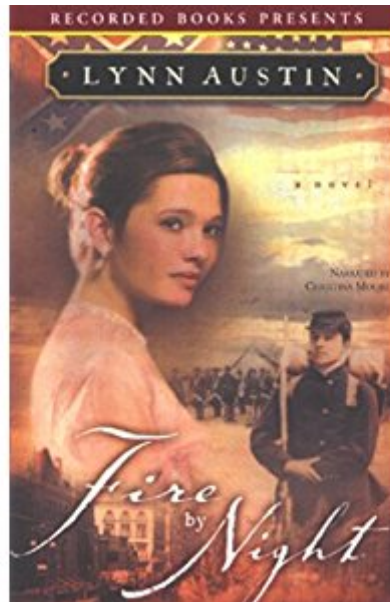




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Synopsis

Encounter the Civil War through the eyes of two very different Northern girls in this moving, Christy-award-winning novel--now with a brand new look! --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

This is not the type of young adult book I would ordinarily read but I opted to read it because my pre-teen granddaughter was reading it. I thought it would be cool to be able to discuss the book with her. To my surprise, I found myself engaged and absorbed in the story and enjoying it more than I expected. Set during the Civil War, the book tells the story of two women from different backgrounds and how they came together as nurses treating the combat wounded of the war. The author weaves this tale within the historical background of various battles of the Civil War. She inserts just enough spirituality to motivate the main female characters to overcome issues and challenges posed by the war and by their gender. The female protagonists were both credible and interesting while their male counterparts were predictable and somewhat shallow. The author pointedly portrayed the social standards of the time period and what men expected of the women in their lives. The conflicts occur when the women push back on performing in the roles society expects of them. The book encompasses interesting history, some romance, a bit of action, some religious food for thought and the drama created when strong women refuse to accept their fate as decided by others. All in all, there was plenty of good material for my granddaughter and me to chat about. John E. Nevola - Author of The Last Jump U.S. Army Veteran Military Writer's Society of America

I bought the first of the Refiner's Fire series over a year ago and forgot it was on my Kindle, waiting to be read. Finally a couple weeks ago, I stumbled across it and read it. I was HOOKED! It was a pleasant surprise to get so engrossed in a book. I especially appreciated the scriptural truths woven throughout the story, and the hopeful way that God's love is unashamedly proclaimed by several of the characters. I've never gotten into the Christian novel genre, but several of Lynn Austin's books are at the top of my Wish List now. I also understand how my mom got so caught up in her Civil War interest years ago. I was raised in the South, and would describe my family on my mom's side as "second generation Southern aristocracy". Needless to say, my sister and I were raised by black women in the southern tradition. I've been watching Ken Burns "The Civil War" PBS series along with the books and they validate her times, places and characterizations very well. Final point: these books constantly convicted me of old thought patterns and an ungrateful attitude, that is so easy to slip into in this spoiled, rich day and age. Many times I came to tears as she paints a portrait of just how difficult African Americans had it during those years and the sickening racism that was the prevailing thought at the time. Only God's love can change hearts. I think there is real potential in Austin's writings for people to re-evaluate their own hearts in this regard.

The historic and educational value of this book was augmented by characters true to the civil war era. As I read "Fire by Night" I became more aware of the struggles from the rich to the poor, and ended up understanding the sacrifices made in a way I never had before. Austin defines the civil war in a such a way, that I examined my own heart as I read about (the main character) Julia's journey. An excellent read!

This isn't the first book I've read by Lynn Austin and it surely won't be the last. I do love her historical novels. For one thing although they get down to the nitty gritty when it comes to blood and Gore because this book is about the civil war and there is nothing pretty about that however there is no I said no bad language. The history is correct and that's a big deal to me anyway. Also a big plus is I can share her books with my husband who mostly reads westerners. The was a sad book in so many ways and a really fun book watching the characters grow and how it made some of them become really wonderful people and others well not so much, just like real life. I promise you all a great read.

Lynn Austin is a genius at character development and problems we all face. I have read many books about the Civil War, but, with the exception of Gone With the Wind, this series is by far the

best. Her writing brings you into the battlefield and horror of what war really is. No sugar coating. The character's thoughts, actions and reactions are splendidly human. The reader forgets the world they are living in and are walking side by side with Miss Austin's insightful and amazing knowledge of humanity. They are just like us, living in a world of chaos and confusion and facing their own dilemmas. No spoilers, this is a realistic series. (I have yet to read the third). What transpires in the story mirrors what we live and breathe each day. I highly recommend it. I couldn't put either Book 1 or 2 down and can't wait to begin Book 3.....Please, do yourself a favor. Learn the horrors the reality our veterans face. Your heart will never forget the agony of combat. We need to be reminded....especially now. We are just too close.

Aptly titled. FIRE BY NIGHT, chronicles the journeys that the main characters make to become their best selves by allowing the Lord to guide them through one of the darkest periods of their nation's history...Just as America grapples with her identity, so too do Julia, Phoebe and James. Lynn Austin masterfully takes on their journeys as individuals and as they rub against one another in the extraordinary era in which they lived. A tale of love and war, sacrifice, salvation and celebration...Faith...the scriptures and it's interpretations ...FIRE BY NIGHT delivers!!! A wonderful read...I highly recommend this book and the entire series of which it is a part : REFINER'S FIRE

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