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Andrews and Austin have taken their readers to the Kansas prairies. Their protagonist, Maggie Tanner, owns a large ranch with acres of hayfields, cattle, and horses. A widow, she relies on hired hands to help her with the work. When an old friend offers to send her one of his offspring to help with the summer work, she's delighted. What she doesn't expect is Cash Tate, a tall, handsome, androgynous looking woman. Cash, a twenty-eight-year-old, is fifteen years younger than Maggie. *Summer Winds* takes readers on a wonderful ride as two very independent women learn to accept and treasure each other.

Ranch owners themselves, Andrews and Austin give readers a firsthand look at the beauty and the bleakness of the windswept prairies. Their description of small town life is extremely apt, as are their scenes describing how the ranchers pull together to put out a wildfire and to help each other harvest their crops.

Summer Winds is equally plot and character driven. Maggie and Cash are complex and extremely likeable. As with Andrews and Austin's previous novels, *Summer Winds* is a great read!

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