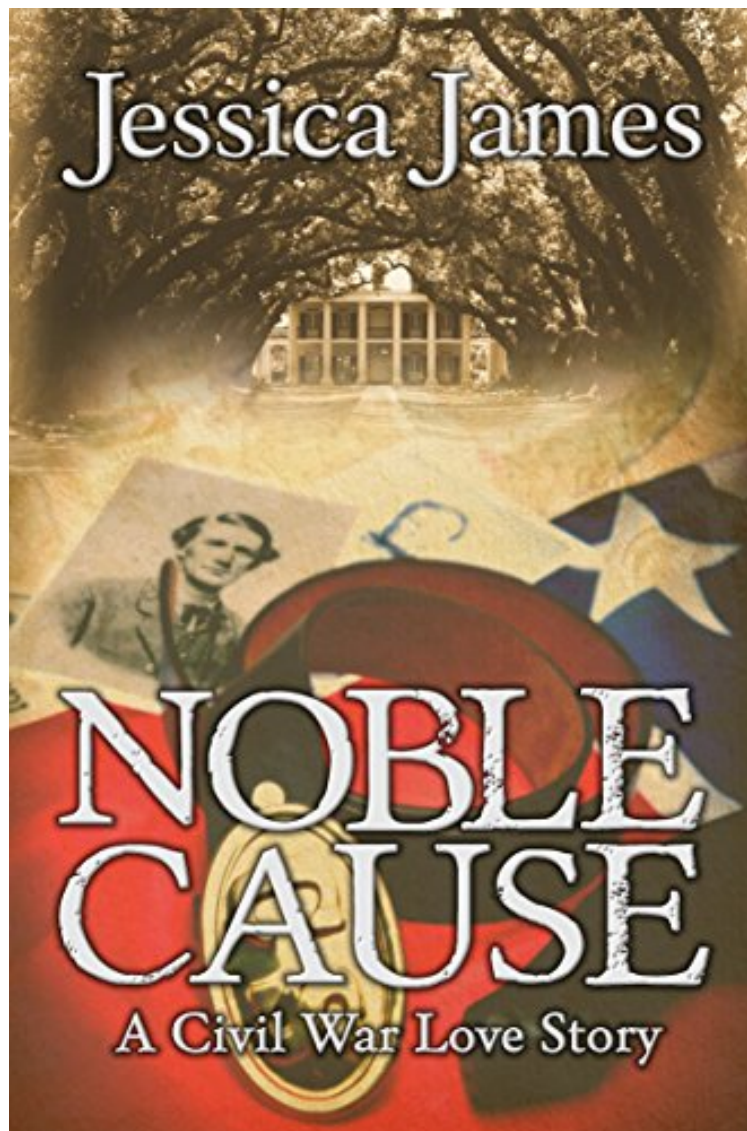


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A beautiful storyVon JN12I found this book by chance and bought it based on the good reviews it had received. As there already is a summary of the content, I will not go into what the book is about, but rather discuss why I liked it.First of all, the book is longer than the .de description says. The number of pages is much closer to 500 than to 400, so this is quite a long book. Romance novels are usually between 200 and 400 pages long (~320 in most cases) and the characterization and story sometimes suffer from this. This book however had a lot of space that allowed the characters and story to be fleshed out.This is no formulaic story of how two persons meet, fall in love and live happily ever after, where the falling in love part seems to be mainly based on their looks. Instead it is a story about war, loyalty, principles, love, loss and sacrifice that is told through the eyes of a couple of characters, most prominently the two protagonists.The author manages to weave a story, where I felt that I became to know the protagonists and care about them. They had their good and bad sides and were given the space to display their characters through action. I often read novels where the protagonists are said to be this or that, while their actions are not consistent with what is claimed about them. In this book their actions speak for themselves and allow the reader to get a feel of who the two protagonists are.There is a lot of emotion in the story that one can relate to due to the way it is narrated. One of the protagonists had a sad childhood and this is hinted at in various places, but never really discussed in detail. I found the protagonists reluctance to discuss this believable and while no in-depth account of these experiences was given by the person, the given information was enough to discover what had happened and get a better understanding of the character. The story is set during the American Civil War and both protagonists played an active role, which allowed for a sense of adventure, but also for conflicts of principles and loyalty as well as emotions like anger, loss, grief and horror.Added to this of course is the romance and the development of a loving relationship between the two protagonists. I found this very believable, as both characters had had enough time on their own to be separately characterized and then enough time together in adversity and then during a period of developing mutual respect to make the transition from unknown to enemy to reluctant respect and eventually to friendship and love believable. There was one sex scene in the book that was hinted at, i.e. the actual deed was not described. I found this refreshing, as a lot of romance books used these scenes to fill pages, where the description of what is done is often of no relevance to the story and can easily be inferred.There were some instances of plot twists that were based on misunderstandings that could have been avoided and seemed rather elemental in pushing the story forward. Misunderstandings are an often used tool by authors to introduce new directions for the plot and sometimes this can feel like a forced extension of a story already finished in principle. Some of the misunderstanding-based plot-redirections felt somewhat forced (even though they were believable enough), but the resulting new directions of the story were nice to follow.All in all, this is a very good book with good characterization, vivid descriptions and a solid plot. I recommend reading it.

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