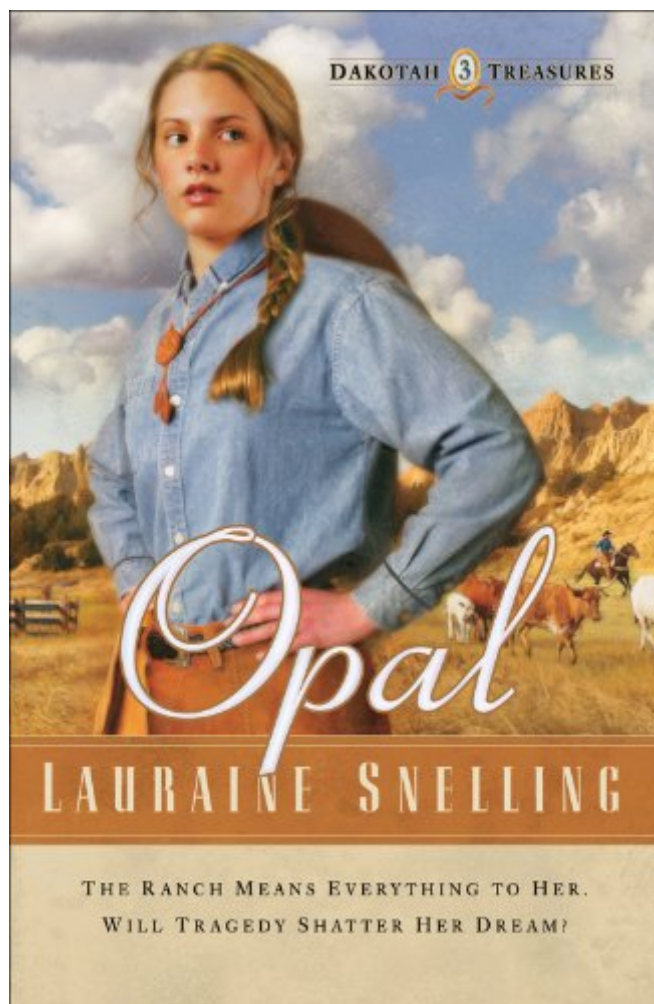


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Opal (Dakotah Treasures Book #3)



Synopsis

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

I felt like this book was sort of choppy. It completely skips Belle's reaction to Dove House burning down, which I thought would be great to see. With all of the different stories that kind of seem to pop out of nowhere, the book seemed more difficult to read. The preacher and his son were kind of interesting, but I didn't think a man that age should be interested in any way with a fourteen year old, even if he thought her a bit older. I do like that Ruby and Rand have a strong faith and show it

constantly. I just felt like this book was missing what the first two had.

I have to say this is a pretty good book. Its not as good as Ruby (the 1st book) but is still a good story. Really the only reason I didn't give this book five stars is because it is kind of weird with Opal being only 14 years old. Lauraine Snelling should have made her 17, then the story would have flowed better. In all it was a fine book, but not one of Lauraine Snelling's best

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.

I loved the first two books, Ruby and Pearl. I have to affirm many of the other reviews. Opal's character grew up quite a bit in this book, but she seemed much older than a 14 year old. I also didn't like the match between Opal and the preacher. Their personalities just never seemed to fit. My biggest grudge with this book was that Belle's story was completely written out. She was such an integral part of the first two books. I have a hard time believing she would have just walked away from all her money (that burned at the end of book 2) and the dove house without some sort of fight. Belle's fire and spark is part of the reason I loved the first two books so much. I also didn't understand why Ruby briefly talked about her savings when everything they had burned in the dove house. Just didn't make sense. I'm not the type to walk away from a series, but I just don't think I go drag my self through the 4th.

Personnally i really enjoyed this book every bit as much as the first two. i love the ranch setting and Opal being an outdoors person rather than an indoor one like Ruby and Pearl, it gives it its own style thats different from the first two. and i also like that opal is younger, only 14, where the other 2 were already in their twenties. I like all of the challenges she has to face as a youg person and how her character is develloped by what happens and how she learns. though why Atticus had to treat her that way i don't know, pride maybe. I love this book and cannot wait to read the next one.

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!!

Loved the story, in fact I have gotten the whole series and I had/have trouble putting it down. Sometimes at night when I read, I can't go to sleep because I want to know more, so end up reading longer well into the night at times. Great writer and wonderful stories. Just finished this book and was rather surprised at the ending. Have started the next one and love it, too.

I am beginning to dislike series. I have enjoyed this series but wish I didn't have to keep buying books to find out how everything ends. Love historical fiction but have one problem with this book...what 14 year old girl can kill a deer and hoist it up on a horse by herself? Come on...get your facts right. My husband hunts deer and it takes 2 men to get it out of the woods, let alone hoist it up on a horse. This volume of the series was good as always(she is one of my favorite authors) but a bit slower.

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