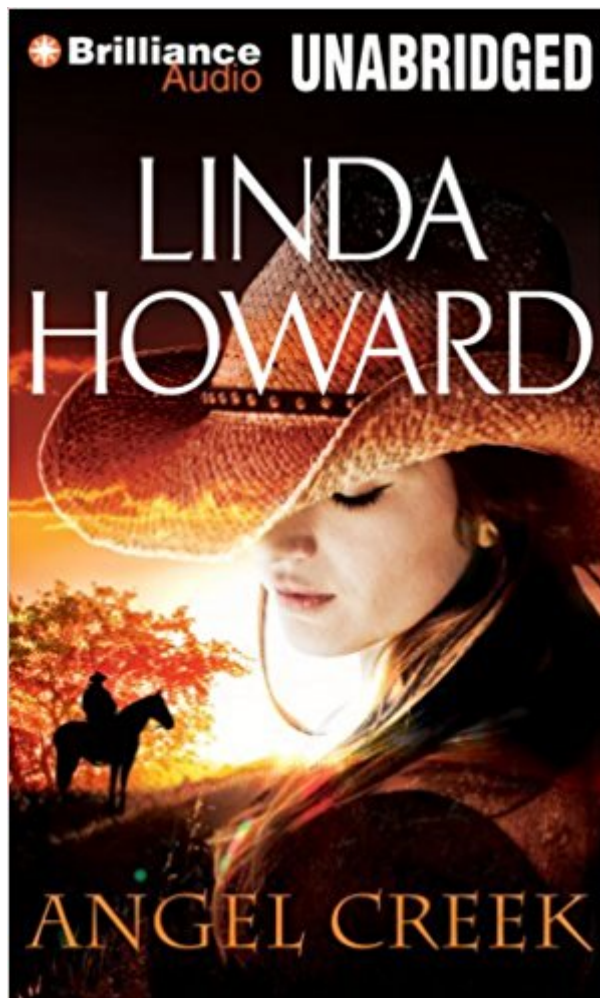


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Angel Creek



Synopsis

For five years after her father died, lithe, beautiful Dee Swann held on to Angel Creek valley and her independence. The homestead was hers, and she vowed no one else would ever own it...or her. Then Lucas Cochran came back to Colorado. In the drought-cursed high country, he needed Angel Creek and its cool water to turn his Double C ranch into the cattle dynasty he craved. His ruthless ambition guaranteed he would fight to take it away from the black-haired, green-eyed spitfire who claimed it. But the passion that blazed when Dee Swann and Lucas Cochran met shocked them both. Unbidden, unexpected, their kisses swept them toward a dangerous destiny where dreams might be scattered...men could be killed...or love would be born as wild and unfettered as this glorious frontier.

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Customer Reviews

Howard's (*A Lady of the West*) ability to develop engaging romantic characters is the greatest asset in this otherwise routine tale of a 19th-century female homesteader and the rancher who wins her heart. Dee Swann lives alone, and that's the way she wants it. She tends her small Colorado settlement, dissuading the occasional unwelcome suitor with a round of buckshot. Unfortunately, the local gents are also interested in Angel Creek, Dee's reliable water supply. When after a 10-year absence Lucas Cochran returns to inherit his father's ranch, he succumbs to the lure of the spunky woman and her creek--although he expects he'll marry socially well-placed Olivia Millican, Dee's only close friend. Dee's claims of independence seem less convincing after a fall renders her temporarily immobile, dependent on neighbor Lucas's help for even the simplest chores. Lucas

presses his advantage, luring Dee into the intimacy she had always shunned. But as the relationship blossoms, the land withers in a dry spell that makes Angel Creek look ever more desirable to ranchers with thirsty cattle--men with no qualms about running roughshod over Dee or her little patch of earth. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Linda Howard is the award-winning author of many New York Times bestsellers, including *Drop Dead Gorgeous*, *Cover of Night*, *Killing Time*, *To Die For*, *Kiss Me While I Sleep*, *Cry No More*, *Dying to Please*, *Open Season*, *Mr. Perfect*, *All the Queen's Men*, *Now You See Her*, *Kill and Tell*, and *Son of the Morning*. She lives in Alabama with her husband and two golden retrievers.

Angel Creek could be considered the sequel to *Lady of the West*. One of the secondary characters who endeared himself to this reader is a central character in the two tales of love set in the west of the 1800's. I happen to love this book even though it is not intense, and definitely not as graphic and heart wrenching as its predecessor. The alpha male in this book went a little to far in my opinion, but his heart was in the right place so I let it go and enjoyed the fireworks between Lucas and Dee. Luckily for him she take no prisoners and he has finally met his match. The secondary love story is sweet almost to the point of saccharine but it held its own and kept my interest. There was even a third love story intertwined throughout the novel and it added some real life zest and heartbreak that the book needed. I think all three of Linda Howards western series are great stand alone novels and I highly recommend them. Even though they were written years ago they have been reread many times and in certain ways they are even better than her latest efforts which I found lacking. I've reread it quite a few times so that says it all.

I always enjoy Linda Howard books. This is one of the western series and wasn't sure I would like it but I did and bought the rest of the series. Book has great characters and true to life places & actions for the time of the setting.

This must be the third or fourth time for reading this book. It is still one of my favorites. Lucas and Dee make the book work. Each different, but also alike. Two independent people needing the other to be whole..

Head-strong, independent farmer locks horns with ambitious, determined rancher. And the sparks

fly! Great love story: between man/woman; man/legacy and woman/land. Set in the infancy of our nation as Colorado first achieves statehood. I've purchased first the paperback and now the Kindle editions- a re-read that never grows old. I highly recommend it.

I really loved this story. Linda Howard is becoming a favorite of mine. This was the third book I read of hers, and I have been enjoying myself. This story had a lot of characters I loved and relationships I loved even more. I thought each pairing added to the overall greatness of the story.

Not terribly complex, but very entertaining and a quick read.

Good read!! Came earlier than promised.

I have to rate this one TMS (too much sex). It is one of her early works and I have found her later books to be less steamy and thus more believable. This one is set in Colorado I think around the turn of the century. The characters might have worked better in modern dress with modern attitudes.

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