A CAPTAIN FOR LAURA ROSE By Stephanie Grace Whitson Faith Words, 978-1-4555-2905-6, PB, 336 pages, \$8.99

Laura has lost everyone she loves and now she is about to lose her home; a steamboat called the *Laura Rose*. Her only hope is to become a licensed pilot; but as a woman living in 1863 that is easier said than done.

Whitson has written a well-crafted novel with a strong female character that grows throughout the story and great supporting characters that grow along side her. Laura's journey will take readers on both an emotional and a spiritual journey as they follow along as she looks to God for the first time. Whitson does an excellent job with incorporating spiritual themes and bible verses without getting too preachy which will make many topics for book groups to discuss. This story is mainly geared toward young women but older teens will find this book captivating as well. Parents be warned; mature themes are present but not graphically described. TLB