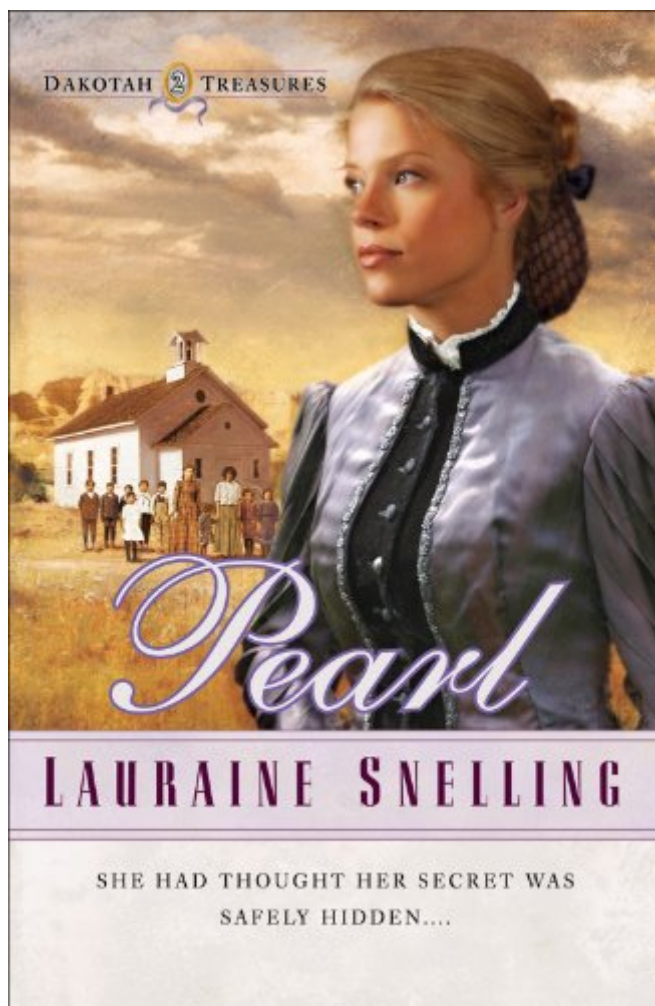


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Pearl (Dakotah Treasures Book #2)



Synopsis

Book 2 of *Dakotah Treasures*. Author Lauraine Snelling takes readers further forward in Ruby Torvald's story as Dove House becomes a well-known establishment. Ruby plays matchmaker between the lovely but hidden Pearl and the carpenter Soren, who longs to uncover the beauty in Pearl that seems to be damaged by a tragic childhood. Ruby's own heart is torn by loyalty to the major and a surprising new suitor. But when a disaster threatens their future, will these jewels of the prairie be forced to abandon their dreams for the security of the east?

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Customer Reviews

I read *Ruby* about a month ago, and although I liked it, and thought the story had a lot of potential, it left me feeling dissatisfied. I thought that maybe since it was a series, the author was leaving some threads loose for the next books, and that is the main reason I bought *Pearl*. It's not exactly a bad book. In fact, there are some parts I really enjoyed. The author seems to really know about life in the frontier, and since I love history, I really like reading about how they cleaned, and preserved their garden produce and such. I also like the start of most romances (and there are a lot, virtually every

character gets paired with someone). But then, once the romances are established, the author stops exploring them! And not only that... in a paragraph, she gets a couple married and settled without describing much!!! I mean... come on! You spend a whole page describing how they boil linens and then a central character gets married and all you have to say is something like "they got married in Dickinson the next weekend"... ?!?!?! Also there are characters with enormous potential like Belle, that promise a lot of conflict or at least interesting plot twists and it just doesn't happen! And then there is religion... i am a christian myself, so the religious element doesn't bother me.... Except that here it goes beyond "preachy" and becomes annoying! Ruby was almost raped by a man... said man decides to change his life, apologizes, and apparently truly changes... while it seems a little hard to believe, I'll buy it for the sake of the plot. What I can't understand is Ruby's GUILT about feeling uncomfortable around him... Woman, you forgave him, didn't expose his sin to everyone, you allow him in your home and treat him decently... allow yourself the normal feelings of repulsion you feel!!! And stop whining to God about why you can't forgive him on a deeper level!! It's that kind of religious self punishment what drives me mad in this book!

I truly enjoyed RUBY, the first book in this series; so much, in fact, that I ordered and read PEARL immediately afterward. That may have been a mistake because I tired of Ruby before the book ended. Maybe if there had been some time in between, her character wouldn't have bothered me so much. I liked Pearl very much, but this book seemed to be more about Ruby than Pearl. While there was a resolution to both story lines, it seemed much too rushed, as if the author ended it just to meet her deadline. I have enjoyed other books by this author and have not been disappointed before. I do not plan to read the next book in this series.

Got this book and others in this series for my wife as a gift. She loves them.

Loved the first book, "Ruby" and quickly followed with an order for "Pearl". The characters are well developed and the story well crafted. I have the next of the series on my wish list! Each of the stories could be a good stand-alone read, but would be best to read in order as each one definitely builds on the previous. Would definitely recommend the series to anyone who likes Historical fiction.

I loved how the Lord's will is done, no matter how much a person may run. Where as Pearl was escaping the emprisonment of an arranged marraige, she was running right into the Lord's plan. It is cool that He takes the ugly or unwanted in lives and makes it something beatiful. The town of Little

Missouri benefited. Pearl was found to be needed and love blossomed in more than one heart. I enjoyed the creative way that the author dealt with the Dove House. It reminds readers that God will only put up with so much ill will and does take care of His children.

Read the series my friends who appreciate a great story line and continues throughout the series. I am now reading, "Opal", Book #3 and the wonderment of how an author can in all reality stay with a story for so long and not lose an audience as the characters keep evolving and more enter the stage keeping the reader interested and wondering what will be coming next. Lauraine Snelling is a brilliant author who undoubtedly has done research in so many areas. I shall continue reading her books as I have established great faith in not being disappointed by her as a very talented woman. And, if this should happend, I will let you know....LOL!

I continued to fall in love with these characters and their lives. The setting makes me long for the simple times of the past and their faithfulness encourages my own. It was truly inspiring. I find myself so able to relate to Ruby and her realistic struggles that she faced by relying on her Lord to see her through all times even when her own weaknesses made her doubt. PEARL' s addition to this series was wonderful and developed a new character for me to become attached to. Her own plight and realizations for the the things that are truly important in life opened my eyes to opportunities to be grateful for all blessings. I can't say enough about this amazing series, the cast, breath taking scenery, the rich history of the West and life lessons encountered and dealt with through rugged determination and shear faith in God.

Pearl was used to being an obedient daughter in a wealthy family of Chicago but she found more meaning in her charity work of teaching than in the role of wife her father was forcing her to accept so she decided she should look for a teaching position instead. She found one in the Dakotah Territory and she begins her new life with lots of new experiences in the former saloon turned hotel run by Ruby - the first jewel in this series. I like the characters Lauraine Snelling creates, the drama and daily life experiences, and the way each character grows in her or his understanding of God and her or his relationship to Him. Pearl is offered many new challenges in her new life and of course this includes love along with her new relationships and new life style. This was a good read!

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