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The married daughter of an English aristocrat, Beth Ridgeway believes Rafael Santana cruel and insensitive; a man who uses women only for selfish pleasure.

The arrogant son of a wealthy Texas family, Rafael thinks Beth flirtatious and unfaithful; a woman who takes pride in breaking men's hearts.

But when Beth and Rafael chance to meet again at a dazzling New Orleans ball, something happens.

Something neither the years nor the violent misunderstandings between them can diminish: an awakening to the magnificent passions of love, no matter how forbidden.

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Judith Sherrod says

Wow, I haven't forgotten.

I waited, waited and waited some more for this particular book to arrive on Kindle. All hope was not lost. I read this book many years ago and loved it. Being in the habit of sharing my books, I lent it. So I had to be patient for it to appear in ebook form. The story of Beth and Rafael stayed with me through the years. Rereading it now, I discovered that it was still the enthralling, entertaining volume that I had remembered. Beth, virgin that she was, was too inexperienced of the treachery of others. Immediately attached to Rafael, she didn't know how to handle the desire she felt. Rafael, believing what he was supposed to see, never trusted her. Their journey to love was filled with deceit and misunderstandings. The story told against the history of the fight for entrance to the United States by The Republic of Texas was very touching. Way the Indians have been treated by our government, past and present is shameful. However, we must take each day as it comes and do our best to do better.

Margaret Watkins says

While Passion Sleeps is well written with good historic content. However, I was deeply disturbed by this book. The violence, abuse, malevolent manipulation, betrayal and mistrust overtook the story and left me feeling besmirched. The early days of Texan history is steeped in the blood of settlers and Native Americans alike while mistrust on the part of both abounded. Ms Busbee brings this out very graphically. Beth Ridgeway was a work in progress and although she arrived in America as a naive young girl, she was soon disillusioned and had to live with the crimes committed against her. Over time she became less trusting, but was still too easily swayed by stronger, more forceful people. Rafael was a hardened man, brought about by his upbringing and circumstances. Put together, tension flowed between Beth and Rafael despite their fighting against it. The book fortunately ends on a gentle, positive note. However, it is definitely not for sensitive readers. I received a copy of this book from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily review this book. This is my honest review.
