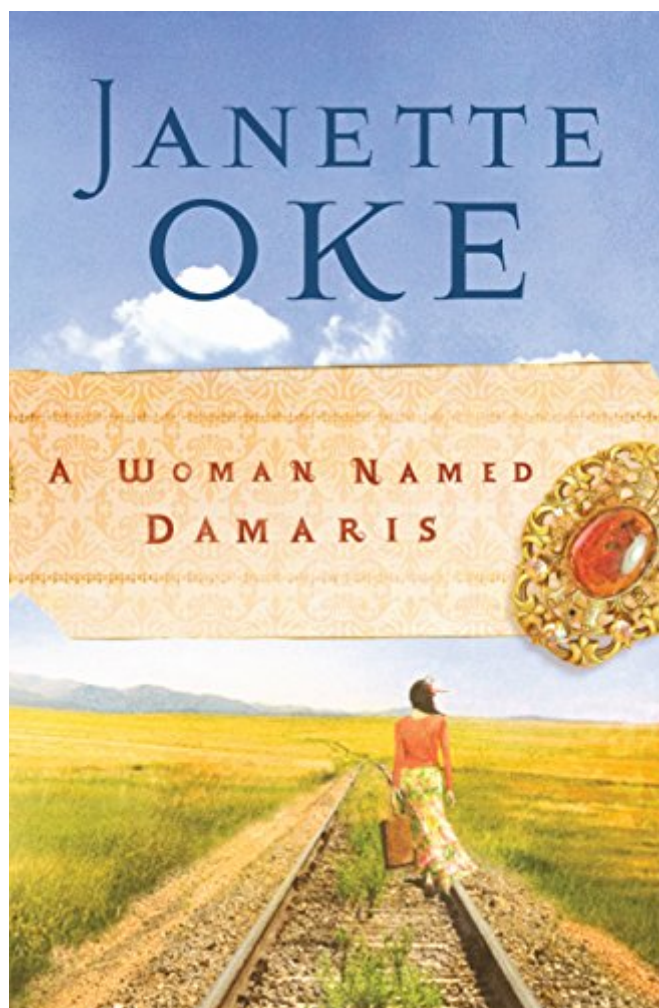


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Damaris escapes her father's drunken abuse, but she can't seem to escape her profound loneliness. Does the Bible hold the answer to both that and the question of why she is A Woman Named Damaris?

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Customer Reviews

Damaris was born as the only child. Her mother kept the house clean the best that she could considering she had rags to clean with and wear. Damaris wore dresses that was so patched and thin she always wore a apron all the time. Damaris' father was an alcoholic and when he came home he would beat his wife and Damaris. He demanded his food and would pass out at the table and they had to drag him physically to his bed. One day Damaris' mother gave her a broach with beautiful jeweled and her grandfather's watch to keep. Her mother gave a strong talking to and more or less indicated for her to leave home. Start a new life. So that is exactly what she did. Finally Damaris got jobs to do for food and a place to sleep. Eventually she heard about a wagon train

leaving for the West. She asked if she could travel with. But the Trail Master said she would have to ask the people on the train wagon if one of them would pay her passage. One family said you have to watch my children, cook and wash clothes Damaris took on the task. Damaris ended in a small town and the Wagon Master spoke to a man who was the Sheriff and asked him to watch over her. Damaris had Three part time jobs. Working as cook and waiting on tables, then the Mercantile and then Mrs.. Dover the seamstress. All in one days work. Then Mrs. Dover introduced her to Gil. I will not go further than this but some surprises are to be coming which will shock you. Language in this story is very clean and refreshing. Good Reading, Lee

Although I don't typically read Christian fiction, I have to say I did enjoy this one -- the story of a courageous 15-year-old, risking everything in the hopes of starting a new life. Damaris Withers can't remember a time when her father didn't drink and become violent with her and her mother. As awful as her daily life is, Damaris has accepted it. Then one day, her mother gives her two family heirlooms, urging her to run away from their farm and her abusive father. Soon after, Damaris complies, heading West on foot with the barest of supplies. Tired and hungry, she eventually lands in a small town where she overhears people talking about a wagon train hoping to settle new towns further out West. Damaris manages to negotiate her way into the group, landing in a place where she must work three jobs to survive. But before she realizes it, Damaris has made some solid new friends - the town seamstress, an orphaned young rancher and Jesus Christ. Never having known anything about religion, Damaris decides to read the entire Bible cover to cover, much like the novels she loves. Before long Damaris understands that God has a plan for her, and it includes forgiving her father for the past in order to fully embark into the future. Much about this novel is predictable - including the young rancher's role in Damaris' life - but it's still an enjoyable read.

What a great story of overcoming ... and an amazing story of this being done by a young girl who realized her need to leave an abusive home setting and took off out west, alone. She had spunk though she shied away from so many things. Finding her way to a wagon train and getting herself employed, despite obstacles, to make her way across by wagon to the west, she never really looked back. Her plans were changed a couple of times but she made the best of them. It's encouraging to read these kinds of things - encouragement we could probably all use. Most of Janette Oke's books strike me that way. She leaves pieces of wisdom about life and mentors in matters of faith through her story-telling. If only I'd had or read these kinds of things back when I was younger. Thank you Janette! (I feel she is friend and mentor and therefore call her by her first name at times.)

Another winner by Janette Oke. I think the strength of Mrs. Oke's novels is her in-depth character development and her clear gospel presentation. *A Woman Named Damaris* is no exception. This would be a wonderful book for a believer to give an unsaved friend, because the gospel is very clear in this story. The protagonist, a teenage girl named Damaris, flees an abusive home life and heads west. She settles in a small town and is able to make a life for herself. She encounters a very special Christian woman who reflects Christ to her. This book also explores the concepts of forgiveness and healing from pain in life. The reason I gave it four stars instead of five is because the romance was very rushed in the final chapter.

I loved this story. A great story of forgiveness and hardship. Janette Oaks really can write. Her stories are books you never want to put down. I have read the first 4 books in the series and will read all the rest of them.

Hard, human issues but strong, happy conclusion. Oke tells a good story with a cast of realistic characters. I recommend it.

This is a well written series. Had trouble putting it down at the end of the chapter. Enjoyed it very much

This is a great book. I read it when I was younger and it still has the ability to move me. I love the how the main character Damaris keeps her head up and keeps going even when things look impossible for her. I always felt that she was a true heroine on how she steps up and does what she does.

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