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Customer Reviews

Set in the prehistoric Southwestern United States circa 900 A.D., *Under A Standstill Moon* is the novel of a girl born during a "lucky month"; as she becomes a woman, her good fortune becomes a cruel destiny, as she is forced to leave the village and the man she truly love to be given to the High Priest, Sun Watcher. The magic and power of the Sun Watcher frightens the people of her village; and so a young woman must dig deep inside herself to conquer her fear and take control of her destiny. A poignant and powerful tale for all ages, that draws deeply upon what archaeology tells us today of how the native population in the Southwest once lived.

Set in the southwestern United States in 900 A.D., *UNDER A STAND STILL MOON* tells the story of Echo, a little girl born into the Waterfall Clan. Echo is considered special because she was brought into this world under a Stand Still Moon, a very rare season in which the moon halts its course in the sky and raises nightly between the two war gods. Echo's greatest wish is to have unlimited freedom to explore her world. However, her mother and grandmother want her to learn the ways of a woman and a working wife. So she is forced to stay at home, helping her family with chores and tending to her younger sister with not much time for exploring her world. While hard at work, she develops a crush on her childhood friend Falcon. Her love for him grows so deeply that she wishes to marry him. However, after she saves a baby from falling off a cliff, Sun Watcher, a High Priest whose

incredible power scares everyone in the village, asks her family for her hand in marriage. Her family agrees, and so Echo must leave her dreams and family behind to marry and move in with Sun Watcher. While living with her husband, Echo discovers that he is very ill. She promises to take care of him if he promises to give her his power. He agrees, and starts teaching her the lessons of the sky. Meanwhile, tragedies begin to occur in her village, and Sun Watcher becomes sicker than ever. Will Echo be able to stay strong for everyone in the village and survive on her own, or will her world become a different place? UNDER A STAND STILL MOON comes to life as author Ann Howard Creel creates vivid images of the Anasazi civilization and the ancient people who represent natural Earth elements. This is an incredible journey that is not to be missed. --- Reviewed by Ashley Hartlaub

When I was younger I read ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS, and it became my favorite book of all time to this day. Never before have I found a novel to compare to that one, until now. Creel's powerful voice and storytelling make UNDER A STAND STILL MOON able to stand on the same shelf as that other classic. Don't miss it for yourself or your children.

Rebeccasreads highly recommends UNDER A STAND STILL MOON as a vivid, lyrical recreation of one girl's coming of age during terrifying times when her people, the mysterious & vanished Anasazi, who have lived on the mesas & plains of America's Southwest for generations, are threatened by their gods & the weather they control. A great read for lovers of pre-history how daily lives once were lived.

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