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From Reader Review Sundance, Butch And Me for online ebook

Rusty says

Truly enjoyed reading this book which is told by Etta Place, sweetheart and lover of the Sundance Kid. The novel begins with the childhood of Etta Place and progresses to when she met the two famous outlaws. Falling in love with Sundance, Etta follows the Hole in the Wall gang through bank and train robberies. Because of her link with Sundance she becomes part of the gang, participating in their activities including the eventual move to South America.

I wondered about the last part of the book which has Butch Cassidy surviving the shootout in Bolivia. However, there is no actual proof that his was one of the bodies found after the shootout. Interestingly, DNA from a body believed to be his did not match the DNA of descendants. Furthermore, family members stated that he visited them and died later in the Northwest where he may have settled. Did he survive? We may never know but this author provides a scenario that could explain what may have happened. Most enjoyable read.

Mae McDonnell says

Excellent, clean prose - a few places where the editing was left in (!), so it feels self-published, but a good narrative with good characters that was hard to put down.

Donna says

This book is historical fiction based on truth, but it reads like a memoir by Etta Place. I really liked it and once I got started, had a hard time putting it down. I think I got my love of the old west from my dad who read any western he could get his hands on. I would recommend this book to anyone who shares that love.

Trick Wiley says

I so,so enjoyed this book,what a life they all lead,so exciting,anyone that loves western really need to read this,not what they did was right,robbing banks and trains but so exciting a life they lead, the story of all three is great,should read!

Carol says

What a fun read! Life with Butch and Sundance, as told by Etta Place. Of course, this is fiction, but it reads like a memoir -- with all the grit and spirit of that time, and through all the adventures of this trio. The

characters come through as so very likable and human, and the reader understands their passions, needs and inclinations. Great detail, and spectacular setting descriptions suggest a lot of research went into this novel. The story begins with Etta's childhood, through her young adulthood, continuing to where she meets Sundance, and later accompanies them -- lives with them -- throughout much of their time in the US. I felt like I knew all of the main characters (more than these three), and the story and backdrop, including geography, was truly absorbing. What a treat! Judy Alter delivers again!

Judy Alter says

A different take on the life of Etta Place, girlfriend of The Sundance Kid. Imagination fills in where little or nothing is known about her background but much of the book is based on available sources of the escapades of the Hole in the Wall Gang.

Charlotte says

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Mich says

Great historical read. Really liked the characters and I couldn't help but picture them as the guys from alias smith and jones even tho they were the wrong characters!! To me Ben Murphy who played kid curry was sundance! Anyway. Great read!

Terrie853 says

This book is a retelling of my favorite movie, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, from Etta Place's perspective. (For those of you not familiar with the legend, Etta Place was the Sundance Kid's mistress for several years (10?) before deciding that she "will not watch you die" and leaves the two in Bolivia.)

Not surprisingly, the first two-thirds of the book, when we're getting to know Etta, Butch and Sundance, was the most engaging. The last third, when she realizes that (1) much as she loves Sundance, he will never "grow up" and be the man she wants him to be and (2) that she also loves Butch, but that they would never work (because she loves Sundance and he loves a woman named Mary Boyd more) felt dragged out. I did love the end, though.

Brenda says

This book was based on true people who lived and rode with Butch Cassidy, Sundance and the rest of the

Hole In The Wall Gang. It was a great story I really enjoyed it about the woman who rode with them, loved by both. She was known by a different name than that which she was born with because she killed a man and had to flee her home town. I loved that it was true and the story about this woman and how she lived was really a ride! I highly recommend it.

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PRAISE FOR SUNDANCE, BUTCH AND ME:

"...a realistic portrayal of historic events that touches the imagination and stirs the spirit."—The Literary Times

"...meticulously researched... a skillful first-person narrative."—Publishers Week

richard m. says

Very enjoyable! A narrative from the point of view of Sundance's girlfriend must be unique for the Butch Cassidy story.

I would have liked a bit more detail about the West, but especially an addendum that describes something of the factual resources the author used to develop the story.

Wenwe says

An interesting diversion from life, which really needed a good edit. I had a hard time with the timeline.

Linda says

It was fun to read about Etta Place and her life. I've always been fascinated with Butch Cassidy, one of my ancestors, Bub Meeks rode with him until Bub was shot and killed. This story focuses on Etta and her relationship with Sundance and Butch. I liked hearing a woman's point of view of these outlaws. Butch has morals for being an outlaw and never killed a man. The book reads like the truth although we don't really know what happened to Etta.

Nae says

Most definitely not the Etta that was in the movie, but in some ways a much more satisfying personality :)

Ute Carbone says

Since Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid is one of my all time favorite movies, I really enjoyed reading this book about Etta Place--the Sundance Kid's long time lover. An enjoyable read.
