

## Mail Order Bride Thirty Brides Mega Boxed Set

The Mistletoe Brothers are ready to save Snow Valley ... even if it means marrying complete strangers. The six women who arrive in this mountainside town all have very different reasons for agreeing to an arranged marriage. And none of them quite know what to make of the six ruggedly handsome brothers who greet them. But they do know this: there's no turning back. It's Christmas, the season for miracles ... but is it also the season for falling in love? Join six of your favorite romance authors this holiday as they show you around the most romantic town you've ever visited. It's got an ice-skating rink where you can hold hands, hot cocoa to sip by the fire, and plenty of mistletoe that you can kiss under. This collection of all new stories are filled with high heat...because with six brothers, there are plenty of packages to unwrap.

Jail or prostitution' Fiona Quinn chooses neither. On a wagon train bound for Oregon , the newly-contracted mail-order bride braves rattlesnakes, Indians, and depraved buffalo hunters who kidnap her. But nothing tests her mettle like Cordell Bannon, the wagon master poised to steal her heart. Cordell Bannon signed a contract to safely deliver thirty mail-order brides to their husbands. Yet one bride stirs his emotions, threatening his oath of celibacy and making him choose between his job and his passion. Can he stand by as she marries another, or will he claim her as his bride'

Leora Bride of California, is the thirty-first book in the unprecedented 50-book American Mail-Order Brides Series! Her sister gone, her roommates soon to follow, Leora Mitchell must now face the fact that she, along with the others, are mail-order brides. For years her life revolved around Brown's Textile Mill, her sister Lottie and their friends. Now, as mail-order brides they'd be scattered across the country, ready to start a new life. The only problem was, Leora had no idea what that life looked like, nor did she have any idea who she was without the familiar faces she loved so much. Pastor Theron Drake needed a wife, and the crazy folks in his congregation whole-heartedly agreed. So much so, they thought they should have as much access to the new Mrs. Drake as he did! They volunteered her for everything they could think of and made her the director of the annual Christmas Play. Throw in the town bully/busybody who'd rather have her own choice of a Mrs. Drake, and you have a mail-order bride that doesn't know if she's coming or going. Will Theron and Leora's new marriage survive the onslaught of his over-zealous parishioners? Or will she crack under the pressure, turn tail and run? Find out in this hilarious romp how two people are forced to discover their true strengths and weaknesses.

When the West was wild And man's law favored the few These extraordinary women could be found...in the heart of an outlaw. Former outlaw Clay Colby is abuzz with his mail order bride's expected arrival. He's fought long and hard to drag Devil's Crossing out of lawlessness...so when his homestead is set ablaze by a bitter rival, he's heartbroken. There's no woman in the world who'd stand by him now. But Tally Shannon is no ordinary woman. After escaping the psychiatric hospital in which she was wrongfully detained, Tally only wants someone to protect her and the little girl under her care. She doesn't mind that Clay's home is dang near burned to the ground—not when he makes her feel so safe. So cherished. But it's only a matter of time before the ghosts of her past come calling...and her loving cowboy must defend his new bride—and the family they built together—to his very last breath. What People Are Saying About Linda Broday: "Fans of classic Western tales will delight in the rough-and-tumble world Broday creates..." —RT Book Reviews for To Love a Texas Ranger "A shining example of the talent of one of the best historical western authors." —Fresh Fiction for Forever His Texas Bride "Broday's Westerns always captivate with realistic settings, rugged cowboys and feisty heroines." —RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars for Forever His Texas Bride

There have always been mail-order brides in America—but we haven't always thought about them in the same ways. In *Buying a Bride*, Marcia A. Zug starts with the so-called "Tobacco Wives" of the Jamestown colony and moves all the way forward to today's modern same-sex mail-order grooms to explore the advantages and disadvantages of mail-order marriage. It's a history of deception, physical abuse, and failed unions. It's also the story of how mail-order marriage can offer women surprising and empowering opportunities. Drawing on a forgotten trove of colorful mail-order marriage court cases, Zug explores the many troubling legal issues that arise in mail-order marriage: domestic abuse and murder, breach of contract, fraud (especially relating to immigration), and human trafficking and prostitution. She tells the story of how mail-order marriage lost the benign reputation it enjoyed in the Civil War era to become more and more reviled over time, and she argues compellingly that it does not entirely deserve its current reputation. While it is a common misperception that women turn to mail-order marriage as a desperate last resort, most mail-order brides are enticed rather than coerced. Since the first mail-order brides arrived on American shores in 1619, mail-order marriage has enabled women to improve both their marital prospects and their legal, political, and social freedoms. *Buying A Bride* uncovers this history and shows us how mail-order marriage empowers women and should be protected and even encouraged.

Theresa Baldwin's bored with the boys paraded before her to pick from. She wants a man. Not some silly boy who plays pranks. She's not one to wait for life to come to her. She'll seize it by the horns. And she does just that, ending up in the wild west with nothing but her money and her companion. Nate Winchester and his two boys were abandoned by his wife. She simply up and left them. Who does that? Now, Nate's had to figure out how to be mother and father to his sons. Lucky for him, he's got siblings who have helped him. But that's not enough. Children need a mama. When his sister comes up with a plan for getting him a bride, he's not interested. Yet, his sister Melissa is persistent. Lo and behold, here comes Theresa Baldwin. A ray of sunshine in his otherwise bleak life. Theresa has no idea that her appearance has been orchestrated by Nate's sister. She's thrilled to have found this woodworking, ranching man's man in the wild west. Until she learns the truth...

A moving action pack of western fiction short stories designed for entertaining commute drivers and relief from canned television. Tales involve the quest for lost treasure,

gunfighting, western humor, mystery and suspense, unusual partnerships and adventures. Enjoy the gunfighting skills of a young boy and the insulting exchange between an elderly widow and a questionable Indian hero. Each story combines early western incidents based upon 1800's history in the territories of Arizona and New Mexico. Commonly in these early western settings, success or victory usually meant "A Little More Shootin To Do!"

Entries discuss the impact gender has had on cultural beliefs and practices, social and economic organizations, and individual lives.

*Her Christmas Family* by Jillian Hart "Please be my ma for Christmas." Felicity Sawyer can't resist little Gertie's heartfelt letter. Tate Winters seeks a bride for Gertie's sake, not his own. But as his reserve thaws before Felicity's sunny optimism, this new family learns that togetherness is the best way to celebrate the season. *Christmas Stars for Dry Creek* by Janet Tronstad Eleanor McBride's outgrown her dreams of romance—but not her wishes for motherhood. Wedding Sergeant Adam Martin will give her a daughter to cherish. Yet it's not just shy, sweet Hannah who's captured her affections. And Eleanor's arrival in Dry Creek could be the start of a journey to true love....

Eric Johnson's real mail order bride shows up later than expected, and she quickly learns he is already married. Now Allie Jones is stuck in a small Colorado town with no way to leave. She must either marry the only suitable bachelor or risk being sold to the saloon's owner to be one of the soiled doves. Seeing she has no real choice, she agrees to marry the bachelor. Rumored as being a monster by the people in town, Travis Martin is content to live alone, sheltered in the wooded area of the mountainside. The last thing he expects is a preacher when there's a knock on the door. With great hesitation, he agrees to the marriage. He can't confine such a beautiful young lady to the saloon, but he knows the marriage won't be a happy one for her, not when she could have had someone so much better. So the best thing he can do is keep his distance and leave her alone. She, however, can't help but be intrigued by her new husband. Is he the ugly beast the people in town claim, or is there something beautiful worth loving just beneath the surface?

Eric Johnson has been writing to his mail-order bride for months, and at long last, the day she's due to arrive has come. Only, the young lady who comes off the stagecoach isn't at all what he expected. She's homely in appearance, and she has an orphan child with her. However, he is a man of his word, so he's going to marry her. He had enjoyed their correspondence over the past year, after all, and really, initial impressions aren't everything. But when the preacher pronounces them husband and wife, he finds out she's the wrong lady. Caroline Benton's just as shocked as he is, not realizing she'd gotten off at the wrong town and followed the wrong man home. Why, oh why, didn't she think to ask him his name? Now she and the orphan child she brought with her are stuck in a strange town with a man who'd been waiting for someone else. She can't imagine he's at all happy to be paired up with her for the rest of his life. Not only is she rather unattractive, but she doesn't know the first thing about housekeeping. Just what is she supposed to do to convince him it's not the end of the world that he married the wrong mail-order bride?

What do you think of those Russian brides? What do they think of YOU? International marriages bring a substantial number of newcomers to the US and contribute to the transformation of the basic institution of society the family. When men are from Mars and women are aliens, the marital dynamic can be quite dramatic. A Russian-born journalist, Ms. Popova shines a blinding light on some of the amusing and amazing oddities that are revealed when an outsider takes a blunt look at how we live.

What kind of woman would answer an advertisement and marry a stranger? Escape into the history of the American West along with nine couples whose relationships begin with advertisements for mail-order brides. Placing their dreams for new beginnings in the hands of a stranger, will each bride be disappointed, or will some find true love? *Perfect for the Preacher* by Megan Besing 1897, Indiana Fresh from seminary, Amos Lowry believes marriage will prove to his skeptical congregation that he's mature. If only his mail-order bride wasn't an ex-saloon girl, and worse, pregnant. *The Outlaw's Inconvenient Bride* by Noelle Marchand 1881, Wyoming After a gang of outlaws uses a mail-order bride advertisement to trick an innocent woman into servitude, an undercover lawman must claim the bride—even if it puts his mission in jeopardy. *Train Ride to Heartbreak* by Donna Schlachter 1895, Train to California John Stewart needs a wife. Mary Johannson needs a home. On her way west, Mary falls in love with another. Now both must choose between commitment and true love. *Mail-Order Proxy* by Sherri Shackelford 1885, Montana A mail-order marriage by proxy goes wrong when a clerical error leads to the proxies actually being married instead of the siblings they were standing in for. In their quest to correct the mistake, the two discover outlaws, adventure, and even love. *To Heal Thy Heart* by Michelle Shocklee 1866, New Mexico When Phoebe Wagner answers a mail-order bride ad that states Confederate widows need not apply, she worries what Dr. Luke Preston will do when he learns her fiancé died wearing gray. *Miss-Delivered Mail* by Ann Shorey 1884, Washington Helena Erickson impulsively decides to take advantage of her brother's deception and travels to Washington Territory in response to a proposal of marriage intended for someone else. How will Daniel McNabb respond when Helena is nothing like he expected? *A Fairy-Tale Bride* by Liz Tolsma 1867, Texas Nora Green doesn't feel much like Cinderella when her mail-order groom stands her up. But could the mysterious jester from the town's play be her Prince Charming? *The Brigand and the Bride* by Jennifer Uhlarik 1876, Arizona Jolie Hilliard weds a stranger to flee her outlaw family but discovers her groom is an escaped prisoner. Will she ever find happiness on the right side of the law? *The Mail-Order Mistake* by Kathleen Y'Barbo 1855, Texas Pinkerton detective Jeremiah Bingham is investigating a mail-order bride scam bankrupting potential grooms. When unsuspecting orphan May Conrad answers his false ad, she becomes the prime suspect in the case.

When Ellen and her sister, Malinda, are forced out of the only home they've ever known by a local banker after the death of their father, they answer an advertisement placed by Harriett Long for mail order brides. Ellen chooses to marry the sheriff of a small town in Colorado while Malinda agrees to marry his brother, a banker. When they arrive, each sister is immediately drawn to one of the brothers....too bad it's the wrong one! Malinda thinks her life is over after the death of her father and her subsequent eviction from the only home she's ever known. She, along with her sister, answers an advertisement for mail order brides and their lives change. She agrees to marry a banker in a small town in Colorado, because she refuses to be afraid of where her next meal will come from ever again. When she arrives in Colorado, she immediately falls for the handsome gentleman who picks her up at the train station, but he's her sister's fiance, not hers!

A mail order bride and a rock god: can they make fairy tales come true? In the final year of her business degree, Phuong has her future all mapped out. Finish studying, then go home and save her family's business. Until her father dies and it all falls apart. Broke and jobless, she stumbles on a solution: find herself an Australian husband. Fast. She's not looking for love - Phuong doesn't believe in fairy tales. Her marriage will be a business deal, pure and simple. But when she meets her husband-to-be and discovers he's a reclusive rock star living at Romance Island Resort, maybe it's time to believe a girl can live happily ever after. A tiny taste of what's in store: Idly, she clicked on one of the unread messages from some other man whose profile was a sculpted, headless torso, like something cropped from the cover of a romance novel. Mr Six-Pack's message was short: "I'm looking for a woman who knows all fairy tales are lies, but who still hopes one might come true." Reflexively, Phuong clicked on his profile. Mr Six-Pack was a gym junkie, he admitted, who went by the name of Lucky Jason. He worked on a remote island, but it was lonely and he wanted to share his living accommodation with someone who could brighten the darkness at night. Or so he said. She laughed softly before clapping a hand over her mouth at the thought that she might wake Norman. His snores continued, like he was sawing down a tree with his nose in his sleep, so she breathed a sigh of relief and returned to ogling Jason's abs. Desire flooded through her for the first time in months. She hit the reply button. "Which fairy tale did you have in

mind, and which character are you? The big bad wolf, the woodcutter or Prince Charming?" Before she could think better of it, she sent the message. The response came back almost instantly: "What would you like me to be? I can cut down everyone keeping you from me, carry you off to my castle like Prince Charming, then turn into the big bad wolf and eat you all up until you scream for joy." "That only happens in books," she whispered to herself, then typed the words and fired them off. Lucky Jason had an answer for that, too: "One day, some romance author will write books about us and a million lonely women will crave the sort of sex you only have to ask for." Arrogant much? "No one's that good. What if I'm after Prince Charming, a man who loves me, listens to me and wants to take care of me, and I'm not interested in sex?" "Prince Charming is a prick who'll smother you and turn jealous if you look at anyone else. He'll lock you in a tower and never let you out. And he wouldn't know what to do with his own c\*ck, let alone your body. Prince where-do-I-put-my-prick. That's not me, babe." "No? You don't get jealous? What do you do when your girl looks at another man?" "Grin and wink at the guy while my arm's around her. He'll never be me and never have what I do, but that's cool. Not everyone's as awesome as me. Let me show you, babe." Romance Island Resort series This is the second book in the Romance Island Resort series, which includes: Maid for the Rock Star (#1)The Rock Star's Email Order Bride (#2)The Rock Star's Virginity (#3)The Rock Star and the Billionaire (#4)The Rock Star Wants A Wife (#5)The Rock Star's Wedding (#6)Maid for the South Pole (#7) Keywords: Keywords: new adult, new adult rock star romance, rock star romance series, small town bride romance, small town romance series, island romance series, australian romance series, mail order bride romance

Mason Hall, Navy SEAL, knows all about difficult assignments, but his current mission is one for the record books. Not only must he find a wife—and get her pregnant—or forfeit the ranch his family has prized for generations, he must also convince his three brothers to marry, too—before the year is up. Who knew one city girl and three wayward brothers could put up such a fight? Regan Anderson can't wait any longer to meet Mr. Right, so she's taken matters into her own hands. She's quit her job, given up her nice apartment and undergone all the preliminary appointments to prepare for artificial insemination. Still, becoming a single mother is daunting, so when she spots Mason's Wife Wanted ad on the Internet one night, she's ready for a few laughs. She's sure the ad must be fake, but when Mason answers back, she soon finds herself wanting more than a long distance relationship. If Mason can just keep her talking until he makes it home from Afghanistan, he's sure he can convince Regan he's her man. But when he whisks her off for a trial run in Chance Creek, they're in for an unpleasant surprise. The ranch is in ruins, the house has been stripped, and they're going to have to work day and night to beat Mason's deadline to win it back. Can two strangers pull together against all odds? Or is this mission doomed to fail? The Heroes of Chance Creek: BOOK 1: The Navy SEAL's E-Mail Order Bride BOOK 2: The Soldier's E-Mail Order Bride BOOK 3: The Marine's E-Mail Order Bride BOOK 4: The Navy SEAL's Christmas Bride BOOK 5: The Airman's E-Mail Order Bride BOOK 6: The Navy SEAL's Second Chance Bride

Mail Order Bride: A Broken Cowboy To Heal, is the story of a rancher in Texas, Hawk, who decides to write away for a big city bride from New York. Instead, he gets a relationship which starts out with untruths and a strange lack of empathy, let alone love, between the couple. Added to the mix is Sarah's sister Susan, and a young ranch hand who works for Hawk, Johnny. Mail Order Bride: Comforting The Cowboy - A woman takes a chance on life and heads out to the west to become, first, a companion to a widower and to help him with his children. When she tells him her secret, and fears that he has deserted her, she decides to tough it out and make her own living in town. Things start to go downhill from there.

Berniece Johnson wants more from life than marriage to an old man who wants to beat her, but her parents believe he's exactly what she needs. In a desperate attempt to take control of her life again, she goes to see Elizabeth Miller, the town matchmaker. Elizabeth has her on a train a short while later to meet up with Elizabeth's sister Charlie and to marry a man in Missoula, Montana. Kane Burton has no desire for another wife. He buried his wife just months before, but his infant daughter needs a new mother. When he sends off for a mail-order bride, he promises himself to think of her as a servant—someone who will make meals, clean his house, and take care of his daughter. Berniece is not at all what he's expecting, and he finds himself constantly comparing her to his late wife. Will Berniece be able to convince Kane that she is a strong woman and nothing like his first wife? Or will she live forever in a dead woman's shadow?

"Linda Broday's heroes step right out of her books and into your heart."—Jodi Thomas, New York Times bestselling author An outlaw falls for his mysterious mail order bride in this sweeping western epic by beloved author Linda Broday. Accused of crimes he didn't commit, ex-preacher Ridge Steele is forced to give up everything he knew and make his home with outlaws. Desperate for someone to confide in, he strikes up correspondence with mail-order bride Adeline Jancy, finding in her the open heart he's been searching for. Upon her arrival, Ridge discovers Addie only communicates through the written word, but he knows a little of what trauma can do to a person and vows to stand by her side. Addie is eager to start a new life with the kind ex-preacher and the little boy she's stolen away from her father—a zealot priest of a terrorized flock. As her small family settles into life at Hope's Crossing, she even begins to find the voice, and confidence, she'd lost so long ago. But danger is not far behind, and her father will not be denied. While Addie desperately fights the man who destroyed her childhood, a determined Ridge races to the rescue. The star-crossed lovers will need more than prayers to survive this final challenge...and find their way back to each other again.

Hannah Wentworth, who is newly widowed, pregnant, and alone in the Wyoming wilderness, agrees to marry Flint Creed, a bitter man who is in desperate need of a wife, and together they face the dangers of the frontier.

Big Sky Brides Find a Family—and Love—This Christmas Christmas Hearts by Jillian Hart Thirteen-year-old Amelia longs for a new ma. Little George needs a father's guidance. For their children's sake, Cole Matheson and Mercy Jacobs agree on a businesslike marriage. But though Cole tries to keep his distance, Mercy offers the very thing he's stopped believing in—the chance to forge a real family. Mistletoe Kiss in Dry Creek by Janet Tronstad "Passable cook wanted as wife. Marriage in name only." Noah Miller doesn't expect any replies to his plainspoken ad, though it's the only kind of offer the guarded rancher's prepared to make. Until widowed Maeve Flanagan and her sweet daughter arrive, turning his home and his heart upside down....

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so when Hannah Granger's little sister takes off for Oregon with a group of mail-order brides to meet her new husband, Hannah has no choice but to follow. She expects her sister to find trouble, and she does. But what Hannah doesn't expect is to fall for the hired gun traveling with the wagon train as they make their way along the treacherous Oregon Trail. The bounty hunter is tall, dark and dangerous, everything she's avoided her entire life. But when she begins to suspect criminals are riding just four wagons back, she'll do just about anything to convince him to listen...and to protect her fragile younger sister from the truth about what this trip is costing them both. The only thing bounty hunter Joe Stanton wants is to avoid trouble. He's tagging along on this trip to the Oregon Territory to put a little extra cash in his pocket and take a break from the hunt. The only woman he ever loved broke his heart and his last bounty cost an innocent man his life. Joe's had enough blood, death and betrayal to last a lifetime. So why, then, does he make Hannah's secrets his own? Why does he lie to protect her? And why does the stubborn woman's dogged attempts to help him track down criminals drive him insane with worry. Maybe because he's falling for the red-headed beauty. Maybe because if he doesn't keep her close, they'll both end up dead.

A mail order bride. A scarred settler. Will love stake its claim or send them packing? Angela Frank is tired of teaching other people's children. Her job is a constant reminder that she has no family of her own and no prospects for a hometown husband. When she spies a mail order bride advertisement, she dreams of a life where her deformities are overlooked by a strapping Omaha frontiersman. She decides to

risk everything for her last chance at a family... Sep Wilson carries scars from a troubled past. And while he's not the marrying type, when he hears that an unscrupulous local is running a shady mail order bride scheme, he can't help but intervene. But he never expected his good deed to end with him married to the mysterious Angela... The two outcasts may have finally found someone who can help them heal their past. But in uncharted territory, the chance for love may not be enough to keep them safe... The Bride Price is the first book in a series of high-spirited mail order bride Western romances. If you like fiery chemistry with a tender touch, gritty frontier settings, and unconventional heroes, then you'll love Ruth Ann Nordin's tale of love. Buy The Bride Price to journey to the heart's unmapped territory today!

Lane Haskins and Spur Drews are stunned by their new bride. A gun toting, foul language spewing redhead is not what they expected. But they don't mind the little wildcat. In fact, they love her instantly.

One look into his piercing blue eyes, and I knew there was no way I could ever say no to Carl Ward. I wasn't sure he could help me, but more than anything, I wanted to see him again. "Oh, Mr. Ward," I said. "Nothing would please me more." Chastity Lilly is no flapper. In 1920s New York, she's determined to find a career as a teacher so she can support her family upstate. But one thing leads to another, and the company she keeps in the big city leads her down a very different path than the one she sought. When she helps a handsome rancher in town looking for his own errant sister, can she turn her act around? Will she take his offer of a teaching position in Wedlock, Montana and make a brand new start? And if she does, can she--and the rancher--leave the past behind to forge a new future together? Not if the rancher's sister has her way. This is a sweet historical Western romance. There are no PG-13 or R-rated scenes.

A Wild West wedding! Thomas Greenwood expected his mail-order bride to be plain and pregnant—not a willow-slim beauty! She's clearly no practical farmer's wife, but she's his chance finally to have a loving family... Runaway heiress Charlotte Fairfax fled the possibility of a forced marriage, yet now, assuming a stolen identity, she's wed to a stranger the moment she steps off the train! She plans to stay only until it's safe to leave. Except marriage to kindhearted Thomas is far more complicated—and pleasurable—than she ever imagined!

Shannon McMurphy travels to Asherville, Texas as a mail order bride expecting to marry a rancher. Instead, her intended is a saloonkeeper. Her refusal to marry enrages John Hardy and he slices her cheek with a knife so no other man would want her. She runs into the street and no one helps her until blond, blue eyed Cinders rescues her. Sexy, rancher Cinders saves Shannon and offers her a job. To protect her reputation he must marry her. They both agree it's a marriage of convenience. He admires her spunk and willingness to learn everything about surviving the Texas frontier. He waits for her to ask to go home but she never does. They learn a lot about each other through, stolen horses, Indian troubles, a cattle drive and the busybodies of the town. Their attraction for each other grows, but can they learn to trust enough to love? Join me in Asherville, Texas and see how this love story unfolds.

Willow Adams has been left with no choice. She's run away from home and straight to a mail-order bride agency. She has no idea what to expect, but never in her wildest dreams did she anticipate him. Dane York needs a marriage of convenience. He doesn't have time to date, but he needs to have a certain image for his company, and some things are expected. Everything is perfectly planned out... That is, until he lays eyes on his new bride. Warning: This classic trope is made to order with an obsessed billionaire and an innocent blushing bride. Grab your cozy socks and cuddle up with this ridiculously sweet novella.

Nicole Wescott had many secrets and became a mail-order bride to escape them. Little did she know she'd run into a monster worse than any she'd faced before. Michael Talbot had his world shattered when his fiancée married another. Now he's sworn off women, but the weeping of the woman in the stable had him changing his mind and marrying her the same day he found her. Michael and Nicole must learn to trust each other even as danger and a killer stalks them. Can trust turn to love?

"Melissa Jagears is a stand-out talent! Her fresh new voice is strong, stylish, and makes A Bride for Keeps a page-turner for anyone who fancies a stirring love story." -Rosslyn Elliot, author of Fairer Than Morning and Sweeter Than Birdsong "A Bride for Keeps treats readers to an engaging, prairie romance...delivering a heartwarming, satisfying read." -Maggie Brendan, CBA bestselling author of The Heart of the West and The Blue Willow Brides series. "Melissa Jagears has penned a tender tale of a mail-order bride who takes both the groom--and herself--by surprise when love comes softly...quietly... to heal their broken hearts." -Julie Lessman, author of Love at any Cost "A Bride for Keeps is just beautiful. It put me in mind of Janette Oke's sweet prairie romances but with a bit more edge, which I found compelling...I loved it." -Mary Connealy, author of Fired Up Everett Cline will never humiliate himself by seeking a mail-order bride. Not again. He's already been jilted by three mail-order brides and figures a wife just isn't in his future. However, a well-meaning neighbor hasn't given up on seeing him settled, so she goes behind his back to bring yet another woman to town for him. Julia Lockwood has never been anything more than a pretty pawn for her father or a business acquisition for her former fiance. A mail-order marriage in faraway Kansas is a last resort, but she'll do anything to leave her life in Massachusetts and the heartbreak she's experienced there. Although Everett doesn't see how a beautiful, cultured woman like Julia could be happy sharing his simple life, he could really use a helpmate on his homestead. Determined to prove she's more than just a pretty face, Julia agrees to a marriage in name only. Faced with the harsh realities of life on the prairie and hesitant to explore the tentative feelings growing between them, can Everett and Julia ever let each other in long enough to fall in love?

Making Sense of Women's Lives presents a wide range of writings about women's lives in the United States. Michele Plott and Lauri Umansky have drawn on their experiences as both students and professors to assemble the collection. Seeking to provide as full a sampling from a diverse and intellectually vibrant field as one volume permits, the editors have also chosen writing that makes an enjoyable read. A few of the selections here represent the undisputed 'classics' of the field. More of them constitute simply the works, drawn from academic and nonacademic sources alike, that could make a difference in understanding what it means to be female in America. Making Sense of Women's Lives is intended as the primary text in Women's Studies courses. With that usage in mind, Plott and Umansky have provided brief introductions to each article to help students understand the author's perspectives. Thought and discussion questions follow each selection. The book contains, as well, numerous "Flash Exercises" suggestions for class exercises and activities. The editors have used these activities in their courses over the past decade, in conjunction with readings in this volume, and have found that the full complement of materials coalesces into an intellectually powerful introduction to Women's Studies. A Collegiate Press book

"Beautifully written, enduring stories of love."—JODI THOMAS, New York Times bestselling author When the West was wild And man's law favored the few These extraordinary women could be found... ...in the heart of an outlaw. He may be a wanted man, but all outlaw Jack Bowdre ever desired was a second chance. Now he's on his way to jail, completely unaware that his

unexpected—and unexpectedly beautiful—traveling companion is none other than Nora Kane...his mail order bride. It's too bad Nora doesn't know Jack is her groom-to-be. All she sees is a scoundrel. But when their stagecoach crashes and the truth comes spilling out, they're suddenly left to fend for themselves—and each other. The longer they're together, the stronger their feelings grow. Hounded by desperate men bent on doing them harm, Nora and Jack will do whatever it takes to find their happily ever after...but first, they'll have to shake the devil from their trail. Outlaw Mail Order Brides series: The Outlaw's Mail Order Bride (Book 1) Saving the Mail Order Bride (Book 2) What People Are Saying About Linda Broday: "Fans of classic Western tales will delight in the rough-and-tumble world Broday creates..." —RT Book Reviews for To Love a Texas Ranger "A shining example of the talent of one of the best historical western authors."—Fresh Fiction for Forever His Texas Bride "Broday's Westerns always captivate with realistic settings, rugged cowboys and feisty heroines."—RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars for Forever His Texas Bride

HE MAY BE HER ONLY HOPE. SHE MAY BE HIS LAST CHANCE. Miranda Wentworth never imagined becoming a mail-order bride. Now marriage to a stranger is her only hope of finding a home where she and her two younger brothers can escape the brutality of the Chicago orphanage where they live. With any luck, she can even start a family of her own, once the three of them are settled at Jacob Creed's Texas ranch. But Miranda has one gigantic concern: Her husband-to-be knows nothing about the brothers she's bringing along. What if he calls off the deal when he discovers the trick she's played on him? Jake Creed is hanging on to his Texas ranch by his fingernails. His nemesis, Alexander Blackthorne, is determined to ruin him. Jake will never give up, but he's in desperate trouble. His wife died six months ago in childbirth, along with their stillborn son, and his two-year-old daughter needs a mother. The advertisement Jake wrote never mentioned his daughter—or the fact that he has no intention of consummating his marriage. He's determined never to subject another wife to the burden of pregnancy. But Jake doesn't count on finding his bride so desirable. He doesn't count on aching with need when she joins him in bed. And he never suspected his bride would have plans of her own to seduce him. This ebook edition contains an excerpt from Blackthorne's Bride. The passionate Westerns in Joan Johnston's Bitter Creek series can be enjoyed together or separately, in any order: TEXAS BRIDE • WYOMING BRIDE • MONTANA BRIDE • SINFUL • SHAMELESS • BLACKTHORNE'S BRIDE • SULLIVAN'S PROMISE

Lydia Granger thought she left a life of struggle and poverty behind. As a mail-order bride on her way to Oregon City, a secure future is assured. But when the wagon train arrives in Oregon City, she discovers her fiancé is dead and her dream of a safe future is shattered. Moments after her dream is stolen from her, a gift arrives. Her wealthy fiancé left her everything he had. Life for Lydia should be easy, but the truth is much darker and more terrifying than she could imagine, for her fiancé's death was no accident, and the man who took his life wants everything, all the dead man's riches. Detective Max Caldwell lost his wife to a brutal killer, a man who will stop at nothing to take what he wants from the world. He killed in Chicago. He killed in Oregon. It's only a matter of time before he strikes again. Max seeks not only justice, but vengeance for his wife's death and has no qualms about asking the innocent Lydia to help him hunt for her fiancé's murderer. Because Lydia, and her inheritance, are the bait Max will use to lure evil into the light. Too late he realizes Lydia, with her soft heart, beautiful smile, and collection of rescued animals is not only powerful enough to take down a killer, but she just might melt the ice around his heart.

When Phoebe Durbin answers a mail-order bride ad, she doesn't realize the groom-to-be didn't post it. Worse, the day she arrives at her destination, she learns he doesn't even want to get married. Having nowhere else to go, she convinces him to give her a chance to prove having a woman cook and clean for him will be the best thing that ever happened to him. Abe Thomas reluctantly agrees to take Phoebe in, though he doubts they will make a good match. They're much too different. While she sees the best in things, he knows the world is much darker than she can ever imagine. No woman in her right mind would be his convenient wife. He's sure when the stagecoach comes back to town, she'll be the first one on it. After all, two people so completely different can't make a good match, can they?

Ben Hastings decides it is time to settle down with a wife and places an ad in the newspaper. Summer Alexander was a school teacher who was fleeing from a corrupt man who wanted her for himself. Happiness and someone to love is what this pair is after. This book is set in the 1850's Montana.

"Linda Broday's heroes step right out of her books and into your heart." —Jodi Thomas, New York Times bestselling author When the West was wild and man's law favored the few, these extraordinary women could be found...in the heart of an outlaw. When three young children show up on outlaw Tait Trinity's doorstep, he knows he can't help them—a wanted man has no business raising kids. And yet he can't bring himself to turn them away. At a loss, he sends for the mail order bride he'd been writing to, hoping the demure dressmaker will be the answer to his prayers. Melanie Dunbar is nothing like the bride Tait was expecting. She's rough and tumble...and hiding an ulterior motive. Dangerous men have taken her sister hostage, and if Melanie wants to see her alive, she'll have to betray her new husband. There's only one problem—the more time she spends with Tait, the more she comes to care for him. Yet as the noose begins to tighten, Melanie will have to make a terrible choice: save her sister...or the man she loves. Outlaw Mail Order Brides series: The Outlaw's Mail Order Bride (Book 1) Saving the Mail Order Bride (Book 2) The Mail Order Bride's Secret (Book 3) Praise for Linda Broday: "Linda Broday, who epitomizes the classic western author... once again captivates us with her storytelling." —Fresh Fiction for Twice a Texas Bride "Fun and sensual...great for fans of history, romance, and some good old Texas grit." —Kirkus Reviews for Texas Redemption "The exciting plot, rich setting, and superb writing will delight fans of historical romances." —Publishers Weekly STARRED REVIEW for The Heart of a Texas Cowboy "Outstanding...an unforgettable journey through the Old West." —Booklist STARRED REVIEW for To Marry a Texas Outlaw

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