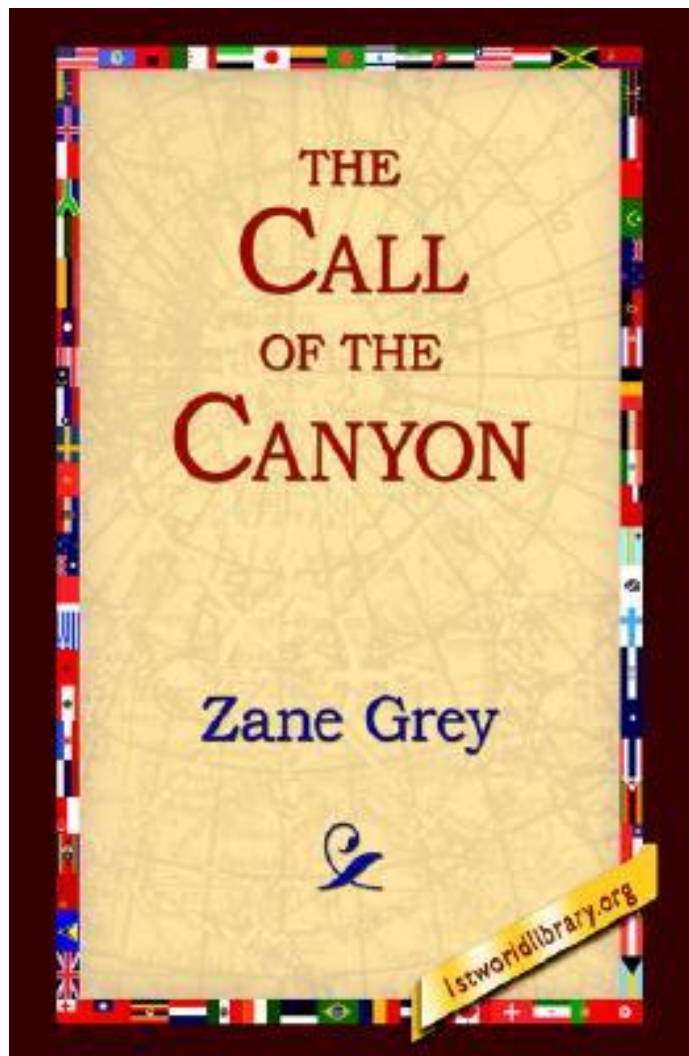

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Description

Purchase one of 1st World Library's Classic Books and help support our free internet library of downloadable eBooks. Visit us online at www.1stWorldLibrary.ORG - - What subtle strange message had come to her out of the West? Carley Burch laid the letter in her lap and gazed dreamily through the window. It was a day typical of early April in New York, rather cold and gray, with steely sunlight. Spring breathed in the air, but the women passing along Fifty-seventh Street wore furs and wraps. She heard the distant clatter of an L train and then the hum of a motor car. A hurdy-gurdy jarred into the interval of quiet. Glenn has been gone over a year, she mused, "three months over a year-and of all his strange letters this seems the strangest yet." She lived again, for the thousandth time, the last moments she had spent with him. It had been on New-Year's Eve, 1918. They had called upon friends who were staying at the McAlpin, in a suite on the twenty-first floor overlooking Broadway. And when the last quarter hour of that eventful and tragic year began slowly to pass with the low swell of whistles and bells, Carley's friends had discreetly left her alone with her lover, at the open window, to watch and hear the old year out, the new year in. Glenn Kilbourne had returned from France early that fall, shell-shocked and gassed, and otherwise incapacitated for service in the army-a wreck of his former sterling self and in many unaccountable ways a stranger to her. Cold, silent, haunted by something, he had made her miserable with his aloofness. But as the bells began to ring out the year that had been his ruin Glenn had drawn her close, tenderly, passionately, and yet strangely, too.

Insightful reviews

Lynette: Surprisingly relevant for a book written in the early 1920's --- many social themes have carried over in a pretty amazingly current fashion (ravages of war on veterans, societal apathy toward veterans issues, roles of women, etc.) - I just expected to love being immersed in Zane Grey's descriptions of the west (and I wasn't disappointed). The book was a bit "drag-y" in parts (c'mon - let's get back to the action!), but a good solid adventure romance against those big red cliffs...

(oh, and thanks, Ashlee --- it was super fun reading a 1924 edition --- this book even SMELLS old!!)

Lisa: The story of Carly, a wealthy socialite in NYC during the post-WWI craziness. Her fiance fought in the war, and came back changed and ill. He moved to Arizona to recover, and afraid he will never return, she goes there to bring him home. Too late, she realizes that he will never return to his old life, and lost and alone, she returns home to discover that her world is turned upside down, and finally discovers who she really is and what she truly believes.

I enjoyed the story, and although it was not my favorite Zane Grey novel, it was good. There were times it was a little overly preachy about the social ills of the day, and I didn't like the voice the narrator used for Carly, other than that, I enjoyed it.

Caitlin: This was my first Zane Grey book. I found it to be simplistic, antiquated, entertaining, unintentionally hilarious, full of blowhard characters and actually good when describing Western

landscape.

I doubt I'll read another Zane Grey, but I'm glad to have done one. Also, thrilled beyond belief that we, as a society, have (mostly) moved beyond the rigid thoughts on gender that imbue this story.

Joni: The name of the Canyon Zane Grey has an excellent approach of describing places, items or humans so you think that you're truly seeing, feeling, or hearing what's going on.

Garth Mailman: one other Zane Grey Western Romance. This one set in long island urban and a canyon in Arizona inside of view of the Painted Desert. Emphasis right here on romance with the panorama coming a distinct far-off second. A lot of the North-Eastern component to Arizona is the territory to which many Indian Bands have been exiled, the Painted wasteland is simply to the south close to the hot Mexico Border. Because the e-book starts off Glenn has simply back from WW#1 the place he used to be gassed and persisted unconscionable hardships that left him ill and injured in mind, body, and soul. To recuperate he headed west to get well his health. That he does is a minor miracle and person who weds him to this tough and prepared frontier life. The storyline then revolves round even if his betrothed Carley can convince him back East to the lifetime of ease and comfort that's her milieu or if the entice of adventure, vast open spaces, and Glenn's love can tempt Carley to provide all of it up and movement right into a impolite cabin with Glenn. So as to add spice there's lady he met out west and a cowboy who loves that girl. I worry I've learn one too many Western Romances to totally take pleasure in this however the caliber of Grey's writing holds up throughout.

Mike Johnson: nice enjoyable - learn this in entrance of a crackling hearth in Sedona AZ - just a couple of miles from Oak Creek Canyon. He captured the magical presence of where perfectly!

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