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Winner of the Eric Hoffer First Horizon Award

Widow Walk is American Historical Fiction in the finest tradition, a direct descendent of Last of the Mohicans and Cold Mountain. LaSalle recounts the brutal, poignant clash between Native American Indian tribes and white settlers in the Pacific Northwest with economy and beauty, writing clean, devastating prose that clutches at your heart. This lean, unsparing narrative will make you look away in sorrow--before raising your fist in triumph. A quintessential rendering of the American Experience."

-Richard Barager, author of Altamont Augie, Silver Medal winner 2011 Book of the Year Awards

In the early days of the American Pacific Northwest, small settlements dot the wilds of streams and dense woods. Isaac Evers, a community leader and former militiaman, has established a small colony on Whidbey Island. Though the area appears calmer than in the past, the northern indigenous clans still threaten the livelihood of Isaac's growing family.

While Isaac is away on expeditions, his wife Emmy tends to the many duties required of a property owner on Whidbey Island. Bold and assertive, Emmy has little time for the restraint of social mores. But as times on the island become more turbulent, her constitution and conviction are tested.

Elsewhere, Haida native Anah-nawitka feels the rush of his first kill and the satisfying vengeance cast from his hand to the head of the invading white colonists. Basking in the praise from his tribemates, Anah starts down a violent path that will alter a great many lives.

Meanwhile, the British and the U.S. Army are quietly grinding against each other following a boundary dispute, leaving men like Captain George Edward Pickett in a tight situation. In charge of the nearby Union fort, Pickett does his best to maintain his authority while he struggles with tragic events in his past.

Weaving these story threads together into a powerful whole, Gerard LaSalle tells the story of an unforgettable American adventure.

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Karen says

Enjoyed the historical information. I enjoyed how it was written. Fast moving and kept my interest.

Gina says

This book revolves around settler Isaac Evers, and the native population of the Pacific Northwest.

Whidbey Island is the place where Isaac has helped form a settlement, where water is abundant and hunting is good.

Needless to say, the indigenous people, who have resided in the area for millennia, are not happy with people they consider invaders on their land. Clashes are bound to happen.

Isaac frequently leaves his homestead to go on expeditions, leaving his wife and family behind. Emily is a strong woman, unafraid of work, and is determined to prove to Isaac she can keep the homestead not only running - but prospering - while he is gone. She is a huge success, bringing in record profits by making deals to sell wood and other necessities to a growing population of people who take the goods to be sold in other areas of the growing country. She lowers her prices to compete with others doing the same, and gets even more business. However, when Isaac does return, he simply takes over and never really seems to appreciate how hard Emily has worked, nor does he seem to realize her new ideas are what brought increased success.

At the same time, a feared Haida warrior, Anah, and his people, have suffered mightily at the hands of the intruders. With nothing to lose, he is quite unafraid to kill when he finds the opportunity. His reputation precedes him, and all along the water, everyone watches for Anah and his followers, knowing if they attack, death will be the result.

The book is well written, and at times joyful, but also sad quite a bit. The treatment of the Native indigenous people is brutal, and their desire for revenge is understandable after many die off due to smallpox-laden blankets given to them. Having no defense against smallpox, settlers gifted the blankets knowing many would die from the disease - much easier than meeting them face to face in warfare. Millions of Natives lost their lives in this way.

Emily is an endearing character, as are her children Isaac, while wanting peace with the Native population, is short-sighted and impulsive in all other areas. Unfortunately, this will be his undoing.

Barbara J Wicks says

History is alive

I love history. Good fictionalized history gives me the incentive to look up the real people portrayed in the

book. This is one of those.

Linda B. Vuono says

Excellent!

Not the genre that I usually read but I was pulled in from the 3rd chapter. Characters were accurately depicted, the good and the bad.

Some of the Indian names were hard for me to follow but the guide in the beginning of the book was handy. Great historical book!

Daniel Cooksey says

Fascinating picture of the Pacific Northwest when it was still a wild frontier to western settlers. Great characters and a easy prose style made for a great read.

linda says

A must read. I enjoyed every minute

If you love the Pacific Northwest, this book is for you. Full of places we have all heard about, however may not have seen.

Betty Davidge says

Sorry I didn't finish.....

I'm sorry to say after reading all the reviews I couldn't get involved with the people in the book. It read to me like a very dry Recount of a historical event. Maybe it was me but frankly my dear I just didn't give a hoot in the end.....

Julie says

Excellent!

Sherry Johnson says

Really enjoyed this book

Although, the brutality of historical fiction books caused me to steer clear of them for a long time, something about this book drew me in and I was hooked.

Amy Hietapelto says

Excellent. Loved the diverse perspectives. Looking forward to the next two books in the saga.

nancy white says

History lesson

Felt like I was in history class. There was too much death and not a strong story line. Towards the end, The book got a little better.

Mary E says

Worth the Read

Good historical fiction that will hold your interest. Emmy is the embodiment of the strength displayed by women during the most extreme of challenges. While this wasnt a book that I couldnt put down, I did look forward to reading a couple of chapters each night.

Coco.V says

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Rita K McCall says

Suspenseful

Love r reading historical fiction. The one thing I did not like was how quickly it ended. Could have used a lot more detail for the ending.

Merry says

Great Read

Knowing little of the history of the Northwest, I enjoyed this book. The characters were believable. Their adventures were followed closely.
