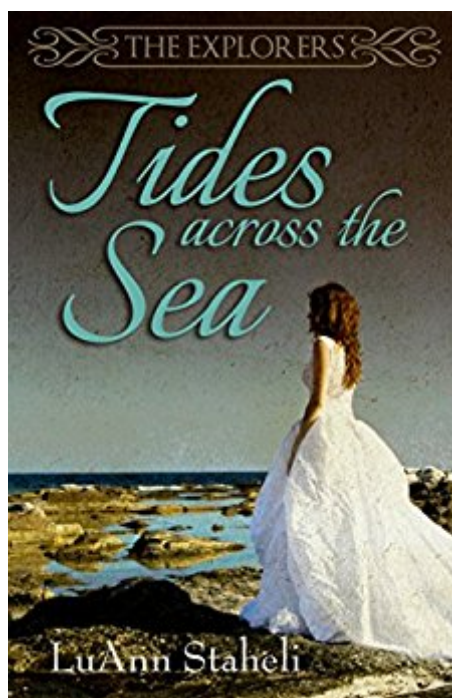


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Tides Across The Sea (The Explorers Book 1)



Synopsis

**** #1 bestseller in Explorations & Discoveries** Top 5 bestseller of Action & Adventure in Pirates** Set against the background of the exploration of the Aztec civilization, **TIDES ACROSS THE SEA**, opens in the year 1519, where the passion for adventure and the lust for gold reign in the hearts of both young and old. Felipe is no exception, though his yearning for adventure is tempered by his love for the beautiful Manuela. She wants to marry him, but when Felipe ends up on Cortes' ship bound for the New World, the young couple is pulled apart. Felipe and Manuela each must find a way to overcome the odds stacked against them if they want to someday reunite.

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Customer Reviews

TIDES ACROSS THE SEA is an enjoyable YA historical novel, with plenty of adventure, and of course romance. Manuela hopes to marry Felipe, but first, he's determined to explore the world on Cortes' new ship and become a man worthy of Manuela's hand. With Manuela waiting at home, Felipe sets sail, encountering adventures that even he couldn't have ever imagined, including

meeting Tia, a slave who is trying to escape her life. TIDES ACROSS THE SEA is an intriguing adventure, rooted in a fascinating historical era of the famous New World explorers as they infiltrate the Aztec culture. I loved learning more about the time period and Staheli's excellent story-telling had me immersed in the first chapter. Other novels I've enjoyed by Lu Ann Staheli are A NOTE WORTH TAKING (contemporary young adult) and LEONA & ME, HELEN MARIE ("small town" middle-grade).

"Tides Across the Sea" is a lovely YA novel of adventure and enduring love. The flowing prose immediately embraced me and drew me into the world of this book. Being a sorta major history buff, I frequently paused along the way to look up characters and events described in the story. (Oh, the wonderful advantages of uniting e-books with iPads!) These forays into the historical background frequently kept me up far past my bedtime, which to be honest, I thoroughly enjoyed. But always the story in this novel drew me quickly back in, impatient to find out what might happen next. "Tides Across the Sea" is a wonderful introduction to a fascinating period of history: the early exploration of the New World. Young readers will not only be fascinated by the story, it may well encourage them, as it did me, to study this era of history on their own in greater depth. I loved this book, I loved the characters and story, I loved Lu Ann's writing style, and I am looking forward to reading more books in her "The Explorers" series!

This is the fifth book I have read by Lu Ann Brobst Staheli. It is the best one yet. The story is engaging and makes me want to research Cortés even more. How do you think you would feel as a young woman when your father agreed to a marriage to a young man you disliked. What about the boy you loved, how will you go about changing your own fortune? What would it be like to be a junior deck hand on a Conquistador's ship. Will you side with the crew that is thinking about mutiny? There are enough interwoven story lines in this gem to keep the reader turning the pages. Well done!

I really enjoyed this Love story that is so strong that even being separated she waits for him to return to her. He is fighting hard and trying to find his way home to the only woman he will ever love. This book reminds no matter what life throws your way, you can make it through it.

The content is great. I like historical fiction and the tying together of Cortez, the Aztecs, and Cuba

was very well done. Lu Ann has done an excellent job here and I highly recommend this book to others to read.

I haven't read a lot of stories about this particular time and events in history. I love history and learned many things I hadn't known before. Cortés and King Montezuma were both very evil men. This book does go into some of the depraved acts that were done to people; especially when Montezuma sacrificed people to the Gods. My stomach actually turned while reading about this (Just a warning for those who have weak stomachs like me!) Tides Across the Sea has two stories going on, one with Manuela back in the home land waiting for her love Felipe. The other story is about Felipe who was kidnapped aboard Cortés's ship and taken away from his home and Manuela. There is a lot of action as Cortés's men battle against the Aztec people. Through the enjoyable storytelling of Lu Ann Staheli, readers are taken to the new world. The harshness and reality of the life of an explorer is told vividly. Manuela's life back home is sad, but you truly cheer for her as she waits patiently for Felipe's return. This story is for older teens and adults. History buffs will love reading this story about the adventures and tragedies of the Cortés expedition and the Aztec people.

I enjoyed this coming-of-age story. With romance and adventure, it was a very satisfying read. I've been thinking about some of the characters and themes even after finishing it. There are some parts that frankly depict some of the appalling violence and bloodshed that happened under Moctezuma, but these are not frequent nor are the scene gratuitous. Staheli does only what she needs to establish clearly what kind of world this is--still, if you are a sensitive reader, just be a bit cautious. I was intrigued by the plot, and the setting. These were all well-done. However, I think Staheli's gift for characterization really rises to the top here. The characters seemed very real. For me, the test of a character is whether they seem like a real person--and these did. Very enjoyable read.

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