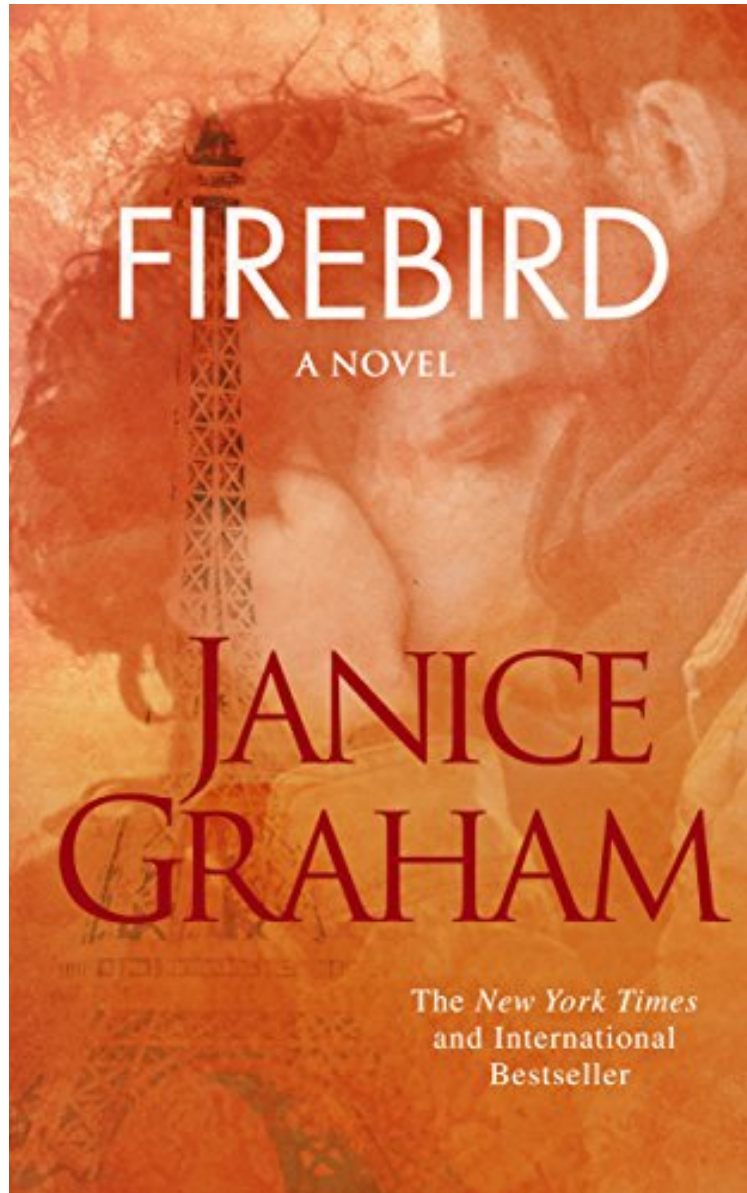


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**Von Janice Graham : Firebird (The Flint Hills Novels Book 1) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Firebird (The Flint Hills Novels Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Finally, Romancing the Soul - Love Never Really DiesVon DustiIts surprising that some readers hated this story. What's not to

like? The beginning may slowly build up speed, but deep in the plot, the reader appreciates the character development. At first Firebird appears common to other romances- Man agrees to marry under pressure; A new face in town piques his interest AFTER the engagement is announced. Then watch out - a plot twist is about to blow your mind! I didn't see it coming and couldn't believe what I had just read. From there the hits just kept on coming. The plot winds through a labyrinth of twists and turns like a serpentine roller coaster ride. The reader is swept along never knowing where the next drop or derailment may be. I have searched for years to find a book I simply could not put down. Firebird was worth the wait. I read it through the first night. I simply had to know how this story could possibly find resolution. Firebird courts the heart and soul. This is Miss Graham's debut novel, hopefully the first of many to come. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. BEAUTIFUL LOVE STORY Von ctshdg@aol.com I cried and laughed -- it made me appreciate and be grateful for love in everyway which touches my life and how quickly it can be taken and how hard it can be to get back. I bought this in Chester England and read it in a day. Each character brought different feelings and emotion to the book. I've never been to Kansas but the description by the author I could almost see and feel the picture. Great all time love story. Since this is the author's debut novel, I can't wait for her return. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Badly written, hysterical nonsense. Von Ein Kunde This book is one of the worst examples of formulaic romantic drivel I have ever read. Ms Graham cannot write beyond the level of adolescent romance. She fails to convince with her characters, they are all two-dimensional, flat and banal. They behave in truly unbelievable ways, unquestioning of some of life's fundamentals, such as whether to leave your young child alone in order to go out into the hills and make love with someone you hardly know. Having already lost one child to a dubious nanny and some off-stage villains engaging in some hideous barbarity only hinted at, this behaviour hardly rings true. The "noble sacrifice" so essential to this kind of sloppy plotting, is evidenced in the continual suffering of the female characters for the greater good of the men. By the way, is it considered normal these days in America to make a video of yourself dancing naked as a wedding present for your bridegroom? Ms. Graham attempted to make this bizarre behaviour sound cute. All of them, from Annette's dead mother onwards have to give their all in order for Ms. Graham to attempt to progress the plot. To call it "gothic" is an insult to writers of real talent of that genre. I skipped the last third of this book in order to arrive swiftly at the end. It was a complete waste of my time. To compare it to "The Horse Whisperer" on the front cover is quite inaccurate. Whilst "The Horse Whisperer" was not great literature, it was a good read, with convincing characters and a story-line you could at least half believe in. None of which applies to "The Firebird"

Kurzbeschreibung A New York Times and international bestseller, translated into 18 languages. In the tradition of The Horse Whisperer comes a novel from the heart that tells a story of universal truth of the love between men and women and mothers and daughters; of passion that transcends tragedy; of promises made and promises kept. Set in the majestic Flint Hills of Kansas, Firebird tells of a man caught between two women one who shares his life and his dream of land and cattle; the other a stranger whose love threatens to destroy the dream he has built. Ethan Brown is a gentleman rancher an Ivy-educated lawyer who is as comfortable amongst his books as he is at ease in the company of cowboys. Engaged to the daughter of the wealthiest landowner in the county, he is within reach of the life he has worked so hard to achieve. Annette Zeldin enters Ethan's life when she returns from Europe to settle her mother's estate. A concert violinist, she feels every inch the outsider in the closed ranching community of Cottonwood Falls and clings to her darling young daughter, her lifeline. The time Annette spends with Ethan in his office offers her moments of comfort and communion, and before long, both must acknowledge the passion growing between them. Annette and Ethan begin a clandestine, transcendent love affair that promises to change the landscape of their lives, but is too soon torn apart by tragedy. Yet their connection is soul-deep and everlasting, and their love transforms the lives of those around them in ways subtle and unknown long after its embers have died down. Graham skillfully infuses the novel with ethereal touches that transport the reader from the vast prairies of the Midwest to the intimate realm of the heart. Firebird is a novel that richly articulates the enduring possibilities of love; it is a novel impossible to forget. (This new eBook edition has been revised. The Author's Note states: "Firebird was originally published in 1998 by Penguin, Putnam. The advent of eBooks has given the author the opportunity to bring it back to life, and she has consequently made significant revisions to the text, with the idea that she's improved a little as a novelist over the years. She's developed her characters more fully, and she's polished the purple prose, although the author feels that eliminating it altogether would take away from the book's heartfelt sentimentality and originality. The story remains the same.") de Firebird is a romance with a love triangle like you've never read before. The story takes place in ranch country in the Flint Hills of Kansas. Ethan Browne, with a Ph.D. in English and a repertoire enabling him to recite great romantic literature on demand, chooses Katie Anne as his future wife. However, he doesn't love her. He just feels that it's part of his dream to have a wife, much like the chores he accomplishes on his cattle ranch. Believing that's all he needs, he sets out to win Katie Anne, and proposes marriage. Katie Anne is in love with Ethan and her love will go to any measure to keep him from being attracted to Annette, who's returned to town for her mother's funeral. Annette

is a Kansas-born concert violinist in town from Paris. This love triangle has its obstacles: Annette's aversion to the land Ethan loves, and Katie Anne's determination to hold onto Ethan though she knows he loves Annette (whose father will cast Ethan out of the ranching life if Ethan doesn't marry his daughter). Who will Ethan choose and what will his future hold? This novel has been compared to *The Horse Whisperer* because it surprises readers at every turn, especially at the end. --Candy Paape  
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