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Description:

From Library Journal Prolific author Oke (*Another Homecoming*, Bethany, 1997) continues the story of Marty and Clark from her "Love Comes Softly" series with this book focusing on their granddaughter Virginia. Just entering her teen years, Virginia is finding life in her household a bit stifling. Although she dearly loves her family, she is anxious to grow up and often finds the family rules and religious beliefs are getting in the way of her fun. When Virginia becomes friends with a lively, outgoing girl named Jenny, she suddenly finds herself questioning her need to obey her parents when she could be enjoying herself with her friends. Unfortunately, Jenny's headstrong

behavior soon has tragic consequences. As always with Oke's books, the characters are charming and engaging. Fans of the "Love Comes Softly" series will certainly demand this compelling and well-written follow-up.

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From Oke's legions of fans will be glad to hear that this novel begins a new series for the Stephen King of the Christian fiction market. Loosely speaking, *Prairie Legacy* will be about the grandchildren of the characters from Oke's *Love Comes Softly* series, thus updating the author's strong suit: young women coming of age in small-town, prairie settings. The young woman here is Virginia Simpson, and the crisis she faces is simply growing up: a new girl, Jenny Woods, moves to town from the "big city," and she brings with her a fierce sense of independence and daring. She's also quite manipulative, forcing Virginia to choose between somewhat dubious new adventures and the closely ordered routines of her devout parents. A boy drowns in a swollen creek, indirectly because of Jenny, and she may be involved in a serious theft as well. Soon, Virginia is caught up in a moral crisis that involves the entire town, including her father, a lawyer whose efforts in the courtroom finally bring the truth to light, though at some cost to himself. Virginia learns that being an adult, and a steadfast friend, can be awfully hard. A bittersweet, winning story with well-drawn minor characters, particularly the old widower Mr. Adamson, whose only solace is his garden. *John Mort* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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