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Jonathon's journey westward allows him the opportunity to stop and visit his beloved Aunt Ellie, who lives in a small, Central Utah town. He falls in love with the scenery the same day he falls in love with Maddie Jo Hansen, and suddenly California loses its appeal. Even though Maddie is a Mormon, Jonathon quickly realizes that he likes everything about this place and the people-except for Glen Hansen, Maddie's father, who is determined that no man, especially Jonathon, is going to take his daughter away from him.

Anita Stansfield, the #1 best-selling LDS romance author, delivers one of her finest novels to date. Filled with intrigue and romance, *Where the Heart Leads* is a compelling story of heartbreaking loss, inspiring discovery, and a love that overcomes all obstacles.

## **Where the Heart Leads Details**


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### Ashley says

It is written by an LDS author & talks quite a bit about the religion. I really didn't mind, it "fit" the book- if you know what I mean. The plot offered enough twists and turns to keep me interested, but it is the characters that provide the real entertainment. Stansfield employs a host of colorful minor players, including Maddie's cantankerous father, a thoughtful hick named Ernest Mortensen (reminded me so much of my own Daddy) and two lovable matchmaking friends.

I really enjoyed this book.

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### Malina says

This was a light read. It is predictable and cheesy and some times that is what you want. I've never read any of the authors other books to compare.

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### Michelle Llewellyn says

If this is your first Anita Stansfield book, please, put this book down NOW and go read First Love and Forever before you do anything else.

Somewhere between "Towers of Brierley" and "A Star in Winter" her writing took a turn for the worst. Go read her earlier works. Much better!

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### Line says

Did really not care for this book. A lot too cheesy and preachy for my taste.

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### Shelly says

When I find myself rolling my eyes as I read, it's just not a good sign. I tend to avoid "Mormon" literature because it's just a bit too cheesy for me, but thought I'd give Anita Stansfield a try. I was not impressed. This book seemed more like a cute little story than a novel, the ending was predictable, there wasn't much depth, and I didn't feel much attachment to any of the characters. There are a few hardships for these people, but none of them came through as a real climax or struggle, since she skimmed over most of the time periods when the characters were feeling any serious emotion. I will try another book of hers and see how that one goes.

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### Teri says

This is a very short, quick read, I read it and the sequel in less than a day. It was a fun period romance that was clean and easy to read. Not a great amount of depth to the story, but a lot of faith in Jesus Christ throughout. Good for a quick, clean, faith promoting read.

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### **Juliekjewell says**

I enjoyed the trip back in time to 1894, the simple life and gentle feelings portrayed. However, the hero was prone to shedding tears and the heroine cried all the time as well. Somehow it didn't seem natural that a 19th century man would be so in touch with his feelings.

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### **Shauna says**

I love everything I have read by Anita Stansfield. This one was set in the 1800's. Jon's mother dies and on the day of her death he packs up and leaves home trying to get away from a father that he believes does not love him and will never be proud of him. He meets Maddie and it is love at first sight. Her father however is not pleased with her relationship. This book shares their struggles and strains between family relationships.

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### **Wendy says**

I really liked the setting for this book. The time period was great. Again I felt the description of emotions was a little over the top. The resolution at the end of the book felt a little too easy. Over all it was a fun easy read.

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### **Christina says**

This lacks the intensity of most of the other Anita Stansfield novels, and I like the Barrington Saga better (also set in the early days of the LDS church), but this is a touching story. I just didn't get into it as much as I usually do - I didn't relate to the characters as well.

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### **Hailey says**

the perfect book with the best ending! A book of trial and error in a newlyweds lives that is the perfect trail for this couple. the setting is the perfect place, and the timing is just perfect. Anita Stansfield is a wonderful author.

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### **Ann says**

Every once in a while you just need to read a good love story. In my opinion Anita Stansfield writes some of the best. This book is a really quick and easy read. It just leaves you with a warm fuzzy and makes you

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wanna go hug your hunny.

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### **Kaitlyn says**

"With the loss of his mother, the final threads that bind Jonathon Brandt to home are gone forever, and he leaves Boston, hoping to never return. The year is 1894, and Jonathan is eager to head west to California to find a new life, new profession, and an escape from the disastrous relationship with his father.

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I loved every word, paragraph, and page of this story. You will be drawn in as Maddie and Jon go through every tear, prayer, and trial. You will hopefully love it as much as i do!!!

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### **Terisa says**

This was a good escape as all Anita Stansfield books are. It is nice to sit and read about someone else and get away from reality for a while. But when reading you have to remember that not people can solve there problems so quickly and with the same unwavering faith. I think it is the little bit of doubt that makes us stronger in the end.

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### **Leiah says**

Once I tried to read an Anita Stansfield book and I didn't get much farther than the first chapter - it was a total soap opera and actually made me feel uncomfortable. However, a friend dropped this book off to me and because I was currently out of books I read it. I actually really enjoyed it. It was very cute, uplifting, and simply enjoyable. Not soap opera in any way. It took place in the early 1900's.

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