians.

3 But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. 4 You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed. (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

Theology: A+! Ms. Pittman does a wonderful job incorporating biblical themes into her writing without preaching. She portrays God's faithfulness amidst our poor choices. She shows how God can use our suffering to draw us back to Him. She explores the conflict between a husband's authority and being obedient to God. Most of all, she shows us what humility and selflessness look like through Camilla.

Maturity: PG While I think this book was intended for an adult audience, the protagonist is 15 when the book starts and 21 when the book ends. I think there is plenty to appeal to a YA audience. One conflict in the book revolves around polygamy and its affect on marriage.

Social Issues: Mormonism, false teaching, polygamy

I have been truly blessed this summer to read some amazing books. This is one of them. I highly recommend it. The author has really done her research into Mormonism and its perversion of the true Christian faith. Anyone who thinks that Mormonsim is a form of Christianity should read this book.

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### **Jenny says**

I picked this up when it was free on Kindle. It wasn't the sort of book I would normally read as it was listed as historical Christian romance, but I was intrigued by the early Mormon polygamist storyline so thought I would take a chance. I was pleasantly surprised.

This certainly wasn't what I would generally term romance, it was more the story of a relationship and although there was a Christian element, it was more to do with the main character Camilla's upbringing and faith than any attempt to preach or convert the reader. The book can be read purely as a historical account of



one young woman's experience joining a Mormon wagon train party, marrying a young man of that faith and eventually questioning her change of belief.

The historical setting was full of rich detail that I found fascinating and the writing was a joy to read. In this era of poorly edited Kindle offerings, I don't recall finding a single typo. Well done!

When I finished I immediately purchased the sequel 'Forsaking All Others' and whilst it was not quite as rivetting a story, I still found it very enjoyable.

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### **Safire says**

Terrible book. She has no idea what she is talking about. Instead of trolling the ex-Mormon websites, she should have included some research in an actual Mormon church. The fact that she did not is glaringly obvious. Poorly done, poorly written.

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### **Rachel Brand says**

I sped through this book in about 48 hours, and I'm not entirely sure what to write about it. I can't think of any flaws, but I think it'll take a while for the entire story to sink in. I don't often rush out and buy the sequel (student on a budget!) but I might just do that with this book. I adored Camilla's growth and her spiritual revelations felt so believable. Experiencing Camilla's growth alongside her and her struggles with the doctrine of her faith was both fascinating and heart-breaking. It was so difficult to read about her wanting to honour her husband and make him happy, but being unable to accept that him taking a second wife was God's will.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in polygamy (and its relevance to Mormonism) or just well-written historical fiction. Camilla's faith was so ingrained and relevant to her character growth that I think this book might even appeal to non-Christians, given the differences in faith between mainstream Christianity and Mormonism that are displayed in this book. I certainly learned a lot about Mormonism and the Book of Mormon. Allison Pittman definitely did her research! 5\* for this wonderfully crafted novel.

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### **Cheryl says**

The author is extremely biased against Mormonism. I don't necessarily believe it either, but it ruined the book for me.

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