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The Blacksmith's Mail Order Bride: A Sweet Western Historical Romance (Wild West Frontier Brides Book 5)



Synopsis

Olivia Blanchard is left homeless and destitute when a sudden fire at her ranch takes everything. Joe Stanton, the town blacksmith, has been under increasing pressure to marry the woman his overbearing mother and aunt have chosen for him. He'd rather find his own wife, and decides that a mail-order bride sounds like a better option. When he sees beautiful Olivia, covered in dirt and soot, and understands her situation, marriage seems like the perfect solution for both of them. His mother however, does not agree, and Olivia can't seem to please her, no matter how hard she tries. Can they find a way to make things work?

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Customer Reviews

A widow with two sons in Tombstone, AZ forbids guns in the blacksmith shop. One son marries a woman in a wheelchair and the bitter woman won't speak to either of them. The second son meets a woman and the mother is incensed. A story of anger and control gone wrong. Strong women were needed to settle the west and this woman ran a ranch by herself, a strong, independent woman. For those who enjoy the mail order bride stories. I received this story free in exchange for an honest review.

What a fantastic book! It was very hard to put down, took you on wild adventures of twists and turns! A very sweet clean love story also. :) Cindy is a wonderful author, nail biting at times then a smile of tenderness. She has such a great way of telling a story, this will not disappoint!! really loved this book! I have read many of her books before and I have enjoyed them all! :)

Ms. Caldwell looks at the west from the women's side. We all know the journey was hard, but there was love & happiness also. If not, we wouldn't be here today. You will care about the characters. I hope you read the series in order to see the growth residents and this community.

Another great read from Cindy Caldwell and continuation of the saga that is Tombstone. I am so glad that the blacksmiths of Tombstone found their loves. Truly amazing men in these truly amazing stories. 'TM 'TM

This story gripped my heartstrings and would not let me go, it was amazing! Olivia and Joe are terrific characters with so much life to them. Olivia has been running her Father's ranch ever since her father passed away. She does not get into town much, and prefers it that way, she stays on her ranch and protects her family's property. Joe and his brother Will own and operate the local blacksmith shop in Tombstone. Ever since Will has gotten married, Joe spends his days avoiding his annoying mother and cousins, who think themselves better than others and have no problem putting people down. All Joe wants is to avoid the drama of his mother, but she is very persistent in finding him a wife who she approves of, but her idea of a good wife is the opposite of Joe's. He has not intentions of marrying but if he did, he would want someone nice and down to earth, not snooty and screechy. He is not being forced to find a wife, and quick, before his mother forces him to marry someone he cannot stand. When danger and devastation comes to Olivia's ranch, she will be forced to find a new way to live, and a new life. When Joe proposes marriage between them, it seems all will work out for her, but will her Mother in Law ever accept her? Will this nasty woman succeed in tearing Joe and Olivia apart, or can they overcome the hostility to find love with each other? I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Olivia lives on a remote ranch alone except for one elderly ranch hand that had been hired by her Pa long ago. Since the deaths of her parents, she is on her own. She has pork in the smokehouse to sell and that is the extent of her income. I loved her strength and endurance in carving out a life and meeting problems head-on. Tombstone is hours away and she rarely makes that trip except

when it is time to sell her meats. Joe, the blacksmith, works hard and has personal situations at home that keep him busy. This storyline is wonderful as it depicts the life of early times in Tombstone, Arizona, and how lives are changed daily. With Carol and her new husband Will, now married and happy, Joe feels the pull to make some changes in his life but not the person his mother has chosen. You will laugh as well as feel the heartache when the seniors in the town try to run the lives of the young men and women. It's an enjoyable story and can be read by anyone.

Really good premise for a story, but it was much too slow. Olivia and Joe don't even interact until 20% of the book has passed, and don't have more than a passing conversation until 45%. There were also so many glaring errors that it became very distracting (words repeated, he for she, and missing words are a few examples). I liked the character of Olivia - she was very strong and resilient. Joe was kind and helpful, but he was too timid for my tastes. Any man who won't stand up to his mother for his wife is not enough of a man in my book. I wish he would have been a much stronger character. Both he and Will just avoided their mother and any confrontation with her - I felt sorry for their wives. I was hoping this series would be one that I'd go back and read everyone's story, but I will reconsider due to the incredibly slow pace.

Stanton & Sons Blacksmith originally owned by the Father who died in an accident. Taken over the two sons Will & Joe. Will married Carol who couldn't walk. His mother refused to acknowledge them or speak to them. Joe & Will met Olivia Blanchard owner of the Double Barrel Ranch, when a man was giving her a hard time in front of the Mercantile & they got him to leave her alone. Olivia's farm raised hogs & was preparing to sell this years pork & bacon to the Mercantile. The only help at the ranch since Dad died was an older man named Percy. One here trip back to the farm it was on fire. First the smokehouse then the main house. She able to save almost nothing. She went to Tombstone not knowing what to do now she had no where to go. Joe helps her to wait at the livery for an assistant & they get talk even though she's covered in soot. Joe was being pushed to marry a woman his Mother & Aunt chose. At the Mercantile Joe over hears them suggesting to Olivia to be come a mail order bride, which Joe was also thinking about posting an ad. He ends up asking Olivia to marry him & she says yes. They ended up married right there. This causes his Mother to not speak or look at Olivia. This is very hard for her. The Mother's Sister was just as bad if not worse. Olivia finally realizes someone stole the pork, bacon & all the tools. Then set the fire. Will she find Percy who is missing & who the thieves were? And will her love grown for Joe. So much more happens in this book. It's an excellent read.

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