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Jan Thoresen and his brother Karl have left their native land of Norway to bring their families to America—the land of freedom and hope. Like thousands of others, Jan and his wife Elli long for the opportunity of a better life and a future for their children.

After braving an ocean crossing and the arduous journey west, they encounter a land so vast and wide that it defies mastery. Jan finds that his struggles are not only with the land, but with a restless and unmanageable heart. Will Jan find a way to overcome this wild land or will the prairie master him?

*Wild Heart on the Prairie*, while designated Book 4 in the series, **A Prairie Heritage**, is chronologically the prequel and companion to Book 1, *A Rose Blooms Twice*.

### **A Prairie Heritage:**

Book 1: *A Rose Blooms Twice*

Book 2: *Wild Heart on the Prairie*

Book 3: *Joy on This Mountain*

Book 4: *The Captive Within*

Book 5: *Stolen*, June 2014

Book 6: *Lost Are Found*

## Wild Heart on the Prairie Details

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## From Reader Review Wild Heart on the Prairie for online ebook

### **Rachel says**

It was very annoying to find that the author published these books out of chronological order, even though I made every attempt to read them chronologically. Book 1, A Rose Blooms Twice, is actually the second part of this book. The events in the first half of this book (Book 2) actually occur BEFORE the events in Book 1. I hate it when authors do that, and it has turned me off to anything else by this author. Oh well... there are plenty of others to enjoy.

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### **Pam Baca says**

I loved reading A Rose Blooms Twice from another point of view.

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### **B says**

The romance of Rose and Jan was re-accounted from Jan's perspective, it was much better from Rose's perspective. Good series, encouraging Christian behavior.

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### **Debra says**

This book is actually a prequel to the first book published in the series. I was lucky enough to realize that so I could read book 2 in the series first. The immigrant and pioneer life was not always easy but full of hardships and heartache along with the good times in the late 1800s. This is a good mix of both that makes it ring true to life as it was back then with a happy ending.

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### **Wendy says**

#### BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

(from Amazon.com)

Wild Heart on the Prairie contains TWO PARTS, The separately published FREE prequel, Land of Dust and Tears, is also published as PART 1 of Wild Heart on the Prairie, Read THE CONCLUSION of Land of Dust and Tears in PART 2 of Wild Heart on the Prairie.

Wild Heart on the Prairie is the gripping prequel and companion to the breakthrough historical noel, A Rose Blooms Twice and is the foundation of the acclaimed series, A Prairie Heritage!

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#### MY REVIEW

Even though I skipped over Part 1(I had already read the prequel) of this book I was bored with Part 2. I found it to be repetitive of *A Rose Blooms Twice* only more from Jan's view, which you can guess at by reading the 'first' book in the series. I found myself doing more skimming than reading of this book. This hasn't kept me from continuing on in the series though, I have already started the third book, *Joy On This Mountain*.

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#### **Joleen says**

1866 to 1877 maybe?  
Prairies of Nebraska

This was a prequel to *A Rose Blooms Twice*. Very interesting book. Joy filled and heartbreakingly storylines of a journey for two Norwegian brothers, Karl and Jan with their families to homestead on land of their own in the prairies of Nebraska. It was hard to take in the devastation of what locusts could do to the livelihood of so many, and of a ravaging disease taking so many lives. But it was also fun to read of a strong family bond, of people on the prairie working together, helping one another to survive, and how God is so much in the forefront. In this family, nothing was decided or faced without bringing it to The Father. Christ's gospel message was proclaimed and changed people's lives and perspectives. Doctrines counter to scripture were tackled and important conclusions met.

Jan was a man who loved the Lord, who faced joys and many hardships, and although sometimes his quick temper got the best of him, he also knew when to humble himself and face his sin.

Aside from pages and pages of lists of what they shipped, or what to buy to survive the trip to their homestead claim, this was a really good read. Oh, in fact, even those pages could be considered historical information showing the complications of such an undertaking, and to work the soil; to start a farm from scratch in the prairie.

Very clean good story. Made me laugh and cry in parts. Now on to the next in the series... taking up from the end of *A Rose Blooms Twice*

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#### **Vkcrochet says**

This was a touching read of "the other side of the coin." I enjoyed it very much.

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### **Jessica says**

Great prequel to the rest of the series!

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### **Linda Sisson says**

#### **Good read**

Good book. Cannot wait to see what happens with Jan and Rose in other books in the series. Did I say good book? Hahaha! Why is there a minimum number of words in rudderless? This is asinine!

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### **Marg says**

Excellent I love this series

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### **Allison Kohn says**

This book and author have me hooked. I have a keen desire to meet the hero. The author does such a great job of characterization, bringing everyone to life, the reader forgets they aren't relatives.

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### **Brenda says**

I liked the story well enough, it was what had happened before the first book. But almost half of it again retold what had happened in book one!

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### **Linda Husvar says**

This novel was a gripping saga of a Norwegian family's immigration to America and homesteading on vast prairies. The characters matured in their faith as they faced many hardships including death, grief, and threats to their survival. I loved the sense of community amid cultural and language differences. The story line had many inspiring layers. Recommended for those who like 1800's Christian fiction.

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### **Patti Pierce says**

#### **A Moving and Heart reaching book**

This is an amazing and inspiring book of family, life, losses and second chances. Like "A Rose Blooms

"Twice", the first book in this series, it tells of family, love, losses and an amazing journey of faith. I definitely recommend this book.

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**Suzanne Sal says**

Very good historical romance with some drama.

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