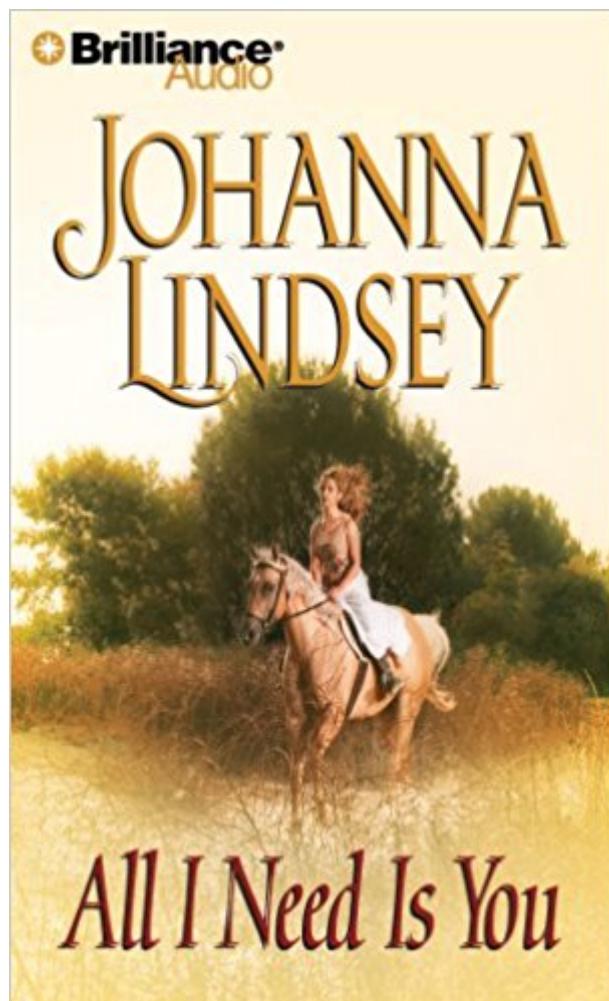


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# All I Need Is You (Straton Series)



## **Synopsis**

In the American Wild West the law is young, and men and women must make their own justice. Casey Stratton has left behind an unbearable situation at home and set off on her own, relying on her courage and inventiveness to survive where most women could not. Damien Rutledge III is a society man from New York, thrusting aside his life of refinement and sophistication in favor of a more basic need - revenge. Their two worlds collide as Casey and the eastern gentleman chase the same outlaws, and when passion flares Damien is torn between avenging his father's death, and his love for the fiery Casey.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Queen of the historical romance (she's had 32 New York Times best sellers), Lindsey rides off to the Wild West, where an adventuresome young woman and a New York society man join forces to hunt down a band of outlaws. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

"Enjoyable...a flowing tale of strong wills and, of course, romance."-- "Omaha World Herald""Johanna Lindsey gives you everything you expect and more. She taps into fantasies, adds a large dose of humor, poignancy, adventure and passion to spice up your reading experience. To read a Lindsey is to add joy to your day. Read "All I Need Is You" and feel wonderful!"-- "Romantic Times" --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

ALL I NEED IS YOU is the sequel to "A Heart So Wild" and as always, Ms. Lindsey writes another page turner. I really liked Casey who is NOT your typical 1800s female. She's hard-headed, stubborn, and as capable as most males of that time... but with a woman's feelings and emotions. Damian was absolutely wonderful and while he's not the usual western hero, he was strong, handsome, and wholly lovable. Although these two were total opposites, together they were absolutely perfect! While this story was full of adventure and mystery, the romance wasn't as strong due to these two elements which constituted almost the entire plot. I still thought Casey and Damian made a cute couple, but do wish there had been more of an emphasis on them romantically. The ending also seemed a little rushed and for that I wish there had been an epilogue. Overall however, it was still a thoroughly satisfying and thrilling read, with never a slow or boring moment from start to finish. "All I Need Is You" takes place in 1892 Texas, and is the second of two books in the "Straton Family" series and was originally released in 1997. It's definitely a must read for those like me who've read and loved "A Heart So Wild" which is a five star story in my opinion and features Casey's parents, Chandos and Courtney. And if you haven't already, I would highly recommend reading both books in this delightful series which were fast, fun, and completely entertaining historical romances =)

I read the first Straton book A Heart So Wild and really loved it. I could feel the family drama between the father and son. Then Courtney's situation when she found out her father could still be alive from the Indian attack. I also felt her terror when Chandros found her in the feedbox and almost killed her seeking revenge. It must've been terrifying back then for settlers heading West for a new life but also on the Native Americans when their land was stolen and all the treaties broken. Now the daughter of Chandros and Courtney is trying to prove she can run her grandfather's (Chandros's Dad) ranch. Ms Lindsey thoughtfully fleshed out the characters and put the reader in their place. While it seems farfetched that a young girl, Casey, would have the talent to be a bounty hunter; her father had taught her and her 2 brothers survival and tracking skills learned from his years as a Comanche warrior. The mystery comes when she encounters Damien Rutledge who is trying to find his father's killer. The drama is right up to the end; when they catch the killer but he escapes in Chicago on the way to NYC for trial. Casey shows her love when she helps with the reunion between Damien's mother and him in Chicago. I didn't feel she was spoiled or bratty I could feel her frustration over the limits put on women especially a confident and intelligent one by her father. He was doing what his father did to him; he finally comes to grips with this. Such a good

story- read both books to get the feel for the characters and where they are at different stages of their lives. Also will there be a story about Tyler and Dillon (Casey's brothers)?diamondgirl

This sequel to A HEART SO WILD is set 30 years later in Texas (1892) and tells the story of Chandos and Courtney's daughter, Casey. (It seems it took them a long time to have kids, no?) Anyway, Casey has had one dream since her grandfather's death--to run his huge ranch, the Bar M, near Waco. Her older brother isn't interested in it; her younger brother is too young; but 17-year-old Casey feels she has the ability. She can ride, shoot, hunt, and manage the books and the cattle as well as any man. Tall and slim, she has the body of a young man though she is beautiful with her mother's cat eyes. But her father can't see the men accepting a woman's orders so he says no. To prove him wrong, Casey decides to take up the job a man would respect--she becomes a bounty hunter, bringing outlaws to justice. And she is very good at it. On the trail, she meets an Eastern tenderfoot who knows nothing about horses or handguns. Damian Rutledge III is coming to Texas to find the man who killed his father when outlaws attack his stage and leave him for dead. He realizes this bounty hunter, a "boy" he calls "Kid," is a person he needs so he hires Casey thinking she is a boy of 14 or 15, but wise in the ways of the West. Lindsey tells a good story, but I had some issues with the hero and heroine that I must mention. First, how can you like a hero who introduces himself as something, something "the third"? What an uppity arrogant man! It was hard to believe he could get over himself in a few weeks in the Wild West, but we are asked to believe that. After he realizes that the "Kid" is a young woman, he uses the pretext of a fake marriage to take Casey's innocence with no intent to make her his wife because she just wouldn't fit in to his high society life in New York. That made him a cad plain and simple. I don't care if he later changes his mind. Then there was Casey. What happened to her dream? Once she falls for Damian, all she wants to do is get married. Ugh! If you can get over those issues, it's a sometimes entertaining read and includes a bunch of outlaws and bad characters that Lindsey portrays well. And there's a fair bit of mystery. Still, it is not as enthralling as the Indians and the love story in the first book. It did not hold my attention as well as Chandos' story either so I'm giving it 3 stars.

Another of her books that captures the heart ..Johanna Lindsey is an awesome writer. She captures the reader and leads them on a wonderful journey of ups and downs, the intrigue and suspense. She has a way of pulling you in and not letting go. She leads you to romance and always the "Happy ending." Why else do we read these stories because we enjoy the fantasy and the thrill of knowing. Fairy tails do come true thru books and movies... :) Not sure which ones right off hand that

are part of the Mallory Family series but .. so far all of her books are awesome reads..

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