

Calamity & Courage

A Heroine of the Raj

The story of Ethel Grimwood & Manipur

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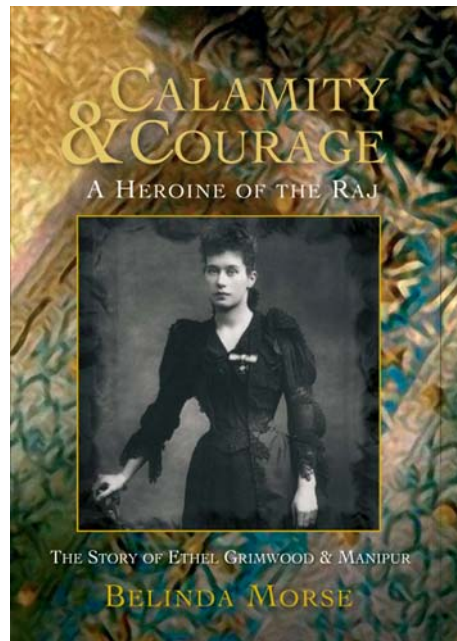
'Poor Mrs Grimwood has lost everything she ever possessed... I gave her the Royal Red Cross, which pleased her very much, and pressed her hand and kissed her when she left. Poor thing, I pity her so much!' **Queen Victoria**

Aged only 21, Ethel Grimwood accompanied her husband Frank to Manipur in remote north-east India, where he had been posted as Political Agent, and where they quickly made friends with the Royal family. Two years after their arrival the young couple were caught up in an unexpected and violent uprising against the British by the Royal Princes.

Calamity and Courage is the exciting tale of Ethel Grimwood's bravery, endurance and escape in the nightmare that followed. It also tells of the extraordinary emotional attachment she retained for the prince who organised the rebellion.

'The Manipur tragedy was an imperial drama of blunder and bravery, of bizarre folly and unusual fortitude. Belinda Morse has recounted the saga with insight, skill and sympathy.' **David Gilmour**, author of *The Ruling Caste: Imperial Lives in the Victorian Raj*

Belinda Morse is the great-granddaughter of Victorian artist John Hanson Walker, whose portrait of Ethel Grimwood was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1892. *Calamity and Courage* is her fourth book. In addition to her writing she has had a long involvement with Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and is a keen art historian and gardener, as well as a qualified Blue Badge guide.



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