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The great Calder empire stretched across the Montana plains as far as the eye could see. Everyone knew a Calder's word was law and that one day Chase Calder would carry the family name to new glories. But for handsome, arrogant Chase Calder there was also beautiful Maggie O'Rourke, who came to him in innocence and stirred in him a deep, insistent longing. But Maggie was determined to be free from the harsh codes of hard men. And even Chase Calder's strong arms couldn't keep her. Still, in them both burned the raw passion of the land...where even the greatest love must fight to live beneath *This Calder Sky*.

## **This Calder Sky Details**

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## Wizzy says

I need to preface this with: there are very few books in the romance genre that intrigue me enough to read them \*at all\* - let alone multiple times, as I have done with the first 4 books in the Calder series. I am going to read the entire series. I do think that \*overall\* it is a well done romance /adventure series, at least the first 3 books in the series were adventurous. I thoroughly enjoyed This Calder Range, the first book, and feel it is probably the very best, with Stands A Calder Man ranking close to it.

This Calder Sky, unfortunately, falls short for me for various reasons - the first one being the absolute bizarreness of the timeline. Following on the heels of This Calder Range and Stands A Calder Man, Chase Calder should be an adult somewhere in the 1940s, no later than the 1950s...yet this novel is obviously set much much later than that, more like the 1970s perhaps. This type of inconsistency really bothers me.

Furthermore, I am not sure why I didn't "pick up" on the sheer disgusting aspect of the statutory rape of Maggie the 2nd time I read it. The first time I read it, I was just a teen myself and thought it was awfully awesome and romantic to have an older man be smitten with you like that. Like Maggie, I did not have a good father figure, I had poor self esteem, and would have thrilled at Chase's attention as a teenager. The 2nd time I read the book I was much older - in fact, was a mother of two daughters. Not sure how I skimmed over that and forgot about it....this last time I read the book, I was quite appalled at not only Chase, but Philip being sexually attracted to young Maggie, but at least Philip respected Maggie enough to tell her to wait until she was finished with college before considering a relationship with him.

The aspect of taking the law into their own hands didn't bother me so much either until this last time I read it - I guess since I grew up watching Westerns and knew what fate awaited horse thieves and rustlers, I didn't see anything wrong with it the first two times I read this book. Now, again, I am appalled - mainly because the setting and culture was not the Old West, but modern day....

The Calders somewhat remind me of the Ewings of DALLAS (giving away my age) ...yet nastier than Bobby, but way nicer than JR.

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## Christine says

I'm not entirely sure why I finished this book except possibly for sheer, morbid curiosity. Chase Calder is an awful, arrogant, bully of a man. The book starts when he is 22 and she is 15, so their first encounter is statutory rape and I'm afraid I can't just mean that in a legal sense. She was immature (all the more so for not recognize how immature she was) and he seduces her, knowing better. I'm not sure why she let him, since he'd just bullied her by stealing her clothes while she bathed in the river, but let's just pretend for a moment that I buy the whole intense physical reaction thing for a moment and move on.

Her father gets angry with his father, who buys him off after not-so-subtly pointing out that a statutory rape charge would hurt her more than his son, especially since they have lots of money and have bought off all the local law enforcement. Her father starts stealing his father's cattle, which he probably shouldn't have done, but her father decides he's his own law and hangs the man. Chase is right there, watching, not doing anything. Not that there was much he could have done, but he certainly inherited his father's beliefs that

they're better than everyone else because they own a cattle ranch the size of Rhode Island.

I think this book was trying to paint a picture of wealth and power that rubbed me entirely the wrong way, suggesting that the Calders really were better than their neighbors because of hard work and dedication (compared with the neighbors' laziness). And maybe there's some truth to that, but it doesn't justify buying off senators and law enforcement officers and becoming a law unto oneself. It doesn't justify being a bully.

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### **Kassi Sedgwick says**

I read this book when I was a young adult - barely out of the 1980's. I fell in love with the Calder family & with Maggie! I continued on with the series, & then grew up & forgot about them. In 2007 I came across my old, torn paperback copy of This Calder Sky & decided to re-read it. I still loved it! I love Janet Dailey & her writing style & now in 2015, I will be picking the series back up again.

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### **Allison says**

In high school I read most of the books in the "Calder" series. I got sucked into the family saga. Don't know how quality it is, but it certainly peaked my interest enough at the time to make we want to read the others (and quite frankly, I was not a voracious reader, so it was impressive to get me to read anything at all). I have a feeling if you like Danielle Steele then you would like this series. Fortunately, as I aged my tastes evolved.

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### **Lee says**

Chase Caldor, the arrogant son of Webb Caldor whose ranching empire spreads as far as the eye can see, has fallen for Maggie O'Rourke, daughter of a small neighboring rancher. When Angus O'Rourke's hatred of the Caldors boils over he begins to steal cattle from the Triple C Ranch. Ignoring Webb's first warning to cease, Angus continues to russell and Webb takes the law into his own hands, lynching Angus. Orphaned by the loss of Maggie's father she is sent to live with her Aunt Catherine in California. Separated from Chase, she finds herself pregnant but raises the child with her aunt's help. Maggie now goes by her middle name, Elizabeth and marries a wealthy owner of thoroughbred horses.

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### **Dana says**

This book is #3 in the Calder series. Chase Calder is the latest in the dynasty of Caldors. He has grown up knowing he will inherit the ranch and the acres and acres of land. Maggie O'Rourke is a neighbour. She lives on a small ranch and her father and brother are extremely envious of the Caldors. Chase takes Maggie's virginity and innocence. Maggie's father loses it and starts rustling Calder cattle. What results is an action that may never be forgiven. Maggie also doesn't want just the ranch life, she wants to make something of herself.

I found Chase to be extremely arrogant, almost to the point of wishing the bad guys would win out. I was very sympathetic to the criminals which I don't think was the desired result of the book. The romance part of

the story was a little slow at times but still kept me interested enough to finish the book

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### **Chantal ♥? says**

This book is forever ruined for me because I know poor Maggie dies in a plane crash leaving a devastating family trying to recover. In the book Calder born Calder breed. It was too hard to read and pointless cause she dies early in her 40. He is left alone again and I am so mad that I read this at all. So sad when authors kill off a main character in a series. Their relationship was stupid and pointless and he was one sick mother!!! I mean gross I don't want to let someone read this who is not prepared for the sick mind games played in this book.

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### **Jenny says**

A family friend suggested I read this book because it is her favorite romance of all time. Hmmm. Not seeing it. It is suspenseful, and the early heat between the lovers is good, but the rest of the novel leaves the love aspect way underdeveloped. Love scenes --in fact, most moments between the couple-- are fleeting and then rushed through. And the ending was very abrupt. Not a cliffhanger, just rushed. Giant bummer.

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### **Gofaone.M says**

This was the first Janet Dailey book i have ever read and it captured me completely to the point where I stopped studying and focused only on this book, it is too amazing. This is the one book i have read like 3 times alone this year it is my favorite and it helped improve my grammar and vocabulary.

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### **Tracy Hall says**

#### **Good**

The story was a little long winded in places but overall it was very good. Having read the story about 15 years ago I remembered some but not all of the outcomes. I enjoyed it just as much the second time around.

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### **Eulalia Mira says**

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### **Amy Nolte says**

I generally like this series, but this book was far from the best. I could not get past their ages at the beginning. At 22 he should have known better than to seduce a 15 year old. I was glad she went away and made something out of her life.

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### **Megan Denby says**

I read this years ago and fell in love with Janet's characters - the strong yet vulnerable men and the women they loved. Great romance without being too girly or sappy. Loved it so much I named one of my son's Chase after one of her characters. Loved this series!

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### **Nikki says**

I was turned onto this book by a coworker who was named after the 'hero' of the story. And I gotta say his mother is NUTS. This book is crazy boring and the most sexist thing I've read in a while. Chase gropes/rapes the heroine who is 15 and he is 22-25ish, unclear! Oh but she 'wanted it'...no. Hell no. Then stands by when her father is MURDERED in front of him. Knocks up Maggie (still 15) and was going to lie to her face about her dad's 'suicide'.

Whoa, kid grows up and wants to meet his dad, heroine follows him, gets blackmailed into marrying the hero, who says that her dad's murder was a mercy killing....to clarify this is all suppose to be ROMANTIC? The heroine never stands up for herself. And why would a mother allow her child to hang around with an accessory to murder? No. No mother would allow that.

I hope the author got better because this being the first book I've read by her...this is terrible. Skip this.

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### **Adriana Fogaça says**

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Isabel Paquet de Araripe

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Já devo ter mencionado, em outra resenha de algum livro da Janet Dailey, mas é necessário reforçar. Os personagens que está autora cria são sempre marcantes, intensos, fortes, determinados, envolventes, apaixonantes... E ao mesmo tempo tão realistas, tão cheios de falhas...

Em Os Donos da Terra, temos Chase e Maggie, jovens apaixonados, que só conseguem ver um ao outro e esquecem o que está acontecendo ao redor deles. E as consequências das atitudes impulsivas destes jovens, marcaram para sempre suas vidas.

O enredo nos mostrará 16 anos da estória do casal, desde que eles se conhecem até a união tão esperada. Mas entre estes dois momentos muitas coisas aconteceram....

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