

The River Rose

A Water Wheel Novel

by Gilbert Morris

ABOUT THE BOOK

Life hasn't been easy for Jeanne Bettencourt, a widow approaching thirty and struggling to provide for her eight-year-old daughter. But hope arrives in the form of the *Helena Rose*, a steamboat she unexpectedly inherits from a distant, departed relative. Jeanne's father had captained a similar vessel and taught her how to pilot a steamer along the banks of Memphis. She's looking forward to a renewed livelihood on the mighty Mississippi.

However, as plans are made, news comes of another heir to the *Helena Rose* -- a tough man named Clint Hardin -- and a clause in the will that says claimants of the estate must live aboard the boat. Jeanne, a Christian woman, makes it clear she won't stay with a man who is not her husband. But both are desperate for work, so they agree to keep their distance as Clint occupies the lower deck and Jeanne takes the captain's quarters.

As they restore the *Helena Rose*, the slowly softening Clint becomes attracted to Jeanne -- who is now being courted by a wealthy plantation owner. With her family and future at stake, the desires of Jeanne's heart are duly complex. Only her simple faith can navigate her through what's about to happen.

BEST-SELLING POINTS

- When two very different people jointly inherit the same steamboat in Memphis during the mid-nineteenth century, their shared need for a new livelihood steers them toward falling in love.
- Gilbert Morris has a loyal fanbase; his books have sold more than **seven million copies**.
- *The River Rose* takes readers back to a time and place popularized in classic works by Mark Twain (*Life on the Mississippi*) and Margaret Mitchell (*Gone with the Wind*).
- Larger type size for older readership.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gilbert Morris is among today's most popular Christian writers and has sold millions of his books worldwide. He specializes in historical fiction and won a 2001 Christy Award for the Civil War drama *Edge of Honor*. Once a pastor and English professor who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas, Morris lives with his wife in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

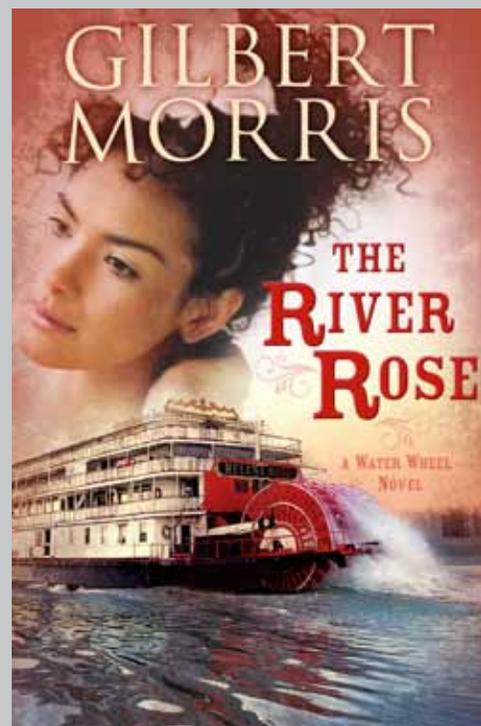
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