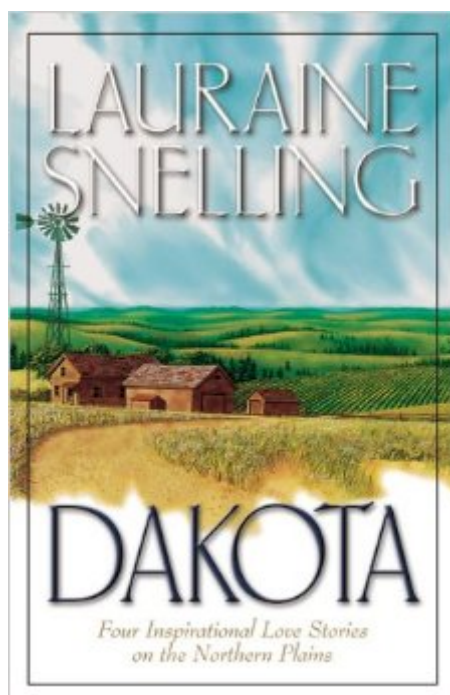


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Synopsis

The wide-open plains of the Dakota Territory form the setting for the lives and loves of four inspiring women making their way in the New World. This captivating volume combines three of bestselling author Lauraine Snelling's novels under one cover, along with a bonus novella. Norwegian Nora Johanson welcomes the Dakota Dawn expecting to marry Hans, a prosperous farmer. But when the New World's promises turn into painful uncertainties, Nora discovers God's plan is bigger than her grandest dreams. Armed with a water-stained letter, a faded photograph, and a ticket from Norway to America, Clara Johnson journeys to Soldall ready to fall into the arms of her Dakota Dreams. But who she meets instead is a rough and rugged blacksmith named Dag Weinlander. Rebekka Stenesrude has poured her life into her students, only to see her beloved school burned to the ground. Jude Weinlander arrives with the job of rebuilding the fire-ravaged school, but before the Dakota Dusk they realize their main interest could be in building a future together. Since childhood, Mary Moen and Will Dunfrey have been best friends, but now the war to end all wars - World War I - brings news that Will is missing in action. Two years pass and another man's marriage proposal awaits Mary's decision. Who is her Dakota Destiny? Journey with these courageous women as they make their homes in the Dakota plains - and allow God to fulfill the desires of their hearts in unexpected ways.

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Customer Reviews

The story of four Norwegian women, two that have just come over and two that were raised in

Dakota territory. Each finds love in a surprising yet different way. I really enjoyed the format of 4 short stories as opposed to one long one. I've read some books recently that seemed to drag on. This did not. They tie in together nicely and the endings were sometimes very surprising. I really liked the book. All four stories were believable and the women in them, inspiring.

While other reviewers mentioned the female main characters, I enjoyed other characters whose lives were changed by the influence of these women. In the first book, Carl was very bitter about his first wife's death when he married Nora just so she could take care of his children. It wasn't until the end of the book that he realized he had been wrong and asked for God's forgiveness. In the second book, Nora's sister Clara becomes a live-in companion to Mrs. Norgaard, who has lost interest in life since her husband died. Mrs. Norgaard is much happier with Clara in the house, and together they help the local blacksmith, Dag, who has been persecuted by his younger brother Jude since childhood and as a result feels he isn't a worthwhile person. The third book is about Jude; he accidentally kills his wife and mother, then drifts to where a schoolhouse is being rebuilt, and he meets and falls in love with the schoolteacher, and is ready to ask forgiveness from the Lord, his brother, and others he has hurt along the way. The fourth book is about a young girl whose father is the local pastor, and her experiences while waiting for a young man called to fight in Germany. Sometimes the character's stubbornness makes you want to scream at them, but everything works out in the end.

While the Blessing series is the dearest to my heart, this is still a wonderful collection of stories. The characters are real and bring life to the stories of the settlers to this area of the country. A definite need to read!

Four different journeys of leaning on God. From leaving a home you have known your whole life and a family that loves you to head across the ocean to fulfill your hopes and dreams of the new world. Having a strong will and faith when life's journey becomes difficult.

I purchased this because I was in the last book of this Trilogy, and left it at an automotive store. I was so bummed. Went to the library where I found out no library's in the Denver Metro Area had it. Bummed again. So I found this and purchased it. Then I got the old one back, so I donated it to the local library. They were THRILLED!

I have read all of Lauraine Snelling's Red River of the North series and extended series twice. I absolutely loved all of them and learned so much about life during that period of time. I loved the active faith of each of the characters and the reality of Christ in their lives. I really liked the Dakota series, but just not as much as the previous series.

Lauraine Snelling is one of my all-time favorite writers. Plus, I am half Norwegian, so I thoroughly enjoy her novels! This is a great "feel-good" book....I read it over and over again. My only wish is that she would write more of this kind!

I would never expect anything less from Lauraine Snelling - her books are incredible...you can't go wrong.

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