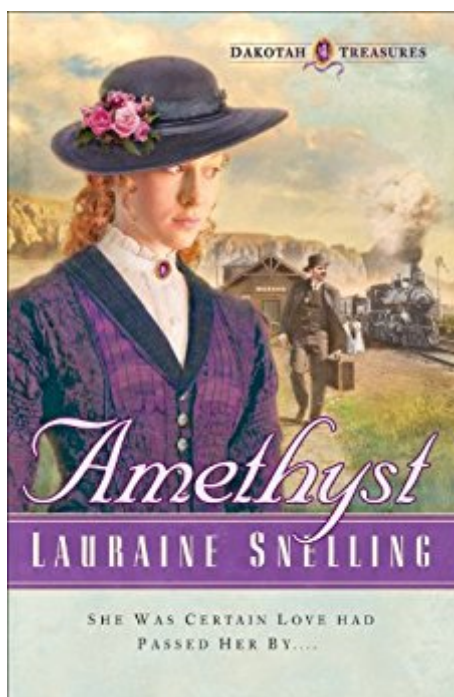


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Amethyst (Dakotah Treasures Book #4)



Synopsis

Dakotah Treasures Book 4- Major Jeremiah McHenry is retiring from the army and returns to Medora to make a new life and find a wife. Will he be able to convince feisty newcomer Amethyst O'Shaunasy that he is the kind of man she's been looking for? Jacob Chandler, meanwhile, is still waiting until he can court Opal Torvald. Can he prove to Opal that she will make a fine preacher's wife?

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Customer Reviews

In 1886 Eastern Pennsylvania her nasty father calls his daughter Amethyst Colleen O'Shaunasy an "idjit" for paying their bills; he ignores how much he wastes getting drunk. He haughtily informs Colleen that she is to bring home her eight year old nephew Joel, who apparently lives in Medora, Dakotah Territory under the care of preacher Jacob Chandler. Taking the train west, Amethyst becomes ill in Minnesota; another passenger tends to her as it is the Christian thing to do. In Medora, she remains somewhat ill; the Hegland family takes her in to their home. Their other guest, Army Major Jeremiah McHenry has just retired from the military and returned to his hometown. As the two guests become acquainted they fall in love, but can Jeremiah persuade the easterner to

stay as his wife as he knows she believes she must perform her dad's task though honoring her father has always been difficult and besides she feels that even the kind former officer would turn female relatives into servants. AMETHYST, the fourth Dakotah Treasures novel, is a superb Americana tale that brings to life a long-gone era due to the strong cast. Amethyst (don't call her Colleen as only her father uses that name) is a courageous individual who on her journey west meets caring people, a far cry from her verbally abusive father. Jeremiah knows she would make the perfect wife for him because she is a brave nurturing Christian woman whom he loves and believes loves him too, but he must overcome the relational lessons her father taught her. This is a terrific entry in a fabulous inspirational series in spite of the impossibility of honoring her no redeeming value dad. Harriet Klausner

Amethyst by Lauraine Snelling will most definitely take a place on my shelf, displayed along with the best. I don't think it was the best in the series, but it was certainly entertaining and a great read. I liked how Amethyst's story was a little different than the others. For one, she didn't come from a good background at all. Ruby and Opal grew up in a well-to-do house, even though technically they were not family. Pearl grew up in a wealthy family. Amethyst didn't have either. She was neither wealthy nor loved. And I found that a refreshing change. There were other aspects of the book, however, that I found rushed. Little Squirrel's death was over in about five lines. No struggle, no nothing. Just dead. There were other things too, that ended too quickly. I definitely recommend that a reader begin with the first book in the series. All four books rely heavily on each other and it won't make sense if you start on book three. I love romance and I found Amethyst and Jeremiah's relationship, along with that of Opal and Jacob's relationship beautiful. Opal's struggle with her faith, too, was written beautifully. Also, Snelling's description of scenery and the daily comings and goings were on target and at times I felt as though I were sitting in the room or on the range with the characters. All in all this was a wonderful book and is highly recommended.

I have enjoyed all four books of the Dakotah series so much and "Amethyst" wrapped the series up in a nice bundle of continued page turning reading. If you haven't read the series, trust me you will treat yourself to good reading as you find yourself living with the characters and their adventures in the badlands of the Dakotah's.. I am not going to relate the story here, it is too good and I wouldn't give it justice with a few words. Thank you Ms. Snelling.

Just read all four Dakota Treasures series, and they were all wonderful! It would be hard to say

which one was the best, but since they were written by the same author it's easy to say they were all great in their own right! I highly recommend you read all four. Try to read them in order, it's really best.

I'm not the biggest fan of Christian literature but these were a good read. Some interesting insights into early American prairie settling and history. It's good to be reminded of what earlier generations built for us, and to be reminded that the women were strong and resourceful as well.

The only problem I have with this book, is that it is the last in the series. I have come to love the "treasures" as their lives and loves unfolded. My heart feels the story could possibly continue with Joel and possibly Ada Mae in the next generation. 'Ms Snelling writes a compelling story. Certainly will become a favorite author.

This book in fact this series was somewhat disappointing. Compared to the authors other books this moved slower and did not hold my interest the same way. If this was the first of her books I had read I would have thought it very good.

After having read the previous three, this brought the series together perfectly. Not that we couldn't guess the ending, but there were lots of sub plots to add to this story. Well done, Lauraine....again.

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