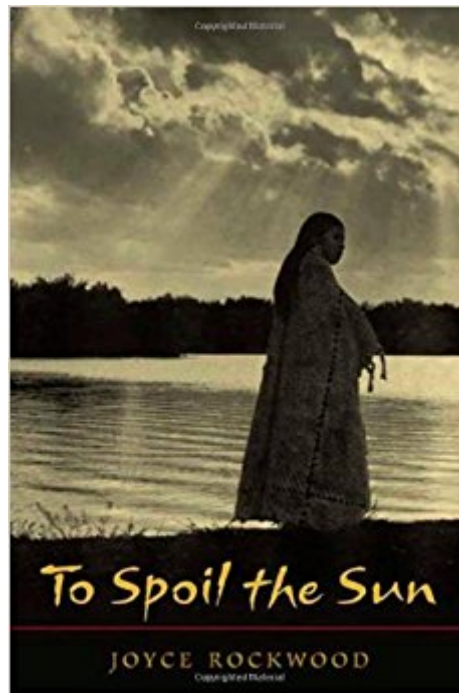




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To Spoil The Sun



Synopsis

A classic about the devastation of smallpox is back in hardcover after many years""You cannot imagine what it [smallpox] is like. It falls on everyone and soon there is no one who can stand. It is like a fire that sweeps through the town, an invisible fire. People begin to fall with fever, and blisters rise on their skin and turn to running sores, and there is no way to give them comfort.'I reeled at the force of it, horror-struck, unable to imagine it."It is the sixteenth century and Rain Dove, a young Cherokee girl, lives in Mulberry Town. If things continue the way they always have, she can look forward to choosing a husband (her grandmother advises picking a young warrior) and raising a family. But after smallpox strikes, life for the people of the Seven Clans will never be the same.

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Customer Reviews

"Rockwood's insight into this period of history and her attention to detail make this novel a historical gem and a great read." --Kirkus Reviews

Joyce Rockwood was born in the Midwest but has spent most of her life in Georgia. She studied anthropology at the University of Georgia, where her husband, Charles Hudson, is a professor of anthropology. Together they have immersed themselves in researching the culture and history of the Native Americans of the South. Other highly acclaimed books Ms. Rockwood has written about

Native Americans include Long Man's Song and Groundhog's Horse, as well as Apalachee, an award-winning adult novel published under the name Joyce Rockwood Hudson.

Amazing!! To Spoil the Sun was a beautifully written and intriguing story that kept me guessing the entire time I was reading it. When my English teacher first introduced the book to my class, I thought it was going to be a dull, boring, and uneventful book. I was most certainly mistaken. This book was a touching story about the often untold happenings when the Europeans came to America. To Spoil the Sun toyed with my emotions. One minute I wanted to cry and the next I was crying from laughter. To Spoil the Sun was overall a powerful story that I would read many times in the future and I would recommend this book to any reader.

A wonderful heartbreaking story of native Americans in the 16th century. A book that will touch your heart and tear at your soul. It's the untold side of the Europeans coming to settle America. It is about their ruthlessness towards the native Americans. It made me feel horrible about what my ancestors did to the native Americans. We choose to ignore this side of history because we knew what we were doing was and is wrong but we did it anyway. In short we are ashamed of what we did which we should be but instead of saying we were sorry we lied and said untrue things about the native Americans already living here when we came. You can't discover something if people are already living there. I for one am ashamed of who I am and what my ancestors did to the native Americans. It is a wonderful story that tells the untold side of history which had been chosen to be ignored until now. I give it five stars!!!!

To Spoil the Sun was a wonderful book about a young girl during the hard times of the 16th century. The book tells of the difficulties Native Americans faced when the European settlers came to America. This was a very heartfelt but sad novel that makes you want to keep reading. By the end of the book I was sad that it had ended. It was one of those books that are so interesting you don't want it to end. Overall a great book that I would recommend.

To Spoil The Sun by Joyce Rockwood is a beautifully written book. It gives the reader significant information about the Native American point of view for the time period of early European exploration. Readers have never learned history from this perspective before. The characters and their story are fictional, but the events are historically accurate. Please restore this book back to print.

To Spoil The Sun was a very powerful book. It tells the story of a young Native American girl in the 16th century. It tells how she fights to survive the Europeans and a small pox epidemic. I think more students should read this book so they know that the Europeans were not the people we know them as. That is why To Spoil The Sun is an important and compelling book.

As an adult I hesitated to purchase this "juvenile" book but the description was enticing. This isn't just a book for juveniles. Rockwood describes a young girl's journey into adulthood in a time period & setting we seldom give any thought. Wonderfully told, this story gives a good sense of the native world view and the terrible destruction wrought on Cherokee society by European diseases. Even though filled with foreboding the story is heartwarming and inspiring.

This is the first book I read, and it started my love affair with books. I was 11 when my mom bought it for me, after reading it 15 times the book finally fell apart. Now I'm looking for a copy to buy for my daughter. Plus, I'd love to read it again.

One of the best books I have ever read. It's a children's book, but hey, "If not, why not??" You will love it I promise.

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