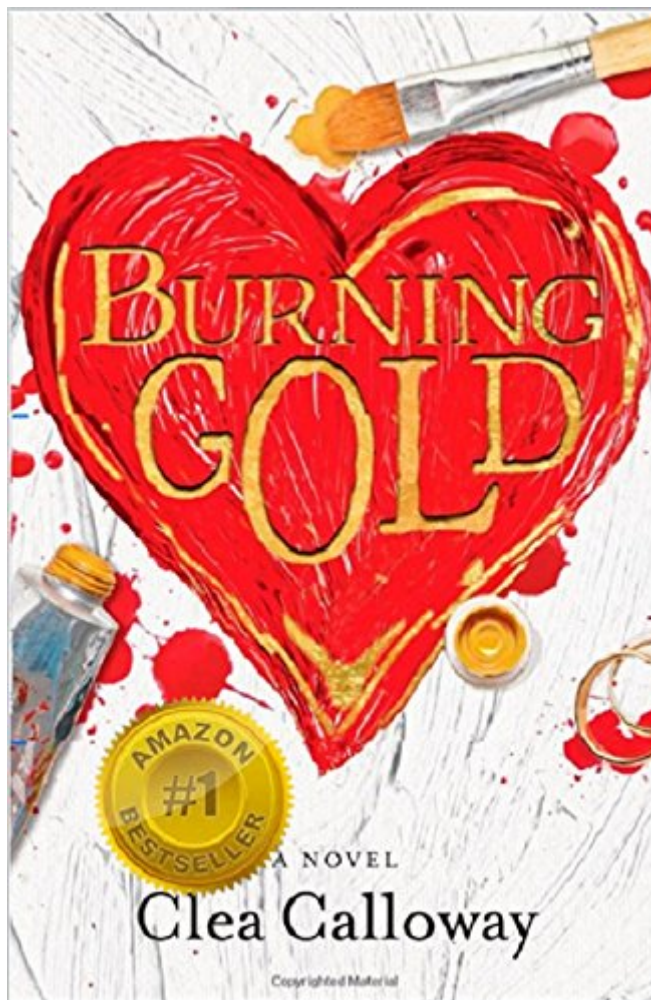


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# Burning Gold



## Synopsis

At age fifteen Jenni Ann had always thought she was sturdy, strong and stable. Until the horrific night her family was ripped away from her she never could have imagined life without them. Aunt Lyn and Uncle Charles took her in willingly but they insisted that she goes to see Dr. Stewart. But that shrink doesn't understand her all! The secret she holds torments her. She even stops talking to her best friend, Lizzie. She finds new friends when she meets Rickie and Kiara in the alley. And they show her another way, a better way, rolled up and lit with lighter, to feel good again. But even "feeling good" has a way of ruining you - when you're with the wrong crowd. Jenni Ann has to get help! Through her painting and visiting the old homeplace her Pappy built up in the North Georgia mountains peace might become hers. Then the handsome Ashton Holt Parker, Jr. enters her life and she knows that love and happiness could be hers -- if he doesn't discover her secret and her lies from her dark past. Is the secret she is hiding really the reason for The Night - or is there still danger out there waiting...waiting for her? Waiting for them? A crisp autumn breeze shakes the leaves as they twirl and twist, some staying firmly on their graceful oak limbs while others are spun lazily to the ground that is their destiny. Jenni Ann had always thought she was the sturdy leaf holding on strong. But like the leaf that doesn't stay on the limb - will she ultimately spin in the wind twisting out of control to her fate?

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## Customer Reviews

From [www.justanotherordinaryday.com](http://www.justanotherordinaryday.com) Burning Gold chronicles the emotional conflicts suffered by Jenni Ann Gold Cagle. Jenni Ann is a likable twenty-something artist traumatized by the heinous, random act of violence that claimed the lives of her mother, father and beloved baby sister, Abby. The story begins immediately following the tragedy as sixteen year-old Jenni Ann is adopted into the family of her maternal Aunt Lyn and Uncle Charles Bennet. In spite of her aunt's and uncle's love and commitment to helping her heal, Jenni Ann's nagging conscience never ceases. She believes her recklessness and neglect on The Night makes her responsible for the murder of her family. Jenni Ann refuses her aunt's repeated attempts to get her into counseling and instead turns to drugs and sexual promiscuity to numb the unbearable pain of guilt and grief. With relentlessly, tough love from her aunt and uncle, Jenni Ann is able to pull herself from this toxic abyss of self-destruction. She throws herself into life at a new school and soon discovers a talent and passion for art that leads her to Savannah College of Art and Design and eventual notoriety as a budding southern artist. Enter, knight in shining armor, Ashton Parker. This handsome journalist unknowingly leads Jenni Ann down an intriguing historical trail, exposing family secrets that raise the very real possibility the crime which robbed her of her family might not have been random... might not have been Jenni Ann's fault after all. Clea Calloway cleverly uses flash backs across several decades to intricately weave a tapestry of sub plots that result in effortless reading. This engaging page-turner is predictable enough to keep the reader guessing, but not so predictable that the resolution comes off as trite or contrived. The story takes place in Atlanta and the North Georgia mountains. Clea Calloway employs simple, descriptive prose to invoke beautiful images that will be especially well received by readers familiar with the region. Jenni Ann's character is well developed and while I wish there was more depth to both Ashton Parker and Detective Will Hardy, it seems Ms. Calloway intentionally leaves us wanting to get to know these two fellows better. Perhaps this is the author's subtle way of hinting at a sequel? I suppose I could be wrong, but I hope I'm not! In her debut novel, Ms. Calloway has left me wanting to know what happens next! From the "cute meet" to the emotional conflicts, the mystery and intrigue, right down to the happily-ever-after ending, Burning Gold has everything you expect to get from contemporary women's fiction. In spite of its

tragic central theme, it is a feel-good, beach-worthy romance reminiscent of Daniel Steele. I give it four out of five stars.

I don't usually read romance, but the novel also had suspense and thrills. I was captivated. I really liked the characters, they were well rounded.

Once I started reading I could not put the book down. Finished it in a day and a half and started reading it again. Of all the books I have read, the imagery in this one is so beautiful that I have to pause in my reading to enjoy the magnificent colors she so brilliantly describes. As the author states, colors painted with God's crayons. Such a wonderful book!!

Great first novel by Mrs. Calloway! Paints a beautiful picture of North Georgia. Can't wait to read the next one!

This book is a fantastic insight to a young girls heart who has lost everything! We are resilient creatures and this is a wonderful example of our hearts desire to survive.

This is a great book, quick read and a total thriller. You won't be able to put it down once you pick it up.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. A close friend told me about the book because he is related to Clea and I couldn't put it down

Good book , liked a lot of the characters . Hoping for a sequel to answer some unfinished story lines

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