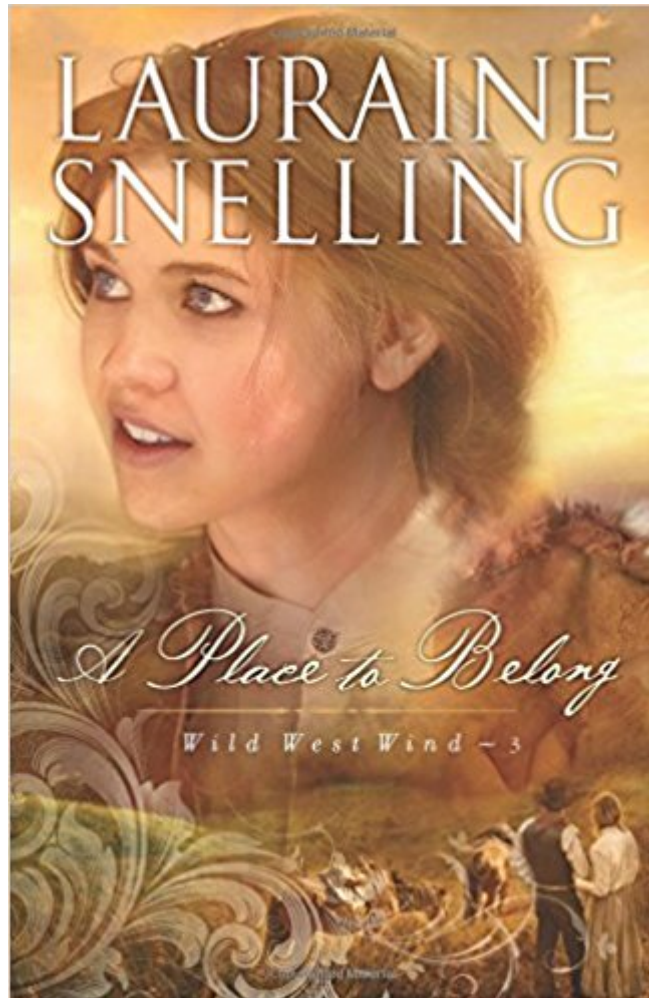


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# A Place To Belong (Wild West Wind) (Volume 3)



## Synopsis

Desiring a home, Cassie's promised herself to a rancher already living on the land she inherited, but is her heart leading her towards another?

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## Customer Reviews

Just get out of the wagon. Cassie Lockwood swallowed--hard."Are you all right?" Mavis Engstrom was smiling up at her. "No hurry."I'll have to see them again. Look at them again. Only this time it will be daylight and close up. If the judge asks me to identify any of them, I won't be able to. I never saw their faces...When she thought back to that night, she started to shake all over again. Gunshots in the night, voices hollering horrible things, grabbing her rifle and returning fire, the searing pain of a bullet in her arm, the wagon burning so brightly she could see men on horseback circling the cabin, the Engstroms coming over the hill but too late to do much more than scare off the intruders and pull the burning wagon away from the cabin. Then passing out from loss of blood and agony.All that was left from her lifetime of years in the Wild West Show had burned up that night, along with the wagon she'd traveled in and lived in. The scenes of churning, crackling chaos and loss were branded on her memory. But mostly the fear and the anger. Who would do such a thing and why? All because of Chief and Runs Like a Deer. Why hate Indians like that? What difference did it make to those men if Indians lived at the Bar E Ranch? --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Exciting Conclusion to Lauraine Snelling's WILD WEST WIND series As winter settles over the Engstrom ranch, Cassie Lockwood has a lot on her mind. The way Lucas Engstrom smiles at her should set her heart to tripping. But it doesn't. Shouldn't there be some attraction to him if they are going to be married? His vow to make her love him doesn't seem to be working, no matter how considerate and charming he is. And then there's the look she caught him sending Betsy Hudson at church one Sunday. Are she and Lucas drifting apart? During a short trip away, Cassie realizes she must make other plans for her future. But what will the Engstroms say when she announces plans to leave the ranch and join a Wild West show?

I absolutely did not want the story to end!! I was "into" the lives of Cassie, Mavis, et.al. The everyday ranching issues, cooking on a wood stove, fighting off wolves, coyotes, cattle hustlers & bigoted neighbors. The continuous prayer thread between Mavis & her Lord. Christmas, helping your elderly neighbor AND trick riding & shooting in a wild west themed event. It's everything you could possibly want in a book with an underlying love story, all based on the Lord's teaching; yet do we all follow it? Not so much. This story tells so much more than I the reader could possibly share with you; it is truly a family, heart piece. Read & Enjoy.

Lauraine Snelling does a wonderful job weaving a detailed story. I didn't even mind that it was a 3-book tale, a format I usually avoid. Her attention to detail and historic accuracy made me want to buy all 3 books. I loved the heroine of this story, Cassie Lockwood. Her independence and skills as a marksman and trick rider took me back to a time at the turn of the last century when woman were just starting to discover their independence and their own self worth. The Engstrom family and Cassie's motley crew all live and work together to keep the family ranch afloat as the times change and cash money becomes more vital to a family's up keep. This wasn't the typical empty plotted romance that relies on sex scenes to fill the lack of a real plot. It was a well thought out story full of interesting characters and full bodied text. I will definitely look for more from this wonderful author.

The characters in this book just come to life and you want to know what comes next. Cassie is like a sponge learning how to cook, clean, and ranching in general. Cassie struggles with accepting a handout. She always had to pay her way. She finally comes to grips with small community living where everyone helps and looks out for each other. Again I had a hard time putting the book down. The author is a very good story teller who keeps you on the edge of your seat.

according to thessalonians version of the 2nd coming the saints who have died will be raised from their graves and meet the Lord in the air. So one would get the idea that the dead in Christ are *“resting in peace”* until the day of the Lord. (IMO this rest would only seem like a night’s sleep because eternity is outside of time) Best Regards, Pastor  
On Oct 10, 2016, at 6:17 PM, Just read this bit, I don’t recall any bible verses on this but I could be wrong.. Do you happen to know (off the top of your head?) I was thinking of Ivar and Adam sitting up there in heaven, talking about what they see going on here. *“You think they really can do that? See the world, I mean?”* Well, there’s surely scriptural backing for it. *“Ransom’s right eyebrow rose. I guess. Then Far is certainly shaking his head over Lucas’s antics.”* Not sure why author adds there is scriptural backing for it, Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham wasn’t sent anywhere to see anyone. Otherwise would have ranked it higher. There were good passages on forgiveness & family I found edifying. Snelling has mastered covering many mundane details to stretch 1 great book into 3 books. Which slows down frenetic reading when desired. Skipped the 2nd book & didn’t miss anything.

These three books gave me peace. They are written for the Lord and with a love for the families and how they come to be. A life with struggles and good common sense and pulling together and many happy times with the simple joys of lives lived for the Lord. Truly a lesson our world could use in these times of anger and resentment and lessons we all need to learn or remember.

This 3rd book wrapped everything up as expected but it was too formulaic. The constant baking of pies, cookies ect. was ridiculous...showing a lack of research into the many other tasks women would have been expected to do. Not enough interplay between Ransom and Cassie to develop their relationship into a marriageable one. This series was too simple and could have been given more depth, hence only 3 stars.

Didn’t finish this. It was so heavy-handed and badly written I couldn’t push through the second half of the book. For a historical novel, the author didn’t seem to have a working timeline for context. Can’t believe a decent editor signed off on this.

This series is good, but a little drawn out. You get to know the character and the way of life. More of the relationship between Cassie and Ransom would have been nice.

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