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**Gemma says**

From the back cover:

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And my review:

I bought this book without even bothering to dig up the synopsis because Shelly Thacker is one of my all-time favorite authors. Many of her books are my "desert island" keepers, including A Stranger's Kiss, His Forbidden Touch and Hearts Run Wild. So I've been eagerly seeking out everything she's written.

This was a book I wish I hadn't bought. I was utterly disgusted by the hero. While I knew that this was going to be a very sensual novel, I was unprepared for how selfish and boorish the hero was. First off, there's the fact that he will accept a woman given to him as a sex slave. While historically accurate, I find the entire idea revolting. Then there's the fact that he knows she's a virgin (is glad of it), and doesn't give a rip that she's understandably nervous. When she tells him that it is her first time and she is afraid, he replies, "I don't care a blasted fig whether it is your first time. Before this night is over you will have your second. And your third." This is heroic?

And when the heroine agrees to submit to him (she has no choice, after all), he is mad at her attitude, and says, "I would prefer that you fight me like a she-cat than act like a sacrifice being led to slaughter!" Okay--

so he wouldn't have a problem with raping her, so long as she puts up a fight to make it interesting?! I was beyond disgusted. Even though the heroine drugs the hero and prevents him from taking her, it was too much for me. How could I cheer for the hero and heroine to get together when I was secretly hoping she'd stick a dagger between his ribs?

I'm just glad I didn't read this book first, or I would have missed out on some wonderful reads. Try the books I mentioned earlier instead of this one.

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### **Feireuzah says**

Wonderful storyline, adventure and passion. It was so touching it had me crying a few times :)

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