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Synopsis

Nothing in her cultured East Coast upbringing prepared Elizabeth for a teaching position on the Canadian frontier. Yet, despite the constant hardships, she loves the children in her care. Determined to do the best job she can and fighting to survive the harsh land, Elizabeth is surprised to find her heart softening towards a certain member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Book 1 of the bestselling Canadian West series.

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Customer Reviews

Nothing in her privileged eastern upbringing has prepared Elizabeth for the challenges of frontier life...Elizabeth Thatcher is young, pretty, cultured, and educated. But when she journeys west to teach school in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, she's completely unprepared for the conditions she encounters. Still, she's determined to succeed at the formidable task of fitting in with the locals and shaping the hearts and minds of the schoolchildren in her care. She's just as determined not to give her heart to any of the local frontiersmen. Until she meets Wynn Delaney, a member the Royal Canadian Mounted Police...Special bonus section featuring a letter from Janette Oke and photographs from the movie! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Janette Oke, recipient of the 1992 E.C.P.A. President's Award and the 1999 C.B.A. Life Impact Award for her significant contribution to the Christian book industry, has also won both the Gold

Medallion Award and the Christy Award for fiction. Janette and her husband, Edward, live in Alberta, Canada.

I have no idea when this book was written, but it reminded me of books by Bess Streeter Aldrich. It has that lovely flavor of times gone by, when people were strong in character and dedicated to living their lives in as best a way as they could. The characters in the book were authentic and knew how to work hard, as well as how to have fun. As a teacher myself, the main character's experiences with her students were authentic and realistic for what I imagine that time period would be like. I was thrilled to notice this is just the first book in the series, and am purchasing the rest in the set as soon as I've finished writing this review. I will also be giving the next book (as a gift) to my mother, who was the one who recommended we read this book. This book is highly recommended for anyone who wants a taste of what parts of Canada were like before they were very populated.

I've enjoyed Janette Oke's books for years. Most I've read multiple times. They are well written, with very few typos or grammatical errors. Although fiction, the stories could very well have happened. This particular book is about a young woman reluctant moving west to the Canadian frontier to be close to her older brother. She ends up being sent to a remote town to be the school teacher. Having been raised in luxury, she has to get accustomed to living in a tiny teacherage, contending with wildlife, and falling in love. Janette Oke has written series and stand alone books. The "Love Comes Softly" series has also been made into movies. Series include: Canadian West Love Comes Softly A Prairie Legacy Seasons of the Heart Song of Acadia Stand alone books are in the below category: Women of the West Books on Love Comes Softly (Love Comes Softly Series, Book 1) Seasons of the Heart: Once Upon a Summer / The Winds of Autumn / Winter Is Not Forever / Spring's Gentle Promise The Tender Years (A Prairie Legacy, Book 1) Movies on The Complete Love Comes Softly Collection

I loved the fact that Elizabeth did something even though she feared it. She went to teach children in a place she was unfamiliar with and that was even a little scary. She stuck with it even when it was hard and overcame every little problem. She gave of herself to others. The romance topped it all off because I always like a romance.

This was well written. I enjoyed all of it and would recommend it to all my friends. It kept me laughing and guessing to the very end.

I read these books. I watch the tv show on Hallmark. I love it. I'm giving it four stars because I thought it was a complete movie. There is obviously a follow up

I loved the caricatures, the scenery, and the story. It keeps your interest, and excitement, and looking forward to the next page. I enjoyed it enough to read it a second time, to be sure that I had not missed something. Looking forward to the next book.

I loved reading this book. The story is just enough to keep up your interest. I didn't want to put the book down.

I liked the description of the West, the scenery, teacherage. I loved the interaction of Elizabeth and her students. I also liked the ending. Nothing to dislike in this book.

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