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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Rare Gem! Von Kindle CustomerA Soldiers Secret is historical fiction set during the American Civil War. The heroine, Emma Mansfield, is engaged to be married to a dashing young doctor, but life has other adventures in store for her. Her older brother signs up to fight for the Union Army, but her younger brother runs away and joins the Confederate Army. Later on, her fiancé also joins the Union as an army doctor. As the war progresses and letters from the field fail to arrive, Emma becomes desperate to hear from the men she loves. With no other options and determined to find her brothers and bring them home, she dresses up as a man and joins the Union Army. Actually, there are documented cases where women dressed as men, joined and served during the civil war; so, the story is very believable. Reading this novel was like taking a short history course in the American Civil War. I found it educational as well as entertaining. I thought the setting was fascinating, as few writers write in this period, choosing instead earlier European history. I enjoyed the clean, precise language which makes this an easy reading. I loved the leading character, Emma, and her unwavering determination to find her brothers. Colin, so devoted and honorable, was also a great character. Captain Louis Timmons emerges as a perfect villain, cruel and evil to the end. What would I have liked to see done differently? I thought that some scenes were rushed, such as the scene when Emma first brings up her plan to Mrs. Hastings. Also, there was so much opportunity for description missed. I would have liked to have a clearer image of Colin, Will, and Harrison. I would have liked to see Emma as she endeavored to keep her secret. How did she handle bathing, her monthly periods, changing clothes, in a crowded camp full of men? How did she handle their habits, so markedly different and unfamiliar to a sheltered female? Overall, I enjoyed this novel very much and read it in record time. It did not, at any time, bore me. I found it a romantic and original work. I highly recommend it. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN STORY Von Pamela FoleyThe Soldiers Secret has been awarded the Readers Favorite Five Star badge. And I certainly understand why. This story is beautifully written and steeped with rich historical events. Not the best from our history, and definitely the most costly in needless death tolls. Heather Osborne depicts the horrible fighting and living conditions during the Civil War in great detail and I can't even begin to imagine what life as a soldier had to have been like. Why a woman, especially from a genteel background, would place herself in peril in that type of world speaks of strength and loyalty for the people she loves. And that is exactly who Emma Mansfield is. As her brothers rush off to fight the war, Emma's left behind, feeling useless and worried about her brothers. She wants to fight, but our society back then didn't condone women on the battlefield. They were meant to stay home and tend the wounded or raise money and materials for the war effort. That wasn't enough for Emma, so she conspires with an older, trusted friend to help her get to the frontlines. We travel quite a distance with Emma as she searches for her brothers and then tries to return home. During her travels, she makes a mortal enemy, but she also finds love. I thought the pacing of the story was a little slower at the beginning but it picked up as the story progressed. If you love historical romances and the civil war, you'll want to read this story. I enjoyed this tale and give it 5 feathers. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the best books I've ever read! Von CJ RutherfordOne of the best books I've ever read! I had the privilege to beta read this book. And it was a privilege, believe me. Let me start by saying that this isn't a genre I normally read, but I'm a huge American Civil War buff, so I was intrigued when I was asked to read it. I am so glad I accepted. The book tells the story of Emma Mansfield, a young woman from a well-to-do family living in Rochester, NY. It's the early days of the Civil War, and her older brother joins up on the Union side. Unfortunately, her headstrong younger brother, who is too young to join the Union army runs away to join the Confederates. She then falls for a handsome young doctor, who eventually joins the Union army as well. When her older brother is listed as missing in action, she enlists the help of a family friend. Disguising her identity and enlisting as a 'powder monkey' in the Union artillery, she intends to find news of both her brothers. What ensues is an adventure that takes us into battle, with all the blood and guts associated with cannon and gunpowder. Heather has done her research here, with the dialogue in keeping with the period and all other details feeling incredibly authentic. Her timeline of the war is perfect, and her characters live their lives alongside the battles and trials brought on by the conflict. The lives of simple everyday folk living in hardship are a joy to read, and the love story which the book is based around provides the warm heart of this amazing book. There is something for everyone here. Action, romance and an evil villain, but the show is stolen by Emma herself. I've seldom read a better female lead. Five stars. If I could, I'd give it fifty.

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