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From the Seminole uprisings to the Civil War, they fought for their beloved plantation, their family, and their faith. . .

Margaret Seton had loved the handsome young widower long before she become Lewis Fleming's bride. Together they would rebuild Hibernia on the St. Johns River in northern Florida, and fill it to overflowing with laughter and tears of their large, close-knit family. But nothing could have prepared them for the ravages of war, the rampaging Seminoles, then the victorious Yankees plundering their cherished South, calling Margaret's husband and sons to battle, and her daughters to frightening new times. And above all, calling upon Margaret herself in this hour of need to become their wellspring of hope and faith.

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Nicole Wilson says

I loved this book. It has history of Jacksonville, FL (and the surrounding area). It was such a different time than we know, but they had the same life issues!

CeAire says

Although very well written more as a romantic fiction novel the characters did exist as part of Florida's early history even before it became a state. This is, in essence, an autobiography of Margaret Seton Fleming. One her sons grew up to be a Florida governor. Ms. Price took pains to keep historical facts, dates, and locations correct while interweaving them into the storyline. It was also interesting to read and relate the various geographic locations to current day and marvel how traveling some of those distances in an hour or so today took several days to a couple of weeks back then. It makes you appreciate cars!

Faye says

Florida Trilogy Book 3

Joni says

Margaret Seton has known since a young age that she loves and will someday marry, the dashing Captain Louis Fleming. Louis is left widowed with three children and his grief is a long and arduous process. Margaret befriends his charming children and claims his heart as her own. They marry and soon have a young family of their own. Thru Indian wars, illness and tragedy their union stands the test of time. Beautiful portrait of a family as well as a history of Florida. This is the third novel in a trilogy.

Mj Amirault says

Summer read for my book club. The facts were interesting, and helps one better understand the trials of people involved in a civil war. Also the hardships of mothers with Sons who are involved in the war. Some times we forget, or perhaps just do not know the trials these mothers (and fathers) go through. This is still happening today in many countries. The facts - interesting, the rest of the story was somewhat boring. I was disappointed in this book, glad to get to the final page!

Lou Alice says

This is one of the best novels I have ever read. I enjoy all of Eugenia Price, but some, like this one and Maria, are among my favorites of all time.

Pamela L says

Engrossing series!

Karen says

Once again Ms Price entertains and inspires me!

Jan Summers says

This story about Fleming's Island, FL was shared with me by a friend who lives in Fleming's Island. It's a very interesting fictionalized look at the people and history of that area.

Sue says

Margaret Seton knows she loves Lewis Fleming and determines to wait for him to return that love. They marry and raise their own family, in addition to the three children from Lewis' previous marriage. They establish their home on the St. John's River – right where the Seminoles had burned the old homestead – and move forward. But then the Civil War begins and three of their sons enlist for the Confederacy. Will Margaret's resolution to continue to hope carry them through the dark days?

This is the final of the so-called Florida Trilogy although none of the books follow the same characters the way her other series do. But there is the progression from Florida being a Spanish colony, to a U.S. Territory and finally statehood. I think this is my favorite of the three in this group and I really took a liking to the Seton / Fleming families.

Joan Warren says

A local resident of the setting for Margaret's Story, I loved the journey back through time this novel provides. If only history lessons in middle and high school could have included stories such as this, instead of dry recaps of battles and their dates, I may have chosen history as a favorite subject much earlier in life! Eugenia Price's talent for bringing historical data to life shines in this story. Following our local matriarch's life from her late teens, before Florida became a state, through the civil war and recovery period, I am richer for knowing the Fleming family of the 19th century. A transplant to Florida from Maryland myself, I never understood the mindset of our former confederate south. Eugenia brings to life not only the extremist's point

of view but also that of moderates who were trapped in the middle of undesirable war and how they suffered for it. She also takes us through a journey of life with believable and emotional struggles we can't imagine bearing in our present society. Yet with determination, faith, love and--most vividly--hope, beyond hope, Margaret's life creates a legacy for Fleming Island and our surrounding area that makes me proud and grateful. I look forward to perhaps meeting some of her descendants now as my neighbors! A definite plus for your reading list.

Graceann says

Margaret was a real lady who lived in Northern Florida near the turn of the last century - her home and her church still stand on one of the coastal Islands, and after reading this novel, I decided I needed to visit (I haven't made it yet, but I will).

IrishFan says

I almost didn't read this third book in the series because I disliked the 2nd book so much. However, once I read the summary and realized it was different characters, I decided to give it a go. I really enjoyed it! I would have given it 3.5 stars if I could, not quite 4. I was drawn in to the characters from the beginning and didn't think the story dragged along at all. I just knew that something would happen to at least one son, knowing that the Civil War was coming.

I felt bad for George, never knowing his true hearts desire and wanting to please/appease his father. I don't think he was ever truly happy. I think the only one I could say I didn't care for completely was Seton. He was very self-absorbed and spoiled I think.

A good end to a trilogy.

Jill Derrick says

Love these stories

Growing up in Florida really made this book come alive for me. Covers so much history that I was not aware of. This is a great read.

Judy Tolley says

This book was a book club read. Having read Eugenia Price's "Maria", this was by far by her worse book in my opinion. A true life story set back in the early 1800s in St. Augustine, Florida area. She was typically a Christian writer and it is reflected in this book. She writes in too much of a descriptive voice as if the reader is too stupid to figure out the details. This book is boring and very detailed with no plot.

