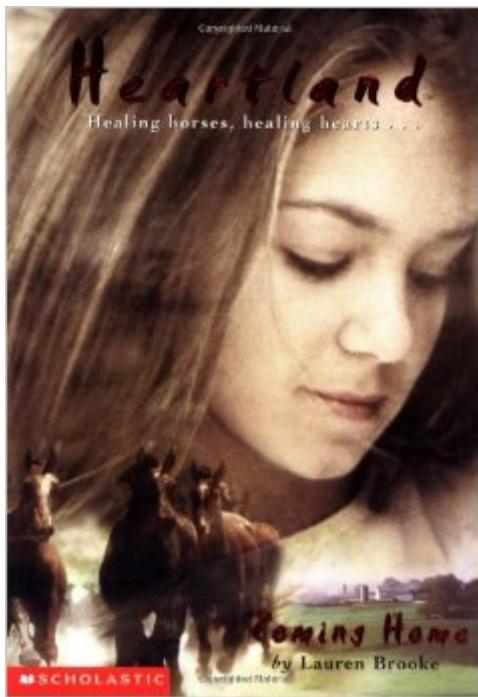


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# Coming Home (Heartland #1)



## **Synopsis**

This powerful series follows Amy Fleming through the loss of her mother and her struggle to continue the work at Heartland-a refuge for abused and abandoned horses.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

(If you want Luaren Brooke to continue the series past #20 say that my review helped you. Please.)The Heartland Series is one of the best books that I've ever read. It is the story of a girl, Amy, and her happiness and troubles on her farm Heartland. Her mother dies in a car accident while trying to save a horse. Amy is left injured in the hospital. Once she recovers from her injuries she realizes that she was the one who caused her mother's accident. She refuses to come out from her room and see her friends and family. In order to try and get Amy back into life again her friends throw her a party. I won't tell you anything else because that would ruin the fun of reading it. But take my word for it and read this series. The books are:#1 Coming Home#2 After the Storm#3 Breaking Free#4 Taking Chances#5 Come What May#6 One Day You'll Know#7 Out of the Darkness#8 Thicker Than Water#9 Every New Day#10 Tomorrow's Promise#11 True Enough#12 Sooner or Later#13 Darkest Hour#14 Everything Changes#15 Love is a Gift#16 Holding Fast#17 A

Season of Hope#18 New Beginnings#19 From This Day On#20 Always ThereSpecial: A Holiday MemoryDo you want more Heartland books? Then rate this review high!

I am a veterinarian and mother who is constantly trying to find books of interest for her (now) thirteen-year-old son. Unfortunately, the series was not a winner with him-his tastes run to science fiction-but it was with me as I bought and read the entire set. From a human relations standpoint, Amy's growth and development as a young adult are spot-on, as are her human-horse relationships. Her development as a budding pre-vet student is also accurate as she learns to interpret the many non-verbal cues from her patients in order to come to her diagnoses. This is a wonderful series of books for any young person lucky enough to share special bonds with other non-human beings, horse (or cat) or otherwise. The series is also excellent for any young person experiencing great loss, because it helps teach how move forward in the face of tremendous pain, how to grow and thrive, not merely survive.

Heartland is a place Amy's mother started after nursing her husband's show jumper, Pegasus, back to health using alternative remedies and therapies, due to an accident that the horse and rider were both injured, and Amy's father leaves to recover. She started to take in other problem or abused horses and helped them to learn to trust again. When she died, Amy and her older sister, had to take over everything, and tried to keep the place going. Amy finds she has the same horse-whispering talents as her mother, and struggles to take over the work her mother had done so well. Amy works hard to keep Heartland in business and to overcome the sadness of losing her mother, to realize it was not her fault her mother died. This book was very emotional and descriptive, written very well. You could feel Amy's sadness at losing her mother in an accident that she felt was her fault, for she had convinced her mother to go out in a storm to rescue an abandoned horse, Spartan. I recommend this book to everyone who has some connection with the world of the horse, or anyone who loves reading at all. This book has everything- romance, adventure, drama, action, and tragedy that will keep you blowing your nose and crying your heart out until you take the trip to the library or your local bookstore to pick up the rest of the series, when it will start all over again. The entire series is wonderful and heartbreakin, and I highly recommend every single book that is included to you. The rest of the series deals with Amy adjusting to her new life without her mother and her sister's new ideas to keep Heartland up and running, and to face the horse that is the subject to all Amy's fears and heartache, Spartan.

Amy lives on a horse farm in the hills of Virginia with her mom who heals abused horses. Amy loves all horses and helps her mom. One day when Amy goes horseback riding she sees a horse in need. Soon her mom gets the horse free but a tree crashes on the car and Amy's mom dies. When Amy wakes up she's in a hospital with her sister Lou. When Amy goes home she's sad and does not want to see her friends so she stays in her room. Bossy Lou is always around and she wants to go back to New York. Soon the sisters fight because Lou says to close Heartland down but Amy does not want it. When a Shetland pony needs Amy's help Amy must believe in Heartland's miracles. This is a great story about healing horses and healing hearts.

This book is about a girl named Amy Fleming. She is in love with horses. This story takes place on a farm in the hills of Virginia. Amy's mom, Marian, takes care of all the horses. Most of the horses aren't theirs. People board their horses at the farm. This story is fiction. The author is Lauren Brooke who I might add is an excellent author. She describes how the horses each have something special about them. She also describes Amy's personality very well. I recommend this book to anybody who loves horses. There are many horses in this book. If you love a challenge then you would love this book too. There are 6 more books in this series of books. Also if you like the book *Black Beauty* then that is a related book to *Heartland*. It is sad when Amy discovers that her mother has a secret with horses. After a terrible accident Amy has to run the farm herself! Can she do it? Will she shut down the stables? Find out in this wonderful book *Heartland*. If you like action, mystery and sadness then you will love *Heartland*.

This series is terrific for both young and old readers. I try to read the books my kids and grandkids read to see exactly what they are getting. This is a series that I can recommend to every age group.

Goodwill in Oregon is one of the very best sellers. Product was in top condition and was delivered on time. The book is the first volume of about 20 books. They are the basis of the "Heartland" series currently shown on Netflix. It is a great read for all ages.

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