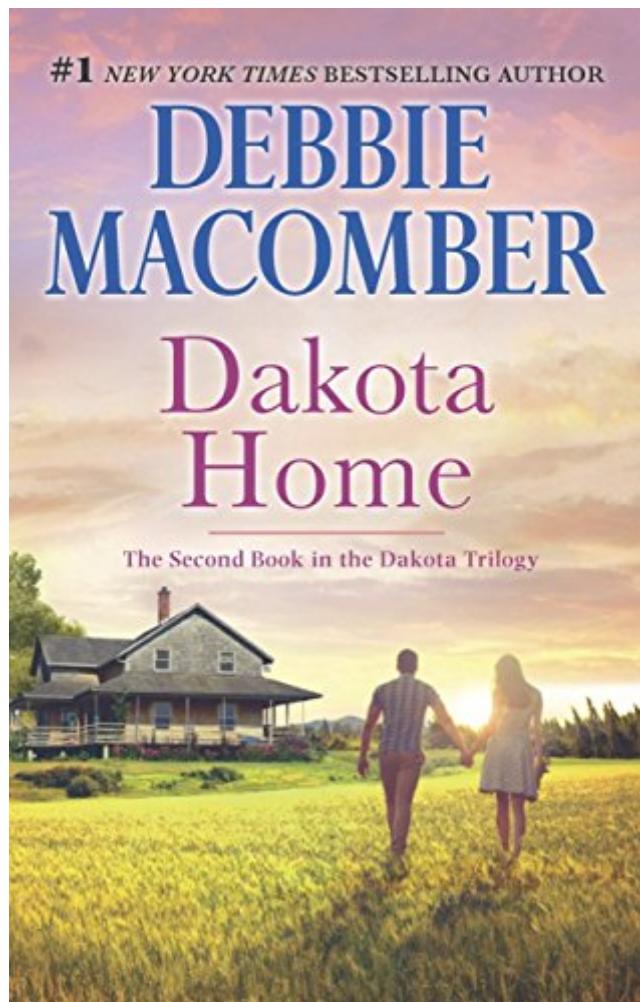


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# Dakota Home (The Dakota Series)



## **Synopsis**

This town is coming back to life!Â People have started moving to Buffalo Valley, North Dakota&#151;people like Lindsay Snyder, who came as a teacher and stayed, marrying local farmer Gage Sinclair. And now Lindsay's best friend, Maddy Washburn, has decided to pull up stakes and join her in Buffalo Valley, hoping for the same kind of satisfaction. And the same kind of love.Â Jeb McKenna is a rancher, a solitary man who's learned to endure. Maddy&#151;unafraid and openhearted&#151;is drawn to Jeb, but he rejects her overtures. Until one of North Dakota's deadly storms throws them together&#133;Â Those few days and nights bring unexpected consequences for Maddy and Jeb. Consequences that, one way or another, affect everyone in Buffalo Valley.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Everytime I read a Debbie Macomber book I wonder why I don't read more of them. I enjoy her easy-going style so much. With over 100 books to her credit, it's difficult to read them all but I am sure going to try! Jeb McKenna is a North Dakota bison rancher who had lost a leg in a farming accident four years earlier and has been somewhat of a recluse ever since. His sister has tried a

ploy to get him to meet a newcomer to town, Maddy Washburn (friend of Lindsay Snyder Sinclair, heroine from the first book) who has just moved to the tiny town of Buffalo Valley, North Dakota after having been somewhat responsible for a terrible tragedy in her job as a social worker back in Savannah. Maddy and Jeb are attracted to each other but Jeb feels that he is totally unworthy of a woman such as her. But when a blizzard forces Maddy to take refuge at Jeb's house for several days, all that changes. Debbie tackles the difficult issue of the mechanics of Jeb making love to Maddy wearing his prosthesis in a delicate and realistic manner. I am absolutely falling in love with this hero and in the fictional town of Buffalo Valley which reminds me a lot of the little North Dakota town where my father was raised. She has kept me up past 2 AM now three nights in a row (first with DAKOTA BORN and now with DAKOTA HOME). I highly recommend this series which will conclude with ALWAYS DAKOTA in May.

I just finished the book today, and I just loved it! It is the second part of a trilogy by the author, and I got so immersed in the characters that I hated for the book to end. The main story with Maddy and Jeb was fantastic, as were the other stories, mostly Buffalo Bob and Merrily. The writing reminds me of Nora Roberts, and from me, that is the BEST PRAISE I can give to any author. I most highly recommend the books,(Dakota Born if the first book), and I am anxiously waiting for the sequel in May of 2001.

In Buffalo Valley, North Dakota, new grocery storeowner Maddy Washburn refurbishes her store while falling in love with reclusive rancher Jeb McKenna, who lost a leg in a farm accident four years ago. Jeb's sister Sarah loves Jeb's friend Dennis, but still remains married to a philanderer she has not seen in a decade. Buffalo Bob loves his Buffalo Girl, but she flits back and forth into his life, leaving him heartbroken when she goes. Joanie and Brandon love each other, but seem heading towards divorce. Heath and Rachel make a perfect pair so why are they only occasionally dating? It appears none of these couples will find a lasting happiness in the foreseeable future. New York Times best-selling author Debbie Macomber returns to Buffalo Valley, North Dakota to display the lives of several couples. Though complex with many subplots, the contemporary rural romance works because each character is fully developed and understood by the reader. As she did with the series first novel, DAKOTA BORN, Debbie Macomber provides her audience with a stirring novel that will surely return the popular writer to all the lists. Harriet Klausner

Debbie MacOmber has scored another hit with this sequel to her first book in this series "Dakota

Born". Since the marriage of Lindsey and Gage Sinclair there's been a lot of progress in Buffalo Valley. Best friend Maddy has taken over the town grocery, spiced it up a bit and spiced up life a bit too by beginning a romance with town recluse Jeb McKenna. Other characters introduced in the first book are seen once again. Bob and Merrilly (with her reason for leaving so often), Rachel, Sarah, Joanie and newcomer Margaret Clemmens make for a great read. The small town that was about to dry up and blow away has renewed life. This book brings home the need to preserve small town America. Can't wait for "Always Dakota" the next book in this fine trilogy. If you have ever read MacOmber you will find this is another well written book in her traditional style. If you have not read anything by her get this book and find yourself reading a great story.

Have you ever read a book that was so good a second away from it was too long? Dakota Home is one of those books. The second book in the Dakota trilogy is nothing less than five stars. Maddy, Lindsay Snyder Sinclair's best friend, has moved to Buffalo Valley to make a new home. She meets Jeb McKenna, the town loner. Maddy wants to befriend Jeb but he tries everything to avoid her until Maddy is caught in a blizzard and calls him for help. While being trapped in the storm together for a few days at Jeb's ranch (without electricity) Jeb and Maddy become lovers. Afterwards Jeb realizes he made a mistake in becoming lovers with Maddy because even though he has feelings for her he doesn't think he is the right man for her. They each try to change their feelings for each other while fighting those feelings. Dakota Home is a great sequel to Dakota Born. Even though it is the second book in the trilogy it stands on its own so if you haven't read Dakota Born you won't be lost. Ms. Macomber refreshes your memory as to the characters and their background. All of the characters in the first book are in Dakota Home and their stories continue. All of the characters are such ordinary, everyday people that the book is very believable and entertaining at the same time. I was especially drawn to Brandon and Joanie. Their story was very touching and well written. It was very easy to sympathize with them. I would have liked to seen more of them in the book. Dakota Home is a quick read that will hook you from the start and leave you wanting more!

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