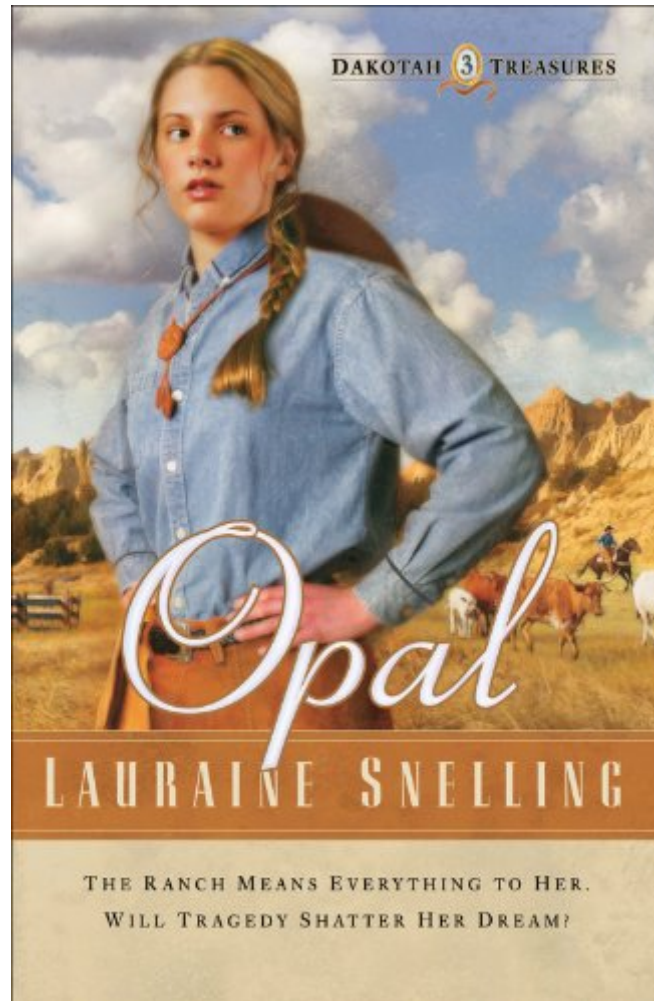




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Book 3 in the bestselling *Dakotah Treasures* series. Dove House has burned to the ground, Ruby and Rand have married, and now Rand's ranch is home for them all. Ruby's younger sister, Opal, is taking to ranch life like a hummingbird to sugar water. She can outshoot, outride, and work as hard as any cowboy on the place. Ranching has clearly stolen her heart. When a young minister arrives from the East, he is amazed to find himself falling in love with Opal, even though she is not a woman anyone would think of as a pastor's wife. But when God takes hold of a heart, He can work amazing miracles, and Jacob Chandler just might be the one to eventually woo her away from the ranch.

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Customer Reviews

Things don't start out for Opal very good a drifter sees her swimming and almost takes advantage of her. But her friend Atticus comes to her aide. She enjoys living on the ranch with Rand and Ruby being apart of what happens on their ranch. She doesn't enjoy school very much with a new teacher

being there. Also the thought of that drifter still being around unsettles her. She stays busy with school training horses and working around the ranch. Then Atticus gets attacked by the drifters and gets hurt real bad. This causes Ruby and Rand to send her back to the Brandons in New York for part of the summer which she doesn't want to do. Because she enjoys the ranch. Though she hates when she goes back there. In the end she comes back a grownup young lady. Well in New YORK a neighbor of Opal gets killed by the drifter who tried to harm her. She returns and goes to visit ATTICUS who she thought she loved. His family told her they were leaving. After this she goes back into what she loves being on the ranch. But into her life comes Jacob Chandler with a past of his own. He comes to care for Opal even with the big age difference. He doesn't start courting her yet. That all comes in the next book in the series which I read before these. So all ends well for Opal she gets to do what she loves and finds someone who loves her in the process. ENJOYED THE SERIES!!

I have read this series and had a hard time putting down each book. I liked the way each story line tied to the next and the characters were very believable. I love Lauraine Snellings way of writing as she has a way of making you see what you are reading. Another thing I really like are the ties to morality and Christianity. In this day and age it is refreshing to read.

Opal has had the freedom to enjoy her horse centered life style while growing up on her brother-in-law's ranch but some difficulties come into her life when she is attacked by a stranger. She is rescued by a male friend but later that friend is almost killed by her attacker and another. She has to come to grips with this and her relationship with God. During this time another man enters her life who comes to love her. He is struggling with God's will for his life and a previous sinful decision which leaves a women dead and him with a young son he didn't know about until then. While the two of them work out these challenging events and his and her's relationship with God, they then must come to terms with their relationship. Again I am impressed with the characters created and their depth. I am also impressed with Lauraine Snelling's willingness to tackle difficult happenings in a Christian's life. I also like that she doesn't just make lesser characters from previous books in the series just disappear but continues on with their lives in each of these stories. I like this community she has developed and I like the way she integrates the characters growth in personal relations with God and their daily life and the choices to be made. The only thing I had trouble with was Opal's age (14 - 15) and the mature decisions she was being given to deal with but I think Lauraine Snelling was trying to relate this to the time period and the pioneering lifestyle of

the story.

Opal was a young lady who embodied a rough and tumble cowboy. In all four books, a character was running away or trying to find themselves. I liked that in this book, the person who was running away was a man. Sometimes women are the main focus for searching and facing troubles, but all people need to seek the Lord for His plan. I thought it was a good way to tie Opal to the main male character. I did think that she is too young in this book to be the focus of the romance connection, but time plays out nicely in the next book. Remember reader, GOD has HIS great plan for you! Conform to Him and not who or what society may say. He has known best for your life, long before you had life. God bless!!!

We have a group (8-9) meet every Thursday morning and one of our group is a retired Methodist Minister and he recommended the book. The age range in our group is from 60-84. I am the oldest. The book is generating a lot of discussion and we are all enjoying and learning from it. Jim

L. Snelling writes a nice interesting book with a light touch of religion, which does a body good now and then plus a cute touch of romance. It would be good for any young girl and up. Nothing XXXXXX

I got this the first book in this series for free on my kindle and read it because I needed a light fiction book, something mindless. By the end of the book I was hooked on the story and had to buy the rest of the books in the series to find out what happens to the characters and story! I did not expect to get hooked because the book seemed childish in its setup and story, but I came to LOVE the story and the characters, and actually cared about what happened to them. Rather I was anxious to find out how the story continued. This series is actually really fun! If you can get into an old-west story and appreciate simple fiction. Also found the Christian themes in it to be mind-stirring at times as the characters wrestled through their situations. If you're going to read this, start at book #1, RUBY, and enjoy the whole thing!

Great read!! I loved reading the book, couldn't put it down after I started reading it. It was really good.

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