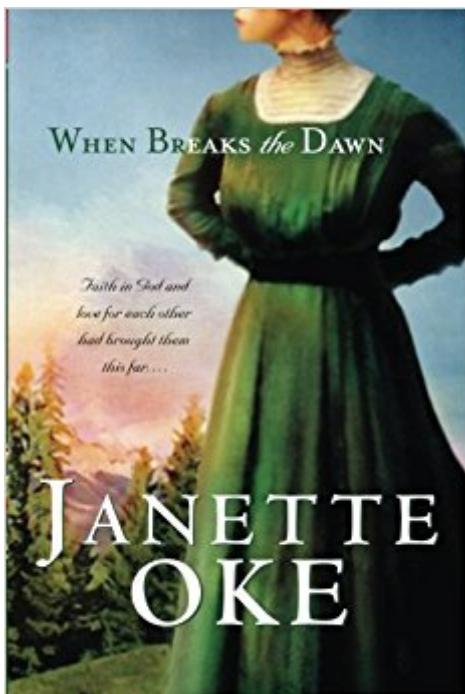


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When Breaks The Dawn (Canadian West #3)



Synopsis

Having survived the harshness of their first year in the far Northwest, Elizabeth and Wynn, her Royal Canadian Mountie, now face new challenges. Just when they've made new friends and started a new school, they are presented with a new posting. It seems Elizabeth's dreams for a family and home of her own are not to be. Will their love for each other, hope for the future, and their faith in God carry them through the crushing disappointments? Book 3 of the bestselling Canadian West series.

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Customer Reviews

When Breaks the Dawn is the third novel in Janette Oke's Canadian West series. I found that this book was much improved over the second in the series and just as good as the first. This installment starts out exactly where the second book left it, at the trader's and his wife's return to the settlement with much needed supplies. Unlike the other books however, this one covers several years instead of just one year. Elizabeth has largely adjusted to living life in the frigid North and with her friend Nimmie starts a school for the children of the settlement. While it does not catch on quickly she finds a few willing students to learn all she has to teach. One of these in particular, a little girl named Susie, actually lives with Elizabeth and Wynn for awhile and gives them a taste on what it is like to have children. Susie wouldn't be the only child they would take care of in the book however. They also adopt a baby from a man who's wife has died and spend a whole year with him, learning to love them as their own. Sadly, this does not last for very long. In this book as well is a slight

description of an action scene. Wynn must go out in the cold to track down a bootlegger and murderer. While we are not introduced to the scene firsthand, he relives it for Elizabeth when he arrives back home. I was actually surprised to find this in the novel as most of the books by Oke I have read have very little conflict between person and person rather than person and elements. As far as plotlines go there isn't really a set plotline for this novel. It more just chronicles their life over about 3-4 years and how they survive. If I were to say the book had anything resembling a plot line, I would more say it had a theme; Elizabeth's infertility. A big part of the book is written about Elizabeth's feelings and actions at being unable to conceive a child. It was written with a lot of emotion and having never experienced those issues myself as of yet I can't say whether they were accurate descriptions of the emotions involving infertility, but they seemed genuine to me. I found a lot of things improved in this book over the second one in the series. For starters, Elizabeth becomes her strong independent self again. There is no simpering and acting like a child whose husband has to guide her in every step. Also, Oke tones down the preachiness and instead reverts to her Christian values as they were in the first book, lead by example, not by sermon. Oke's writing as always is very homey and clear. Her books are pleasant with nothing that would be considered offensive. This book, like the others in the series, is written from Elizabeth's perspective. Oke's characters are very believable in this book. She tries to give the reader a glimpse at the struggle for Elizabeth between the Indian and English languages and shows her attempts at translation. She also makes her characters have faults rather than be perfect at all times. Since it is a Christian novel, the characters themselves actually reflect on their own sins. Overall I did enjoy this book. It wasn't as good of a plot line as the first but it definitely improved on the second book. As a reader I enjoyed it and it's one of those books where if you don't want to, you don't have to think too hard about the message, you can just read for enjoyment. When Breaks The Dawn Copyright 1986 223 pages

Janette Oke has done an amazing job of bringing to life the history of the Canadian West! "When Breaks the Dawn" depicts the trials faced by the law enforcement officers (Mounties) on the harsh frontier but it also intricately entwines elements of Christ's gracious provision and protection as Wynn and Elizabeth Delaney work and interact in the small northern community of Beaver River. It will touch your heart and move you to laughter and tears as you join Elizabeth in her ventures as a school teacher and share her pain of the lack of a child. You will worry with her as Wynn is out on duty and become an accomplice in her struggles. Each moment reading this book is to be savored and will be thoroughly enjoyed.

I used to read Janette Oke a lot when I was younger so I decided to pick up this book in a moment of nostalgia. In a nutshell, this book is about the trial and tribulations of Elizabeth and Wynn while they endure the hardships of the rugged west. You don't have to have read the first two books in the series but it might be helpful. Some characters are mentioned in passing that will be unfamiliar if you haven't read the previous two books but it doesn't affect the present storyline much. Some books are a historical fiction with religious overtones; this particular book is a Christian novel that is historical fiction (if the difference makes sense). It's a simple/quick read and you find yourself really caring about the characters--all of them. There is heartache and sorrow along with joy and triumph. There is one small thing that really bugged me though. Elizabeth really struggled and she made mistakes but it frustrated me a bit that Wynn was so good. Wynn made all the right decisions and was the pillar for Elizabeth to lean on. He didn't argue, yell, or do anything crazy. He had the appropriate emotions at the appropriate times. He always remembered to trust in God and pray. It wasn't just a matter of a perfect/imperfect characters but it almost came across as "the man knows best," which rubbed me the wrong way. This didn't ruin the book for me in anyway and it was still a good book, but I'm not sure if I will finish the series because my irritation would only grow. Any detail will give something away so I will keep from spoiling this for someone else.

MY favorite books right now, I am obsessed with her works I cant wait to read new stories thank you for all these amazing voyages into the past with some true romance. I find that when sometimes too much is going on reading Janette books transports me and makes ,me truly happy.

I absolutely love this book, along with the whole series. I love how God is interwoven into the lives of the characters. Hopefully, someone that doesn't know God, will come to know Him through this series of books.

This book moved a little slow for me. I really liked book #1 in the series but books two and three felt like the wandered a little aimlessly. The book was still a pleasant read, just a little disappointed with the lack of "punch" to the story.

Another good read. As you read Janette Oke's works, you are drawn into what seems like real living characters. In fact, I have wondered if she is talking of herself or someone in her family. At any rate, you will enjoy reading this series. On to the next one!

I am a fan of Janette Oke... and read this book early in my life... now in my sixties... I enjoyed reading them again... still have some of her books today... series... she'd added 3 more books to this series.. and I had to re-read the first 3 again to recall some of the story.... tho I remember alot of it .. it was good to read them again

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