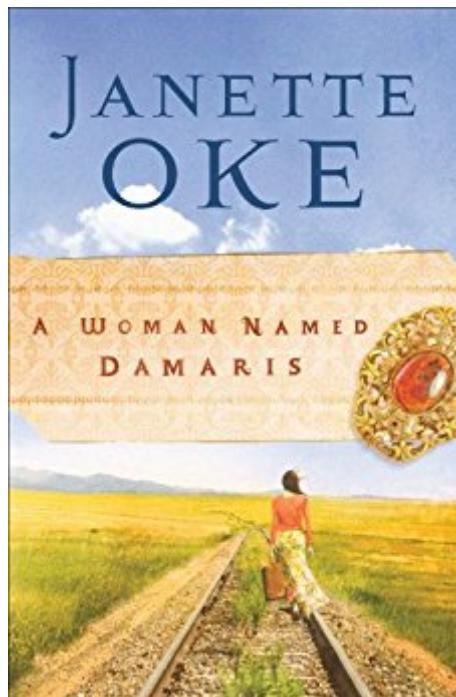


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# A Woman Named Damaris (Women Of The West Book #4)



## **Synopsis**

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**

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.

This book is about a girl named Damaris. She grew up in a home with an alcoholic and abusive father. She finally decides to run away. Damaris joins a wagon train heading west. When she finally reaches the end of the journey, she finds herself working for three people, all who are good to her. She boards with one of them, but she finds a true friend in Miss Dover, another of her employers, who helps her find what she has been searching for : her name in the Bible. With the search for her name, she finds something more, something that Damaris desperately needs : a relationship with God. Her faith helps her through many challenges, including her adoption of three orphan children. One of the things I love about this book is the connection to the Prairie Legacy series. (\*Note\* look at the name Lewis to find the connection!) Janette Oke fans will love this book. Even if you've never read them, you'll still love it! So read it as soon as you can get your hands on a copy!

Damaris Withers leaves home to escape her abusive alcoholic father, and joins a wagon train to help a family going west. When she leaves the wagon train at the final destination, the landlady at a boarding house helps her find employment among her friends. Eventually she becomes the guardian of 3 children whose parents have died, and with the help of friends, including one special young man, she is able to take good care of them. This is a great inspirational story about someone who isn't afraid of hard work!

I just adored this book! I read the end over and over again! I believe this to be one of her best! I've read so many of Janette Oke's books but I love this one so much!

If you like Christian Romance novels, you will probably like this book. I actually didn't want to like this book, but as I read it, I just couldn't help myself. It was both enjoyable and interesting. As a teenager Damaris escapes an abusive alcoholic father and travels west with a wagon train. After an exhausting trip, she finally is able to settle in a small town. She finds several part time jobs and even a couple of good friends. After she establishes a routine in her new life, the romance aspect of the novel is introduced. I found it to be a bit boring and predictable, but I don't think that the romance is supposed to be the main focus. I think Damaris' struggle to overcome her abusive past is the main

focus, with the Bible playing a pivotal role in both the novel and Damaris' struggle to overcome. Towards the end of the novel, the story manages to focus on Christ and forgiveness without being, for the most part, too preachy. Overall, this novel is a quick, easy read which won't disappoint readers fond of this genre.

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 Readying, Lee " ^f

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