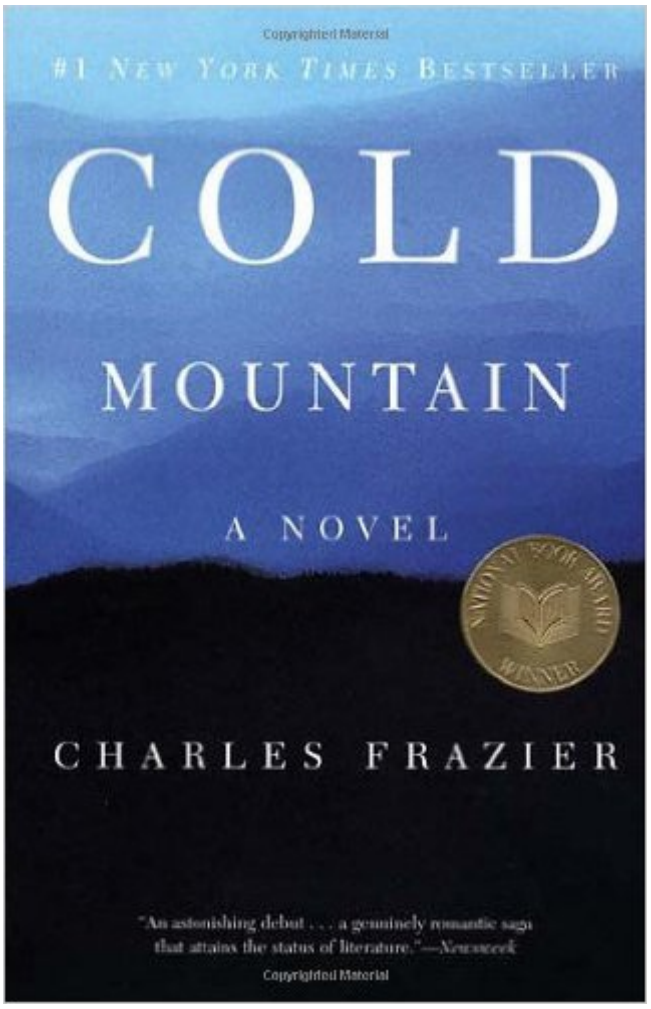
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Synopsis

In 1997, Charles FrazierÃ¢â ¬â„¢s debut novel Cold Mountain made publishing history when it sailed to the top of The New York Times best-seller list for sixty-one weeks, won numerous literary awards, including the National Book Award, and went on to sell over three million copies. Now, the beloved American epic returns, reissued by Grove Press to coincide with the publication of FrazierÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eagerly-anticipated second novel, Thirteen Moons. Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, a Confederate soldier named Inman decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge mountains to Ada, the woman he loves. His trek across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign. At the same time, the intrepid Ada is trying to revive her fatherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s derelict farm and learning to survive in a world where the old certainties have been swept away. As it interweaves their stories, Cold Mountain asserts itself as an authentic odyssey, hugely powerful, majestically lovely, and keenly moving.

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The hero of Charles Frazier’s beautifully written and deeply-imagined first novel is Inman, a disillusioned Confederate soldier who has failed to die as expected after being seriously wounded in battle during the last days of the Civil War. Rather than waiting to be redeployed to the front, the soul-sick Inman deserts, and embarks on a dangerous and lonely odyssey through the devastated South, heading home to North Carolina, and seeking only to be reunited with his beloved, Ada, who has herself been struggling to maintain the family farm she inherited. Cold Mountain is an

unforgettable addition to the literature of one of the most important and transformational periods in American history. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A Civil War soldier and a lonely woman embark on parallel journeys of danger and discovery. Environment, events, and the empathy of others transform the protagonists spiritually as well as physically. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Cold Mountain is my favorite book of all time! I've read it at least 7 times, and just wanted to have the audio version. I didn't describe the mood, above, because there isn't just one mood throughout the book. It takes you on a journey that you'll want to go on forever. The author has done his homework on colloquialisms, traditions, and history, and I ended up filling the margins and blank pages in the back with notes - I had to look up so many of the words and phrases! Each time I read it, I learn a little more, and see things from a slightly different perspective. I feel almost the same way about his second novel, THIRTEEN MOONS, which I've read 4 times so far. I'm sure many Charles Frazier fans are breathlessly awaiting his 4th novel (not so crazy about his 3rd novel, which is totally different).

Took a while to really get into the story but after, was hard to put my Kindle down. Author is absolutely fantastic in puting the reader right in the story. Good characters. No disappointments until the end. Author had me a little puzzled with the ending. Had to read the epilogue three time to figure out what happened to the main character. Finally figured it out. Interesting ending. Will read more from this author.

An epic novel that will hold you from beginning to end. There is so much about the Civil War that we don't know and the way if change the lives of thousands of live and the landscape of our country. So much our our attitudes about war, race and duty are explored in this book. Well worth the time spent getting to know these characters and what it took to survive on all sides of the battlefields.

As a Senior high school student, we read this for a summer assignment. I, being not a fan of old English words in literature, find it difficult to read it incessantly, because I have to look up unfamiliar words in the dictionary.All in all, this book is figuratively a roller coaster of emotions. One time you will feel joy, and then the next you will feel sad. I would not spoil the other emotions, as you would

have to read it for yourself.

Although there is plenty of action in this novel, the pace is slower than most "action novels" because of the author's vivid descriptions of environment, people, weather, etc. The chapters alternate between one main character and another main character, which just serves to keep one reading longer than usual, to get to what's happening "meanwhile." Believable characters and some plot twists. There is some violence, as it is set in a violent time -- the American Civil War. This is the first of Frazier's books I have read, and I will be looking at more.

Good writing of descriptive verse. Definitely created a wanderlust for Western North Carolina. And some of the chapters had intriguing stories that created tension and action. But the movement of the overall plot felt slow....like I was making the walk myself across the great state of North Carolina. It's been so long since I've seen the movie, but I remember it as being better than the book. I also preferred Frazier's other work "Thirteen Moons" over this one.

I loved it. I saw the movie first, many years after its initial release and was really taken in. When I found the opportunity to purchase the book and begin reading, my expectations were low, as I felt I already knew what was to come. I was happy to find the movie changed many things and added some as well and the book is by far better as a story goes. The movie helps to really visualize a era. I have recently finished the book and am now starting over at a slower pace, as I raced through it the first time. I also intend to track down some of the food stuffs the book describes and try my hand at Civil War era cooking techniques. The thought of wilderness travel as it was done back then as opposed to the well marked roads and autos we have in our day.

Was wanting to read a good Civil War novel. Really missed not having more on battles etc but it did have towards the end of the novel and it did hold my interest.

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