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Mail Order Bride: Mary's Secret (Nurses Of The Civil War Book 1)



Synopsis

Read This Clean Historical Western Romance For FREE With Kindle Unlimited Bonus! Includes A Collection Of Over 25 Sweet Mail Order Bride Stories From Bestselling Authors Faith-Ann Smith and Charity Phillips.

Boston, Massachusetts ~ 1869

"I have spoken to your uncle, and with his blessing, I would like for you to become my wife."

This was not how Mary Kenleigh envisioned receiving a marriage proposal. No words of love. Of course there weren't; she and Mr. Wendell were barely more than acquaintances. To him, she was nothing more than a pretty face with a sizable dowry. What more could she expect from a man contracted by her despicably-selfish uncle?

Since returning to her uncle's home after volunteering as a nurse during the Civil War, Mary had rejected numerous suitors, but finally, she was given an ultimatum: she would either marry Mr. Wendell--the infamous rake--or find herself homeless and without a penny to her name. Brave and quick-thinking, Mary decides to respond to an advertisement for a mail order bride, but surely, no sensible gentleman would care to wed an already-betrothed woman. Out of sheer desperation, Mary is forced to concoct an entirely different persona for herself through her letters to Caleb Knight. But how long can Mary keep up her pretenses before the truth finds its way to the surface?

This is the first book of the Nurses Of The Civil War series. Each book within the series is a STANDALONE clean historical mail order bride romance story with a HEA and may be read in any order.

Book 1: Mail Order Bride: Mary's Secret

Book 2: Mail Order Bride: Annika's Courage

Book 3: Mail Order Bride: Grace's Second Chance

Book 4: Mail Order Bride: Cate's Change Of Heart

Perfect for fans of the following genres: Mail Order Bride, Clean Romance, Western Romance, Historical Western Romance, Christian Romance, Clean and Wholesome Romance, Victorian Romance, Inspirational Romance, American Historical Brides Series, Frontier Romance, Pioneer Romance

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Customer Reviews

Mary was a nurse during the Civil War. She had been nursing in the family home which had been a boarding home prior to the war. Her parents died, leaving her an orphan and in the care of her uncle. She became a mail order bride, traveling to San Francisco to meet Caleb and his son Adam. The collection is of several stories of mail order brides after the Civil War when the number of eligible men was small. Some of the stories were well written and interesting, others were confusing, short, and difficult to follow. I received this free for an honest review.

I really enjoyed this story of Mary and Caleb. I liked how their relationship evolved and love stories of the civil war era. I loved that Mary was a nurse that helped out the soldiers.

Could have been a brilliant story. The build up is intriguing. But the story is rushed. Just when you are starting to enjoy it the story ends.

Weakly written farce of a story. The short stories were vacuous and unbelievable. Sorry I wasted my money.

Let me start by saying I received this ARC for review consideration but it in no way colors the review I am giving. I really enjoyed reading about Mary and Caleb. Mary decided she couldn't tell Caleb her real name and past when she responded to his ad for a mail order bride so made up a name and profession. But she soon found out she wasn't the only one keeping secrets. Caleb didn't really want a wife, he needed someone to care for his son. But neither can deny their attraction for one another and before long her secret comes out when she is put in the position of having to nurse

Caleb. The memories she tried so hard to suppress come rushing back when she realizes he was a part of her past she was trying to forget. As with each of Faith Ann Smith's books, this is a clean enjoyable read.

this is a lovely story that touches your heart in so many ways. at times it moved me to tears and at times i wanted to strangle some of the characters. there are brave people in this good long tale. this is a story to get your teeth into- not a quick short story that is over before it has got your attention. i received this arc for review consideration. i love the historical detail and it has been well proof-read too. i was very sorry when i had finished my book and hope very much that faith-ann will treat us to a follow-up of may and caleb's life together or at least bring them into another of her wonderful stories.

I cannot say when I have seen a book cover less related to the story than this fiasco. Every time it appears on my Kindle's special offer, I get annoyed. It appeared today, and so I must write. Civil War nurse? I don't think so. St. Ermengarde, Virgin Martyr? Yessss! The model's pose so closely resembles a saint card given out by one's sixth grade teacher, Sister Phillipa, that all that is needed to complete it is the light source to move behind the model's head to better resemble a halo. It may be a sweet story, but the cover is saccharine and hardly one to induce me to read it..

I very much enjoyed this story, it was a different take on the usual mail order bride stories. It never stopped, I was hoping that what finally happened would happen (no spoilers here!!) and I was delighted to see that it did. Short enough that I was able to read it in one sitting and still get some sleep, lol. I hope this author has many more mail order bride stories in her future, they are a delight to read. I received this ARC for review consideration and would like to thank the Publishing crew for the opportunity to read another fine book.

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