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Beth

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Freydis, at once both wild and fragile, drew me into her story with her proud self-reliance. Contrary to thinking that I might not have anything in common with this warrior woman, more at peace in the forest with a dagger in hand, my heart found in her a kindred spirit. How often do we mistakenly hold those who love us at arm's length, feeling unworthy of such a love? Not only does Freydis feel unworthy of her husband Ref's love, but she is sure that she will never be capable of accepting the love of Gudrid's God, He who seems to ask so much of her in return. It is much easier for her to hold on to the hate, anger and justification for her actions, than it is to admit her need. Freydis is a complex character, with many facets – the juxtaposition of warrior and wife is one she cannot seem to balance – she must be all warrior in order to never appear weak, yet recognizes that being a wife, woman and mother is as equally daunting as going into battle.

The setting is vivid and alive. The hardships, and often danger, that they faced in these times add a heightened sense of the setting and time period. The details of how the Vikings lived – how they ate, their homes, clothing and adornments, their fierce pride of family legacy and their strong love and loyalty – all are touched on here with a deft hand, providing the reader with fascinating and authentic details. No details are sugar-coated; their lives were hard, dangerous, and often violent, but I never once felt like anything went overboard or went into more detail than necessary.

Even though this is a historical novel, issues relevant to readers today, especially marriage, family and feelings of unworthiness are a vital part of this story. There is such a tension found within these scenes, compounded by the exquisite tenderness in the scenes between Freydis and Ref. My heart ached and cheered for them in turns – I admit, I haven't read about a fictional couple yet this year that put my heart through the wringer as these two did. What a heartbreaking turn of events, yet what a gorgeous resolution readers will discover here. And while nothing ever pushed the boundaries, I did appreciate how realistically their marriage is portrayed.

Certainly for readers who liked book one, Godâ€™s Daughter, I highly recommend continuing the saga with Freydisâ€™s story. And if you havenâ€™t read book one yet, I highly recommend them both! Though Forest Child probably could be enjoyed as a stand-alone, I do feel that I had such a strong connection with her because I met her first in Godâ€™s Daughter. I am a huge fan of Heather Day Gilbertâ€™s writing, especially the characters she has created and how they become so real to me. In Forest Child, she has truly outdone herself. I can easily say it is my favorite book of hers to date, and it has a permanent spot on my keeper shelf.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book which I received from the author. The opinions expressed here are my own.

Jocelyn Green

Forest Child is one of the bravest works of fiction Iâ€™ve ever read. Brimming with tension, yet laced with tenderness, this powerful saga is sure to keep you turning the pages far into the night. An ingenious blend of Viking history and timeless issues of the heart still relevant today.

Alyssa

Top notch Viking fiction. Filled with adventure, romance, redemption along with some violence. But it's about Vikings so it's expected. This is a book I recommend to everyone ages 15+.

Susan Snodgrass

I love history. And I love reading about Vikings. Heather Gilbert combines both extremely well! Her first in this series, God's Daughter, told the story of Gudrid, who abandoned her training as a seer to embrace the Christian God. Gudrid was the daughter in law of Eirik the Red and the first documented European woman to have a child in North America.

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warrior.

I was totally captivated by this book! I enjoyed every moment. I read it in its entirety in one day! Each time I had to put it down to attend to necessary chores, I could not wait to get back to it, reading it while eating meals and leaving things undone to return to its pages.

Heather Gilbert's historical research is impeccable and her characterization of Freydis is top notch. She is so descriptive of everything that I felt as if I were there in the boats sailing to Iceland and in the longhouses during meal times. Seriously, I was plopped right down in the middle of the action each time I came back to read. This is a wonderful story, full of characters that are totally believable. It's one thing to invent a character, a contemporary one, that you can most likely imagine their feelings on a particular subject. But to take an actual historical character and try to get into their minds and tell their thoughts and give them life is quite another. Heather Gilbert has done an absolutely remarkable job with this! Freydis's tale is told in first person present tense and it works wonderfully! I was in complete awe through the entire book.

If you like history, or just like to read, read this book. It can be read as a stand alone, but it's richer if you read God's Daughter first. Amazing, the both of them.

*I was given a preview copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are completely my own.

Rebecca

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When the lives of those she loves are placed in jeopardy, Freydis determinedly oversteps traditional mores to commit a nearly unspeakable act of vigilante justice. Misunderstood and infinitely proud, Freydis chooses isolation instead of explanation, widening family rifts and jeopardizing her entire future. Fortunately, the still, small voice of the one true God is the same yesterday, today and forever, assuring us that Freydis remains an everlasting tribute to the gift of second chances.

Intoxicating barely begins to define this lovely story, the author's careful research bringing this magnanimous historical figure back to life, and it's a masterpiece!

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