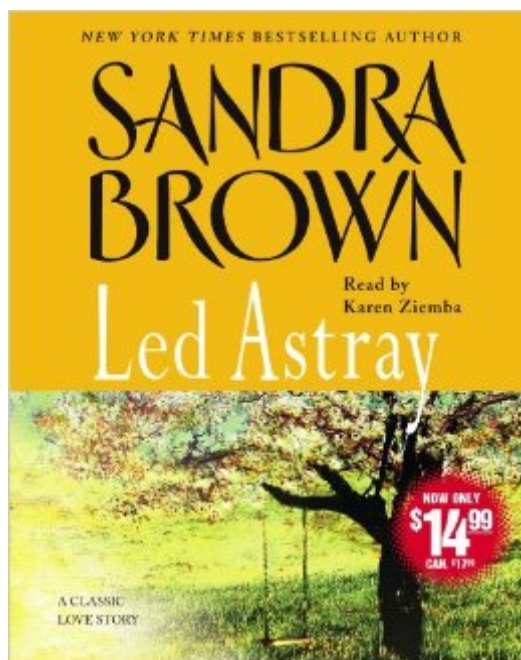


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## Synopsis

Jenny Fletcher had selflessly put her needs and dreams behind those of her fiancé, Hal, a man more committed to a cause than to her. On the eve of his departure for Central America, he gave Jenny what she wanted more than anything...one passionate night. It was his final gift. Cage Hendren was the opposite of his brother, Hal, in every way. The black sheep of the family, he was all rough edges, with a soft spot for just one thing: Jenny. But she'd always thought Cage was too wild and reckless...until he showed her a wildness in herself she hadn't known was there. And now that she's been led astray...she couldn't possibly turn back...

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## Customer Reviews

Brown has given us a very sweet story in LED ASTRAY! It is about a religious family with one "good" son and one "bad" son. Both sons love the same girl. The characters truly care about one another and it was a pleasure to read their interactions. There was a nice, long courtship where the reader got to know them more and I enjoyed it very much. The story is well developed and has likeable primary and secondary characters. You won't want to skip a single word in this book, in fact, you'll reread some parts! I was tired of the love/hate romances I've been reading lately, it was a delight to pick up this book. I kept waiting for it to get stupid, but it didn't. I was pleasantly surprised. Another worth-reading romance by Brown is SUNNY CHANDLER'S RETURN.

Hal and Jenny are to be married. There are some things standing in their way. Hal is going off on a

mercy mission and Hal's brother Cage is in love with Jenny. Jenny thinks of seducing Hal so he would not leave only to find out it was not Hal who she made love to in the dark but his brother Cage. So starts this very intriguing love story of love lost and found. Will Jenny ever feel the same way for Cage? and will he admit to what he has done. Very touching, sad and wonderful. Excellent Read!.

A very good read. I really felt for Cage. Having parents that clearly preferred the other son must be a terrible thing. Shame on the parents!! I was happy that Jenny treated him special as no one else did. I think they made a perfect couple and I'm thrilled I read it. I enjoyed this one as much as I enjoyed *Mirror Image* which is/was my very favorite Sandra Brown book. *Mirror Image* is my favorite romantic suspense, while *Led Astray* is my favorite romance.

Jenny Fletcher begs her preacher fiance Hal to spend a night of passion with her before he leaves for a dangerous religious mission in Central America. In reality, it is his black sheep brother she makes love to. When Hal dies while in Central America, Cage sees this as his opportunity to be with the woman he has always loved, despite her parents' disapproval, particularly when Jenny gets a party favor from her night of passion with "Hal." When Jenny learns the truth about Cage's deception, will she be able to forgive him and remain with the man who instills such passion in her? The interesting storyline was marred by really clunky and cheesy dialogue (a common early trait of Brown's writing that she has thankfully lost). The chemistry between the two characters is immense, the secondary characters well drawn, both bringing the story from a dated soap opera to a pretty dramatic read.

This was a departure from the norm, with the 'Preacher' background which I liked. The relationship of the family and the individual family members are gone into quite nicely. Imperfect as most people are, we see the unfortunate sanctimonious, distrustful, quick to judgement attitudes of the Minister & his wife (Mom & Dad). The difference in the brothers, Clay & Hal is remarkable and their involvement with their 'adopted sister' Jenny interesting. A true conclusion is wrought by Sandra Brown as to people whose lives are mapped out by their parents. The upheaval and turmoil in their lives allows their real feelings to grow, by the freedom they make for themselves. Relationships based on friendship is really the best. It's a good story and another keeper by Sandra Brown!

LED ASTRAY was an older contemporary romance originally released in 1985 under one of several

pseudonyms Sandra Brown used earlier in her career: Erin St. Claire. Hands down, it is a 'wonk' romance. Typical of the 1980's, Cage Hendren was a man with money, power and common sense. Well, most of the time. His father was a preacher and his mother was a housewife and they raised two boys that were as different as could be. Cage was the rowdy one. Always seeking attention in the most unusual places but earning scorn as his reward from his dysfunctional parents. Hal, the younger son, had similar beliefs as his father. He had a calling that would take him to a war-torn country in Central America to serve others. But it quickly led to his death leaving behind a bereaved family trying to pick up the pieces. His live-in fiancée and his parents' adopted daughter, Jenny Fletcher, was caught in the middle. All of this happens within the first few chapters of the story. Loaded with secrets, self-esteem issues, the ick-factor and more, it is the rough journey of two young people hoping for better things. Although he is 32, Cage still has some growing up to do. As long as he can remember, he has loved Jenny from afar. But no more. Jenny is 24 years-old. Since she first came to the Hendren household she had been a quiet do-gooder. She was content, until recently, not to rock the boat. But her feelings for Cage gradually changed. And at times, I felt like I was in the middle of a frustrating soap-opera. Ms. Brown blended tension, some internally-tortured souls and a yearning for acceptance by those you care for. She added the 'forbidden love' element. The story ended up becoming a stew of struggling risk and emotional justice. With the exception of some dated material (smoking, mention of the Vietnam war and riding in Corvettes), it was about moments of angst leading to unconditional love.

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