

A Review for Refiner's Fire

5.0 out of 5 stars: Lizzie Hamilton's Struggles

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Lizzie Hamilton struggles to build life under her own terms but trusts a stranger who fails to live up to her imaginative dreams. She soon learns what it feels like to be a slave, just like the slaves on the plantation of her youth. Life as she knew it is over and she escapes. Her world continues to spin out of control when previous beliefs, prejudices and actions no longer make sense to her. Hoping to find a fortune in California, she joins a wagon train. The long journey will change her as she faces new challenges.

The trip is so believable that at night when I turned out my light I felt like I was sleeping in a wagon, exhausted from the long day's journey. The writer's strength is her ability to put the reader right beside Lizzie - so much that we want to say, "No Lizzie, don't do that." The character development and changes within Lizzie feel real.