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## Editorial Review

### Review

"THE SHEIK RETOLD is an intriguing update to the classic novel 'The Sheik'; a fascinating tale of two headstrong people and their bumpy road to an improbable love...This enticing tale by Victoria Vane is a story of warring wills and cultures; action packed as well as incredibly sexy, and a recommended read." FRESH FICTION

"Victoria Vane has modernized and vastly improved on Hull's book. She builds on the characters, showing more of their thoughts and feelings, and takes readers through the veiled curtain into the bedroom where we begin to understand what drives Ahmed Ben Hassan...Ms. Vane has done a wonderful job of turning Hull's novel, *The Sheik* (which could be viewed in a modern world as a violent and rather distasteful story), into a stirring love story." ROMANTIC HISTORICAL LOVERS

"Vane is a masterful storyteller! A must read for both erotic romance readers, readers of historical romance, as well as those who enjoy the re-telling of classic romances. An enjoyable read! I have not found a story yet, that Ms. Vane has written which I did not enjoy, and "The Sheik Retold" was no different! I received an ARC of this title for an honest review from the author." MY BOOK ADDICTION AND MORE

### From the Author

#### AUTHOR'S NOTE

When first published in 1919, E.M. Hull's *The Sheik* was an overnight bestseller with over fifty printings within the first two years of release. The book was also made into a silent film that catapulted its leading man, Rudolph Valentino, to superstardom. Given its huge success in its time, I have no doubt many readers will wonder at my motive in re-writing this romance classic.

As a reader, I have always found the "forced seduction"/rape-to-love trope appalling, and have never had such mixed feelings about a book as I did after reading *The Sheik*. It had so much to offer with its strong characters and beautiful descriptive prose, but it fell sadly short for me in so many other ways. I found the narrative too repetitive and the pace plodding. There was too much navel-gazing on the heroine's part, and far too little actual interaction between the hero and heroine for a romance. In sum, I loved and loathed it in equal measure.

Nevertheless, this story captured my imagination and even though I had a number of other writing projects in progress, *The Sheik* held me hostage and absolutely refused to let me go. Once I began fantasizing about alternate scenarios, dialogue, and plot twists, I knew it was calling to me. I had no choice but to re-tell this story the way I envisioned it.

While I have taken a number of liberties in my re-telling, the main plot, characters, and descriptive passages are largely unchanged. I kept everything I loved and changed what I loathed. Although my version is not completely devoid of violence (to omit all of it would only have watered down Ahmed's powerful alpha character), I have taken out the rape and animal abuse which I abhorred in the original. I have also thrown the bedroom door wide open.

Most important, however, is my portrayal of Diana. Even though she falls deeply in love with her captor, my version of the character stays true to her strong and self-willed nature right to the end.

While I believe ***TheSheik Retold*** will compare favorably to E.M. Hull's *The Sheik*, readers of this book will be the ultimate judge.

From the Inside Flap  
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### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Gina Hill:**

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#### **David Waymire:**

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