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While her beloved family struggle to put down stakes in the harsh Minnesota territory, Lorinda Odell is in St. Paul to get a proper education. But the bustling city is not without its own hazards, especially for a young woman as lovely as Lorinda.

Savage Obsession Details

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Rob Hood says

What began with great promise became a great chore to finish. This is way too slow!

Janet Meeks says

I liked the story line, but I always find it distracting when I have it read a language I do not know. It did get kind of repetitive . But a good easy read.

Lyn says

Lorinda (Red Blossom) was kidnapped from her aunt's house by Lamont Quimby. Lorinda was going to school. Red Feather rescued Lorinda, they fell in love & got married. Red Feather became Chief after his father passed away. They had one son and expecting another child at the end of the book. Don't know if I will read again or not.

Blue Falcon says

This review is of “Savage Obsession”, book #1 in the “Chippewa” series by Cassie Edwards. (Note, only the first two books in the “series” appear to be related to each other).

The book begins in Minnesota in 1859 in a remote area outside of modern-day St. Paul. It is here that Lorinda Odell, 17, the heroine of the book, lives with her father, Derrick, her mother Mavis, and her 5 month-old sister, Amanda. The Odells are not a well-off family, and so Derrick’s sister, Rettie, who owns a boarding house in town, urges Derrick and Mavis to let Lorinda stay with her for a better life. They reluctantly agree.

Lorinda runs into problems in town, however, namely being accosted, kidnapped, and nearly raped by Lamont Quimby, owner of a mining camp and one of Rettie’s boarders. She is saved from him by Yellow Feather, the hero of the book. Yellow Feather is the son of-and therefore future chief of-a band of Chippewa Indians led currently by his father, Chief Wind Whisperer.

As their relationship deepens, Lorinda and Yellow Feather face many challenges:

The kidnapping of Amanda by Sioux Indians after they kill Derrick and Mavis; Amanda is later rescued.

Another villain, Silas Konrad, who tries to rape Lorinda.

Flying Squirrel, Yellow Feather’s friend, who is far less a loyal friend than Yellow Feather believed at one time.

Foolish Heart: Before being banished for her actions, she was one of Yellow Feather's wives; another wife, Happy Flower, is pregnant with his child. She is used and abused by Quimby before being abandoned.

By the end of the book, Amanda is found, Lorinda and Yellow Feather-somewhat-reconcile with Rettie, Lorinda gives birth to a son, Gray Wolf-who gets his own story later-and Lorinda and Yellow Feather have their Happily Ever After.

Upside: Mrs. Edwards does a lot of research into her Tribe of the Book that she writes about, and it shows.

Downside: Although I am a fan of Mrs. Edwards-mostly for her love scenes-I am also not unaware of her many issues as a writer (Mrs. Edwards career essentially ended after being accused by the romance novel blog "Smart Bitches, Trashy Books" of being a plagiarist. Then there is the fact that Mrs. Edwards' novels, especially her Native American books, are horribly formulaic. That formula, which is on full display in "Savage Obsession", goes like this:

Beautiful, innocent, naive, sweet heroine, who is almost always Anglo, meets and falls in love with handsome, noble, strong, Indian brave, who is ALWAYS either the chief or son of-and therefore future chief-of his band of the the Tribe of the Book.

After they fall in love, the hero and heroine's love is threatened by the Evil White Man, the Evil Indian Brave, and/or the Evil Indian Maiden. While these efforts ultimately fail, the Evil characters do manage to cause the hero and heroine pain and suffering before the hero and heroine find happiness. (All of the above characters appear in "Savage Obsession". Quimby and Konrad are the Evil White Men, Flying Squirrel is the Evil Indian Brave, and Foolish Heart fills the Evil Indian Maiden quota).

I didn't find either Lorinda nor Yellow Feather particularly likeable. Lorinda is whiny-although to her credit she kills Quimby as he's trying to rape her-but Yellow Feather is an obnoxious, unfeeling individual whose verbal tone toward Lorinda is described-constantly-by Mrs. Edwards using the adjective "flatly". The "romance" between Lorinda and Yellow Feather is very much a Stockholm-Syndrome type of romance with little to no passion or tenderness.

Sex: Mrs. Edwards love scenes are the best part of her books for me. They aren't super erotic all the time, but she is willing to occasionally add some pepper to the soup.

Violence: "Savage Obsession" contains scenes of assault, battery, attempted rape, and murder. Most of the scenes aren't graphic.

Bottom Line: Mrs. Edwards' books are like going to a fast-food chain restaurant. You pretty much know what you're going to get. From what I read of others reviews of her books, there is no middle ground with Mrs. Edwards' work; some love her, and others absolutely hate her. I'm kind of in the middle. "Savage Obsession" won't make anyone a fan of Mrs. Edwards' work who wasn't already one.

Sarah says

Racist. Why did I read so many? Out of hope she'd stop being racist oh and train crash mentality.

M.M. Strawberry Reviews says

Why do I keep reading these? I suppose because it's rare that I turn down a free book. I got a stack of these Savage books, and they make for good 'light reading', but some of the books are better than others, and this is not one of these books. What bothered me most was the dialogue, some of it felt so artificial and stilted that envisioning them speak in my head just made me want to crack up.

Like in several other Savage books, there are a lot of ellipses. And I do mean a lot. Sometimes there would be like, four of them in a single sentence... like... this, you... see? It just disrupted the flow. And the story is much the same - handsome Native American chief kidnaps a white woman, white woman fights but surrenders to his touch, white woman tries to escape after lovemaking, Native American has to kidnap her again... it gets formulaic after a while.

This serves as an prequel to 'Savage Innocence'. I read that one a while ago, and I was surprised to hear familiar names in this book. It was not immediately apparent until later, so it was kind of cool seeing two stories that were connected.

Amanda says

Stories that take me to another time. I love Ms. Edwards way with words and how she mends the story with actual facts and language from those Native American tribes.

Data says

ok, I should have never tried to read this book. I'm not a fan of romance. I am some small part Ojibway, though, so I thought I might read a little bit of history in the book somewhere. I couldn't make it it past the romance part, though, to find much in the way of something I wanted to read.

Pat says

A friend gave me some of Cassie Edwards books, and I'd heard she had a lot of period detail about American Indians. However, I just could not read this book. It...made...me...gag. I'm sure someone will be thrilled to find it and its fellows at a library used book sale.

Chell Howard says

I can't believe this book. I've read a couple of these books, hoping the second would be better than the first. Nope. Ms. Edwards uses so many cliches and recycles them through two books it felt like I was reading the same thing the second time!

Elaine Robledo says

I got bored reading this book and I really didn't like how much Lorinda complained about pretty much everything.

Shannon says

sometimes like slogging through quicksand.

Kristine Arp says

This was the first book I read by Cassie Edwards... It immediately captured my interest and held it through the entire story just as all of her books have done since... I became a fan of hers that day with this book n would highly recommend Savage Obsession or any of her books to anyone looking for a great author of awesome stories!!! Love love love her books!!!

Killjoymcmegez says

i couldnt put it down
