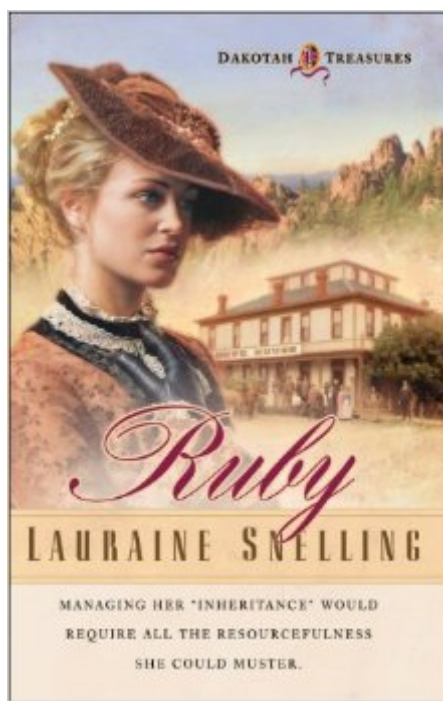


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# Ruby (Dakota Treasures Book #1)



## Synopsis

A New *Dakotah Territory Saga* From Bestselling Author Lauraine Snelling! Book 1 of *Dakotah Treasures*. Author Lauraine Snelling once again takes readers west to the untamed land of Dakota Territory, introducing new characters both unique and appealing. Ruby Torvald and her young sister, Opal, have received an inheritance from their long-lost father who left home years ago to seek his fortune in the Black Hills. When they leave their comfortable situation in Chicago and arrive at the mining town of Medora to claim their inheritance, the sisters discover that rather than the legacy of gold they expected, their father has left them a shocking bequest. Ruby's bold determination in the face of scandal leads the reader on a journey both heartwarming and inspiring.

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## Customer Reviews

I have a major beef with authors that write a book with no conclusion just so you will buy their next book. No wonder the author has so many books to her credit. It takes three books to get to a conclusion. Won't read this author again even though I enjoy her writing except for this major factor. A series DOES NOT mean the book doesn't end. Most series involve spinoffs of characters not an

on-going, unending story.

I'm an avid reader of anything about the Old West, but I had never read anything by Lauraine Snelling. WHAT A FIND! I was completely transported each time I picked this book up. It didn't matter if I was taking a break, sitting in a busy doctor's waiting room, or waiting to pick up kids at school, I was immediately transported to Dove House with Ruby and "her girls". Then I'd look up and sadly realize I was back in the present day. Even if you're not into the Old West, Ruby is an excellent read!

I know this book is part of a series, but I was disappointed that there was no hint of an ending for this particular book. It just kind of left you hanging, and based on the back cover of the next book, simply moves along to another main character. I kept reading, thinking something would start to gel, but it never did (at least for me). I don't know that I will read the other books if this one is any indication of how the others will be. In fairness, I will say the storyline led me to want to keep reading, but some sort of resolution (at least in the life of one of the characters) would have left me feeling better about the book.

Ruby has gone West to see her dying father and to claim her inheritance only to find that a huge surprise and disappointment await her and her little 9 yr. old sister. She cannot even call Little Missouri a town or civilization, but that is just the beginning. Bridging the gap from New York to the wild Dakotas may take more than she has inside her. Snelling does a great job building the setting for the characters for this and future books. I am already reading book two, "Pearl" which hopefully will build on book one.

I really enjoy Christian lit and westerns, so I thought for sure I would love this one. It was a huge disappointment. Ruby and her little sister Opal are sent out west to find their ailing father and claim their inheritance. From the very beginning, they are plagued with problem after problem and throughout the story these problems are never really resolved. You meet several colorful characters that each have their own issues or problems, but once again nothing is resolved. This book is part of a trilogy and I understand the need to "leave you hanging", but this book basically just stopped. I had one other really big issue with this book. A character in the book is raped. That is not my problem, because it's not graphic. My problem is the antagonist yells at her and tells her it was her own fault for fighting back. Ruby hears this and FINALLY grows a backbone and demands the

woman leave her home. Then a few pages later she feels guilty and apologizes to the woman even though she never left. Really!?! All in all I thought the book was depressing and dragged on with no resolution for any of the characters. If you enjoy Christian westerns or just westerns, I would highly recommend Tracie Peterson's Brides of Gallatin series. I hope this helps. A Promise to Believe In (The Brides of Gallatin County, Book 1) A Love to Last Forever (The Brides of Gallatin County, Book 2) A Dream to Call My Own (The Brides of Gallatin County, Book 3)

When I first started reading this book, I enjoyed it, but I wasn't really "into" it. However, as I came to know the people of "Little Misery", I learned to love them all. Before long, I found myself thoroughly enjoying my visit to the Dakotah Territory. I'm glad that I started the series after they were all out, because by the time I finished "Ruby", I wasn't ready to leave Dakotah, even for a little bit! I was so glad to go directly into reading "Pearl" (which, by the way, was just as good!). :)

And gave up after a few pages, today a year or two later I decided to read it and found it just as annoying as the first try. I don't know how a book gets onto Kindle, but in this case it felt like an old, worn out book was scanned. Whenever a character thought something the thought were in faded italic often missing word. This should not be placed in the romance category, there was none. The book ended abruptly leaving the reader hanging in mid air. All good stories need an ending to pull it all together, this one did not.

Liked parts of this book...but the main character seemed so very naive....so much so it hurts the story. And the fonts used just sucked. When she was thinking to herself...the font used for that was just awful, nine times out of ten it was hard to figure out. Then there is the religious part, and while I consider myself a believer, these chapters to me were long, drawn out, and uninteresting. I won't read more by this author.

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