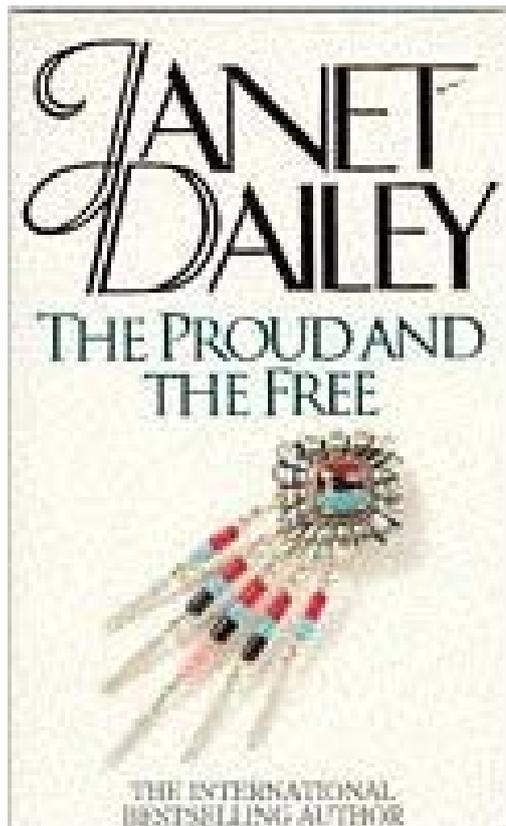


The Proud and the Free *by* Janet Dailey



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Set in the 1830s in the US state of Georgia, against a background of conflict between the native Cherokee Indians and the Georgians, this is a story of powerful love between Temple Gordon and the rebel Cherokee "The Blade". Can their love survive the upheaval and destruction of their people?



Reviews of the *The Proud and the Free* *by* Janet Dailey

Shakanos

If you like romance novels, you will love this.

Corgustari

I have given this book to so many friends and relatives Interested in Cherokee history and the Trail Of Tears. very well researched by Janet Dailey

Nagis

"Go home and tell your people [the Cherokee] that their only hope for relief is to abandon their nation and remove to the west."

This book is centered around a fictional Cherokee family and puts them front and center with events prior to and through the tribe being forced to remove from their territorial lands - the Trail of Tears. While there is a romantic element to the story (and perhaps a tad too much sex), I wouldn't classify this as a romance novel, and some events that happen (especially during the march to Oklahoma) might be a bit much for some lighter minded readers. Don't pick this up with the expectation of a fluffy romance.

This was an interesting, albeit disturbing read and makes me very ashamed for my nation. My only quibble in the writing was the name of the hero (nickname actually) - The Blade. Just once I would have like to have heard his real name, like when he's sharing intimate moments with his wife, but no - every time he's mentioned it is The Blade, and I felt I was being clubbed over the head with it. Still worthwhile for those interested in this period.

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A Cherokee Adventure to Infamy and Back., June 15, 2006

Reviewer: Betty Burks (Knoxville, TN)

Recently, I went to Cherokee, North Carolina, to see the new "Trail of Tears." The Indians decided not to give it that evening. Money wasted, motel and meals expense wasted, time wasted: 'nought said. In this book, we have a woman of valor wiht a man of honor. Fiction, right! There are no men of honor anymore. The proud is Temple, part Cherokee, living in

Georgia and forced to walk to Oklahoma along the trial of tears. For eight years, the Cherokee Nation presented one treaty after another, to stay where they were.

The reservation on the Tennessee/North Carolina border and the detention camps are factual. Cherokees had their own constitution and laws, also an

elected government headed by wise women. The Indians revered their older women. There is a bust of one in the Whittle Courtyard for all to see.

But free, only Stuart the honorable was white and free. This is a rehash of the Pocohatus and John Smith story. Being part Cherokee myself, from my father's paternal side, I once wrote an article for a senior online

newsletter about my encounters with actual real Indians. A few months ago, there was a fierce one from out West who demanded a dollar from me as I was alone waiting for the city bus. He appeared so ferocious I felt it was in my best interest to give him a one dollar bill, though I told him where he could get a free meal -- that a dollar wouldn't buy much.

This book traces the Cherokee nation from 1830 to the end of the

journey to Oklahoma in 1840. It might seem like a good romance to those not educated, or have no first-hand experience with the Cherokees. I had a temp job in a factory in Pulaski doing computer work with a group from Oklahoma; people there who did not know me thought I was one of them! Because of the way they were treated by one of the Tennessee Presidents (I like to blame Johnson, but it could have been Jackson -- both named Andrew), many of today's offspring are unbalanced and consider Tennessee as a war ground. The harassers from out West may be free for now, but they have nothing real to be proud about, of, or for. It does no good to let them know I'm part Cherokeee, as "part" doesn't count.

I understand now why my sister absolutely refused to admit to even one

tiny drop of Indian blood. Though, Eileen looked just like an Indian squaw, as did Teresa after she was married and fat. Some segments of today's society can be and are extremely cruel to minorities. Little do they realize that the so-called minorities will take over and call the shots, and they are not educated.

They have nothing to be proud of as they've always had everything given to them, not have to work and succeed on their own. Temple decides to trust her man, honorable "traitor" Stuart, as she let her heart rule her emotions. A foolish decision. Women must be strong and stay strong.

Ucantia

I am part Cherokee, and I've studied about the Cherokees for years while doing research for a book I'm trying to write, but never did I know that there were rich Cherokees in Georgia. Never did I know that they owned large plantations. Of course, these large plantations were built by the Scots and Irish and English that came across the waters, but these men married Cherokee women and had children who were brought up rich.

In this book, *The Proud and the Free*, the story is pre-Trail of Tears, where thousands upon thousands of Indians were driven out of the east toward Indian Territory (later known as Oklahoma). It is the story of a young half-breed Indian girl who is very rich, very powerful, and very stuck up. It is the story also of another young woman, a teacher from Pennsylvania who comes to teach the young girl and her siblings. This is a teacher who also winds up teaching the young slave children, even though the Indian girl and her siblings think they are so much better than the slave children. The slave children, especially the little boy, is extremely smart, and learns his alphabet quickly. The young Indian girl is in love with a neighbor Cherokee, who from Janet Dailey's description is simply gorgeous, gorgeous, gorgeous, though not in those words.

This is a different look at the Cherokee way of life before the Trail of Tears and the determination of the Georgians, a group of white men, who literally drove the Cherokees out of Georgia.

I give this book 4 stars.

Lamranilv

This story has got to be one of the best books I've ever read in my whole life!!!

It has opened my eyes on the things that's happening around me, mainly the discrimination between the two races. How could people who are equal in God's eye be so cruel to each other? Still, despite this barrier, the love of two people for each other has proven to be superior.

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This is a novel built around the "Trail of Tears" and the plight of the Indians in Georgia, but it also has deep love stories. I absolutely loved this book. I would recommend it to anyone, whether a history buff or a hopeless romantic. It was truly great!

I really enjoyed learning more about American history as well as the story about the family and the teacher. It held me captive as I read it in one day. I will save it for my genealogy files, too.

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