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Australia, 1933: Arabella Fitzherbert, a young English lady, and her parents travel to Australia hoping the dry climate will help their only daughter to recover from a long illness. Their journey takes an unexpected turn, however, and Arabella finds herself in the desert - all alone. Her fate might have been sealed if not for a group of Aborigines that take her to Marree, a small town in the outback, cut off from the rest of the world. While her parents believe her dead, Arabella is all on her own...

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angela says

Oh, what to say. This book was amazing, I hated that it took me so long to read, life kept getting in my way. I was so frustrated, I just wanted to sit down, and read it uninterrupted.

This book kept my attention from beginning to end. The end was my favorite part, I can't really say why, I try to be very cautious not to spoil the book for anyone else. But it's such a happy time for everyone, and Arabella Fitzherbert has changed so much, grown into a strong young woman. To think of how she was in the beginning of the book, to how she is in the end. It could be a different person, if you didn't go on her journey with her, and watch her change.

The Author did such a great job in making you feel like you were there with these people, and really knew them. I laughed at some points during this book like when she was in the desert, and looked up to find an a native looking down at her. Then how the native aborigines got her to the hotel. I laughed through that part. It was funny what they were thinking, compared to what Arabella was thinking. Yes the Author takes you on quite an adventure during this book, and it's one I was happy to go on. Isabella is in for a rude awakening that is for sure, and the people around her can't believe the way she is. I just hope you read this book you will be glad you did. You will be taken on a wonderful journey, with all the ups and downs, and feel like you know these people, are there with them.

The Author never misses a beat. I loved this book, and really hope you decide to go on this adventure. The best part I am starting book two now. I just hope life leaves me alone, so I can read in peace.

Kimmie says

An amazing story

I wasn't sure about this book until about 40% in. The character development touched me deeply. Most of the main characters turned into truly selfless and caring people. It was truly a joy to read.

Anni says

An easy to read story. Exciting, interesting story in the fascinating australian outback.

Sophie says

We Germans do love Australian novels and I'm not an exception as I have read and enjoyed many of Elizabeth Haran's books. Thanks to an online library I finally got my hands on one of them in English. "Under a flaming sky" is now my second favourite (after "Im Land des Eukalyptusbaums", idek the orginal title) of her novels.

At the beginning of the story Arabella is an annoying, spoilt brat, but when she is stranded in a small outback town without her parents, she has to start growing up. It was a real pleasure to read about Arabella's character development and the impact the Australian outback has on her. The story is entertaining and rich in variety (romance, action, a little bit of drama, ...).

Seren says

I truly wanted to love this book. It was bound to be a light summer reading bringing me joy and putting a smile on my face! Boy have I misjudged! Character development is all over the place, story line seems to have been written by a 13-year-old, characters are so simple and unrealistic and dramatic and and and ... have I said unrealistic...? No-one changes for the better all of a sudden, no-one is so black or white, people are not 100% good or bad, what does even good or bad mean? People are grey, Ms. Haran!! I am sorry but has the author just spent a month of writing this book or, most importantly, has she ever read what she has written? Only plus of this book would be the vocab I picked up from the word-vomit of Ms. Haran, as I read the book in German. Apart from that, a total "Zeitverschwendung" !!

Tabniss says

Nette Geschichte über ein verwöhntes Mädchen, dass im Outback verloren geht und über sich selbst hinaus wächst :)

Sonya Heaney says

“Show, don’t tell”! Lengthy descriptions, exaggerated characters (why does the nineteen-year-old act like she’s three?), lots of lists (do we really need to know the details of every carriage on the train, or every item of clothing the characters are wearing?).

Over-explaining – if someone is missing, you don’t need to explain WHY the people searching for her want details about her. We DO understand it’s so they can find her!

And I’ve always been taught that it’s Australian Aborigine, not lower case “aborigine”.

Review copy.
