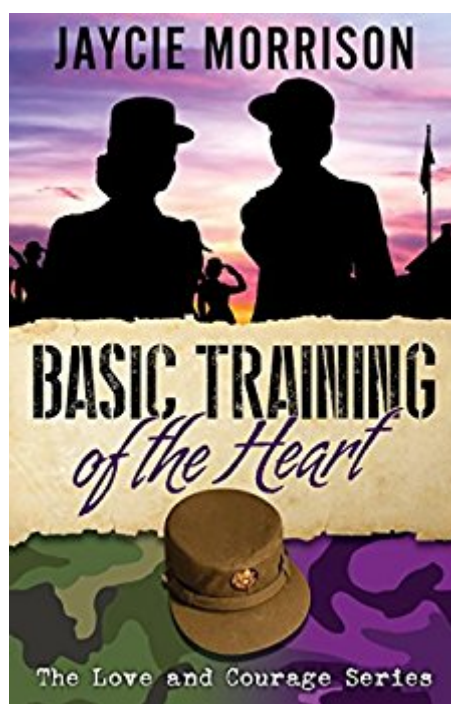


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# Basic Training Of The Heart



## Synopsis

Socialite Elizabeth Carlton impulsively joins the Women's Army Corps to escape love's disappointments and her father's attempts to control her life. Still, she has never been one to accept discipline imposed by others—not even someone as intriguing as her new sergeant. Sergeant Gale Rains is accustomed to challenges, but she's never had a recruit quite like this one. Rains surrendered much of her Sioux heritage to the Army to escape the hardships and pain of her youth. Now a drill instructor, her calm, steady manner and firm hand have molded women from all walks of life into WACs. But not one of them has ever touched her. Why should this spoiled party girl be any different? With the whole world at war, victory is never certain as two women wage their own battles of will and desire.

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## Customer Reviews

This novel was a great look back in history to the beginning of the WACs as they endured their training at Fort Des Moines, which was hot and humid in the summer and sometime frigid and freezing in the winter. Sgt. Rains is a by the book drill sgt. and her expectations of her unit are high.

On the first day, Bett Smythe meets her new drill sgt and just can't keep her mouth closed. Throughout the entire book we see how the women were treated by their male counter parts and how Sgt. Rains, an American Indian is treated. This did go a little slow, but it was worth it. I can't wait for her next novel.

Quick Summary: Bett, a rich woman from Los Angeles, joins the WACs during WWII and comes in to contact with Rains, her Native American drill sergeant. There is an immediate attraction on Betts side, and she spends the next 8 weeks of training trying to prove to Rains that they belong together. I loved this book and am very impressed that this is the authors first book. I'm really looking forward to what else she does moving forward. The book had the perfect flow to it, and the chemistry between the two leads was amazing. Bett and Rains were complete characters, where I really felt like I knew their pasts and what made them who they are now and who they could be to each other. Also, the tension with getting through the program without crossing the line with each other lent it self to some really great scenes. I thought I wouldn't really enjoy a story set in the past but it didn't effect the romance at all, and in fact made it that much more original in my mind. I'm hoping for a sequel, as I think there is so much more to show about their relationship during this time in history and their backgrounds. More please! Recommendation: Buy it now and support this great new author.

I enjoyed the overall story, but found the execution lacking. The writing was very uneven, two things bothered me in particular. One, it was very obvious that the author did a lot of research on the topic but didn't know when to stop showing it off. The writing flowed well, and bam!, descriptive passage laying out facts. The first of those was a brief intro into butch and femme, kind of unnecessary given her probable audience. The second one is kind of similar in regard to trusting her audience to know things, or trusting the power of her own writing. The book includes a lot, and I mean A LOT of internal monologue in Italics. It's like she didn't trust her scene to convey what she wanted to say with it and added the internal monologue to really drive the point home. Or beat it into submission, either way. The characters were a bit on the flat side, but the other things bothered me much more. Too bad, because the story itself was fun.

Wonderful insights into the love between Bett and Rains as their relationship grows. Easy to recommend this book as the quality of writing establishes the characters with such clarity and insight that we really care about their lives. It's one of those books where you remember the

characters as though they were real people. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and am waiting for the next one which I assume is coming soon.

This book ruined my life for 3 days! I stayed up late and got nothing done during the day because I had to finish it. Wonderfully written and great character development. Not only was this a great love story but it has just enough history to pique your interest. I can't say enough about how great this book is. Just do yourself a favor and read it! I can't wait to see what else Morrison comes up with!

This really was a nice romance. And considering this was the debut novel for Morrison, I thought it was pretty well written too. As someone who doesn't read too many blurbs, because I don't like to spoil the story, I wanted this book because of the cover. I was surprised to realize this book takes place in 1944. But I was also excited since I don't know much about WAC, the Women's Army Corps. I warmed to the story immediately, including the the two main characters. Bett, the new Army Private, rich girl, running away from her fathers influence. And Sargent Rains, the woman with a closed off heart from a hard life. Who is charged with molding new WAC recruits, in Basic Training. I ate up the details of what army life was like for women back then. I can't truly imagine how hard it must have been, for lesbians especially. Heck, I can't even imagine how hard it must of been 10-years ago. I found that I easily grew to care for the main characters. Yes, Bett had some faults, including a selfish streak. And in some ways Rain was almost too good to be true, but in the ways of Rain, it made the book more romantic. There was a point in the book, filled with so much passion, that I felt myself floating away on my happy little romance cloud. I read so much that sometimes books get all jumbled together in my memory. This is the kind of book that breaks that rule. I will remember this sweet romance, and would easily recommend it to others. I hope Morrison will write more. I will not hesitate to read more of her books. An ARC was given to me from Bold Strokes Books, for a honest review.

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