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“Dirty Rice” Taps History for Story of Love, Greed, Rice and Slavery

Dirty Rice, by Dorothy K. Morris, is the story of African rice and African people, their knowledge, expertise, and the forced labor that made the Carolina Colony the wealthiest in America.

Not just an historical book, this novel tells of love, passion, adventure and cruelty with fictional – yet believable – characters. Morris takes readers to extremes, going from the plush parlors of aristocratic English land owners to the swampy shores of Carolina amid the mud and muck of the rice fields, where kidnapped Africans were being forced to work because of their knowledge.

Dirty Rice is a story of exploitation by some and compassion from others. Morris’ emphasis is on the people who lived in privilege as well as those who were forced to cope with what life sent their way.

Dorothy K. Morris was born in Charleston, South Carolina, a city her ancestors helped establish. She grew up struggling with the pain that still lingered from the residue of slavery and the Civil War. She now lives in Washington, schooling horses and training in dressage. Morris enjoys genealogy due to her extensive family history and is a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Who’s Who in America, and Who’s Who of American Women.

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