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# The Bride S Trunk A Story Of War And Reconciliati

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*The Reluctant Brides Collection* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Three sweet historical romance stories set in 1873. Darcie Desires a Drover, Book 7 Darcie Robbins fled St. Louis to protect her two children from their bad father. Now divorced, she's temporarily working on the Bar E Ranch in central Kansas. She needs a permanent job—or a trustworthy husband—to help provide for her family. Reuben Shepard went home to his family in New York after the Civil War, to find his wife had declared him dead—so she could wed another. In shock, Reuben didn't contest her claim and wandered south, spending years as a cattle drover on western trails until

settling down to work on the Bar E Ranch. Spending time with Darcie's toddler, Tate, makes Reuben miss his own son, Gabe. Reuben travels to New York, hoping to visit his son, and ends up bringing Gabe back to the Kansas because the boy's step-father had just died. When Reuben proposes marriage to Darcie for their children's sake, the couple falls in love as they learn to trust and support each other while planning for their future. But their wedding is stalled when Reuben's former wife arrives, stating she and Reuben are still married. What's the truth and what's best for the children is their concern now instead of a wedding date. How can they clear their past, so

they can have a future together? Tina Tracks a Trail Boss, Book 8 Widowed Tina Martin and her two young children were moving from Texas to her brother's place in Kansas, when their train wrecks near Austin. Suddenly, Tina, soon to be a mother for the third time, loses her children, and is severely injured. Leif Hamner lost his wife and son in childbirth last year when they were returning home to Texas after driving cattle up to Kansas. He's back alone in Texas, until finding a tiny newborn baby hidden in the back of his wagon. This sets off a chain of emotions and events as Leif hunts for the infant's mother—the injured Tina—and nurses them back to health. Acts of

fate put the two damaged souls together, healing deep wounds as they travel north to join their families in Kansas. But his family has secrets which could ruin their tender love. Can Tina and Leif weather the conflicts, or will they be torn apart? Lorna Loves a Lawyer, Book 9 Lorna Jantz left Boston looking for adventure, signing up as a mail-order bride for a rich Kansas rancher. But, the groom only becomes rich after taking off with her money, after their twenty-four-hour marriage. Which left Lorna in a pickle, stuck in a small town with no money, no home and a growing belly. Lyle Elison was one of Boston's worst, a spoiled, rich merchant's son, until

enforced time on the family's Kansas ranch made him see his purpose in life. After training in Boston, he's back in Clear Creek, Kansas, as the town's new lawyer.

Backgrounds make Lorna and Lyle connect, but time spent together makes them good friends, willing to help each other face their respective problems. Lorna needs help tracking down the louse who stole her money and left her in a family way. Lyle needs to be married by his birthday to receive his inheritance from his grandfather's Will. In between their capers, each fall in love with the other, secretly wishing they could confess their love and be together forever. But first, they must

find Lorna's wayward husband before Lyle's birthday. Next read Book 10 Helen Heals a Hotelier (Helen and Ethan)

**A Trunk Full of Dreams** Thomas Nelson

War is coming. The Maji has sent his brides to lay claim to the land in his name. His power grows stronger as his fingers stretch out to cities near and far, adding immeasurable numbers to his forces. Innocents are slain. Alice Warde, Kayl'sro of the Agrodien, must fight the urge to intervene, allowing countless to suffer, as she builds the bond needed to sustain the power of her new sisters. But this is just one of the many sacrifices needed if any hope of victory is possible in this time of

darkness. The Four have awakened. Life. Death. Earth. Sky. Three have united. The other seeks dominion. Only together can they restore order. The Brides of Woodmyst is the seventh book of The Woodmyst Chronicles. It is the continuing story of Alice Warde and her journey as a young girl coming of age, a leader of a lost people, a fierce warrior and a prime sorceress with more power than even she can imagine. *Heirloom Brides* Barbour Publishing Head to Mississippi in a 3-in-1 collection of historical romances. . . . Alexandra Lewis's life no longer makes sense. After her father's death in a shootout, she feels pressure to carry out her duty to her family

and wed, regardless of love. Abigail LeGrand won't be hindered by marriage. Until she catches the eye of an itinerate preacher. Caroline Pierce never dreamed someone like Luke Talbot would propose. But the promise of marital bliss quickly turns to civil strife as they disagree on everything from slavery to faith. Can God change hearts before love drifts away with the river? *A Bride for Keeps (Unexpected Brides Book #1)* Barbour Publishing Four magical medieval romances set in Scotland from the "Queen of Medieval Romance", in which true love wins the day against the immortal Fae. In *The Renegade's Heart*, Isabella is captivated by the

knight who arrives at Kinfairlie to challenge her brother, little realizing that Murdoch has been chosen by the Fae queen to be her prize. Murdoch knows himself to be doomed so takes on the quest of avenging his family before he succumbs to the Fae charm, never realizing that intrepid Isabella holds the key to his release- and his barricaded heart. In *The Highlander's Curse*, Garrett is captivated by shy Annelise, the sole woman whose touch eases the torment of his Fae curse. Awakened by his touch, Annelise resolves to save the highlander she loves from enemies who would destroy him for their own gain - no matter what the price.

In *The Frost Maiden's Kiss*, Malcolm returns home from his years abroad, wanting only to rebuild his family holding of Ravensmuir. Tormented by his choices, he sees little value in his life and trades it away, only to meet a pregnant serving woman who gives new purpose to his days and nights. Can Catriona save this wounded warrior from being the Fae's mortal tithe to Hell - or will she lose the man who has claimed her heart? In *The Warrior's Prize*, a bold maiden challenges a mercenary to change his life for the better, but when he takes her dare, Rafael both wins her love and puts himself in dire peril. Elizabeth fears her valiant warrior to be dead and surrenders

herself to Fae captivity rather than live without him. Can Rafael save his beloved and seal the portal to the realm of the Fae forever? This digital bundle includes all four medieval Scottish romances in The True Love Brides series: The Renegade's Heart, The Highlander's Curse, The Frost Maiden's Kiss and The Warrior's Prize. \* \* \* Claire has written numerous books featuring the Lammergeier family and set in her fictional medieval Scottish realm of Ravensmuir, Kinfairlie and Ravensmuir. You can read all the books in order, or read each series in order. A. The Rogues of Ravensmuir The first trilogy. It all begins with Merlyn at Ravensmuir... 1. The Rogue - Merlyn and

Ysabella's second chance romance 2. The Scoundrel - Gawain (Merlyn's brother) and Evangeline's mistaken identity/disguise romance. 3. The Warrior - Michael (the Hawk of Inverfyre and son of Gawain and Evangeline) and Aileen's marriage of convenience and second chance romance B. The Jewels of Kinfairlie This series tells the stories of the children of Roland, the younger son of Merlyn and Ysabella. There are eight children, and they appear briefly at the end of The Warrior. 1. The Beauty Bride - Madeline and Rhys' marriage of (in)convenience romance 2. The Rose Red Bride - Vivienne and Erik's mistaken identity and marriage of (in)convenience

romance 3. The Snow White Bride - Alexander and Eleanor's marriage of convenience Christmas romance 4. The Ballad of Rosamunde - a short story featuring Rosamunde (the pirate queen) and Padraig and a friends-to-lovers romance. The True Love Brides This series follows the next four siblings and features a battle against the Fae for the hearts of those from Kinfairlie. 1. The Renegade's Heart - Isabella and Murdoch's forbidden love and protector romance 2. The Highlander's Curse - Annelise and Garrett's outcast and protector romance 3. The Frost Maiden's Kiss - Malcolm and Catriona's protector and marriage of convenience romance 4. The Warrior's Prize -

Elizabeth and Rafael's protector, forbidden love, and outcast romance The Brides of Inverfyre This series (in progress) takes us into the Highlands to Inverfyre for the story of Ross, the eighth sibling, as well as the stories of the children of the Hawk and Aileen. 1. The Mercenary's Bride - Mhairi and Quentin's second chance Christmas romance 2. The Runaway Bride - Ross and Aiofe's runaway bride, protector and forbidden love romance. You can download free family trees from Claire's website, right here: <https://delacroix.net/ravensmuir/family-trees/> \* \* \* medieval, Scottish, suspense, intrigue, Fae, cursed hero, protector,



runaway bride,  
pregnant heroine,  
knight, mercenary,  
forbidden love, class  
war, friends to lovers,  
marriage of  
convenience  
*The Bride's Trunk*  
Indigo Road Publishing  
Three complete novels  
from Tricia Goyer are  
now available in a low-  
priced, one-volume e-  
collection! Every year,  
30-40 young Amish  
men descend on the  
cozy little town of West  
Kootenai, Montana,  
arriving in the spring to  
live there for six  
months and receive  
“resident” status for  
the hunting season in  
the fall. They arrive as  
bachelors but go home  
with brides! The  
Memory Jar Sarah  
Shelter has lived in  
West Kootenai for the  
last ten years and  
wonders if she will ever  
fall in love. Since the

tragic death of her best  
friend, she carries her  
memories in a jar along  
with the small items  
connected to them.  
Now she’s met a kind  
and gentle man who  
may be able to break  
down the wall. But can  
Sarah risk her heart to  
finally achieve her  
dreams? The Promise  
Box Lydia Wyse, a  
book editor from  
Seattle who grew up  
Amish, returns to the  
small community of  
West Kootenai to give  
comfort to her father  
after her mother’s  
death. She is drawn  
back to the familiar  
Amish ways after  
finding her mother’s  
most precious  
possession, a Promise  
Box of prayers and  
Scripture. What her  
publisher sees, though,  
is an opportunity for a  
sensational “tell-all”  
book about the Amish.

Lydia soon finds herself falling in love with Amish bachelor Gideon Hooley. She wants nothing more than to forget her past and look forward to a future as an Amish bride. But will the pain of her childhood--and her potential betrayal of her community--keep her from committing her whole heart? The Kissing Bridge Rebecca had always strayed a little outside the fold, but nothing could have prepared her family for what she is about to do: abandon the community to attend nursing school. When she stops in West Kootenai, Rebecca finds a lot more in Montana than she had bargained for--namely a handsome working man named Caleb Hooley, who is at a crossroads of his own.

A daredevil bachelor with high standards, he has decided he'll never find an Amish woman who can quench his thirst for adventure. Until the arrival of the pretty Amish girl, fleeing her community in secret. But can this runaway find love with a risk-taker who has lost his faith in God? [Book Wedding Dress The Do's and Don'ts of Buying a Wedding Dress Guide and Planner](#) Barbour Publishing  
Follow a Swedish family's journey as they settle in Minnesota where each brother seeks a living—and wife. Gustaf is left to manage his brother's romantic mess. August considers courting his brother's castoff. Lowell and Ollie are both fascinated by the same

mysterious woman.  
Can a family's faith  
forge a new home and  
nurture love?  
The Royal Brides; Or,  
Sketches of Exalted  
Characters. A Novel  
Lulu.com  
Accompany three  
brothers from the hills  
of Scotland to the  
plains of Texas. Robert,  
a doctor; Duncan, a  
cobbler; and  
Christopher, a lawman  
set up shop in a small  
Texas town and quickly  
make the acquaintance  
of local women.  
Tragedy has struck  
Mercy Stein on the eve  
of her wedding, leaving  
her soul battered.  
Alone and crippled,  
Carmen Rodriguez  
wears a protective  
shell of bitterness.  
Harboring a secret,  
Kathryn Regent always  
seems to be getting in  
others way. Can gifts  
left by their father help

the brothers lead these  
women to healing  
faith?  
*Bagpipes, Brides and  
Homicides* Barbour  
Publishing  
1902 Gainesville,  
Texas Rosalind Kemp  
became a Harvey Girl  
five years ago to get  
away from Texas and  
the repercussions of a  
youthful indiscretion.  
When an unexpected  
assignment lands her  
in Gainesville, she  
hides behind fake  
spectacles and strict  
professionalism to  
discourage male  
attention. Yet not even  
a prudish disguise can  
dissuade local attorney  
Caleb Durrington from  
pursuing her. His  
gentle, persistent  
wooing tempts her to  
let down her guard, but  
when her secret is  
exposed, will Caleb  
turn away from her  
shame? Or will his love

give her the courage to finally face her greatest folly? More Than a Pretty Face is a sweet novella from historical romance author, Karen Witemeyer.

*The Bartered Bride*

Glynnis Campbell  
Lighthouses have long been the symbol of salvation, warning sailors away from dangerous rocks and shallow waters. Along the Great Lakes, America's inland seas, lighthouses played a vital role in the growth of the nation. They shepherded settlers traveling by water to places that had no roads. These beacons of light required constant tending even in remote and often dangerous places. Brave men and women battled the elements and loneliness to keep

the lights shining. Their sacrifice kept goods and immigrants moving. Seven romances set between 1883 and 1911 bring hope to these lonely keepers and love to weary hearts. Anna's Tower by Pegg Thomas 1883—Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Anna Wilson's plan to be the next lighthouse keeper is endangered when Maksim Ivanov is shipwrecked on Thunder Bay Island. Handsome and capable, he could steal her dream. Or provide a new one. Beneath a Michigan Moon by Candice Sue Patterson 1885—New Presque Isle Lighthouse Ava Ryan's father has passed, leaving her alone, and ill, to tend the light with nowhere else to go. Logging foreman Benjamin

Colfax needs the height of the lighthouse to determine the best cutting route, but he senses something amiss in Ava and her determination to remain reclusive. Can he get her to open up, or will she keep herself locked away? Safe Haven by Rebecca Jepson 1892—Old Mission Point Lighthouse Rose Miller was found on the lighthouse doorstep as an infant, and now she must hide her quest to find the child who left her there from Captain Nathan Perry, the man she loves to hate. Love's Beacon by Carrie Fancett Pagels 1898—Round Island Lighthouse Valerie Fillman's best hope for a future lies on the tiny island that holds her worst memories. Can

Paul Sholtus, the new lightkeeper, and his daughter help bring healing? And love? The Last Memory by Kathleen Rouser 1899—Mackinac Point Lighthouse Natalie Brooks loses her past to amnesia, and Cal Waterson, the lighthouse keeper who rescues her, didn't bargain on risking his heart—when her past might change everything. The Disappearing Ship by Lena Nelson Dooley 1902—Whitefish Point Lighthouse Romance and mystery collide at Whitefish Point Lighthouse when unemployed doctor Norma Kimbell and Drake Logan, owner of a steamship line, search for evidence of a supposed shipwreck. The Wrong Survivor by Marilyn Turk 1911—Au

Sable Lighthouse Lydia Palmer's dream for happiness as a lighthouse keeper's wife shatters when her fiancé Nathan Drake drowned in a shipwreck, but his brother Jesse survived. Brides of Lehigh Canal Trilogy Barbour Publishing AI-FREE! 100% certified organic author-created content. No artificial intelligence was used in the making of this book. A very special collection of four holiday novellas set in the world of historical Scotland, spanning the centuries with yuletide cheer and heartwarming romance. Stories to snuggle up with on a cold winter's night! A YULETIDE KISS A half-Viking shieldmaiden has until Yuletide to

choose a bridegroom...or one will be chosen for her. A RIVENLOCH CHRISTMAS A medieval clan reunion turns into a desperate search for three missing lasses as impetuous and daring as their warrior mothers. THE HANDFASTING A French knight betrothed to a Highland heiress falls in love with his spirited bride, then realizes he's married the wrong sister. THE STOWAWAY A notorious Scottish rake, scuttled aboard a ship bound for America, has to rely on a spirited young botanist to restore his good name. Plus a free gift exclusively for you... SEASON'S SWEETINGS A book of Christmas cookie recipes from some of your favorite historical

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Three Historical  
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Author Wanda E.  
Brunstetter Relive  
bygone canal days with  
the Brides of Lehigh  
Canal! For artistic  
Kelly, life is a daily  
drudge of driving her  
father's mules along  
the canal. Can a  
general store owner  
prove he's not like  
Kelly's father and just  
right for her? Betsy  
reluctantly returns to  
small-town Walnutport,  
Pennsylvania, only to  
butt heads with the  
new pastor. Will the

two find enough  
common ground to  
stand on—and build  
new love? Widow Sarah  
dreams of a life  
without locks and  
gates. But when a  
canal captain and a  
blacksmith both vie for  
her affection, will her  
heart or mind prevail?  
*The Spanish Rose (The  
Reckless Brides, Book  
1)* Barbour Publishing  
“Fans of Scottish lore  
or bookstore mysteries  
like Lorna Barrett's and  
Carolyn Hart's will  
enjoy this  
one.”—Booklist Thanks  
to the Western Maine  
Highland Games,  
Moosetookalook,  
Maine, has never seen  
so many bare legs  
walking its streets. But  
instead of wondering  
who'll win the hammer  
throw, everyone's  
asking who got kilt.  
Especially Liss  
MacCrimmon, purveyor

of the town's Scottish Emporium, since it's also her wedding weekend. And nothing scotches up nuptial bliss like a dead body. But who'd go medieval on a professor, no matter how nutty? As much as Liss tries to keep her fingers out of the sleuthing cake, she finds herself again dead center of a Moosetookalook murder mystery. If Liss doesn't solve this one, and quick, she might never say "I do," let alone "'til death do us part"... "Filled with gems of Scottish history and culture, this intelligent entry will appeal to newcomers and established fans alike."—Publishers Weekly

**The Brides of the West Collection:**  
**Faith / June / Hope /**

**Glory / Ruth / Patience** Zondervan  
 Seven romance stories take you back to the building of the Erie Canal and the opening of the Midwest to greater development. Completed in 1825, the Erie Canal connected the Great Lakes to the Hudson River, and soon other states like Ohio created canals linking Lake Erie to the Ohio River. Suddenly the Midwest was open to migration, the harvesting of resources, and even tourism. Join seven couples who live through the rise of the canals and the problems the waterways brought to each community, including land grabs, disease, tourists, racism, and competition. Can these couples hang on to



their faith and develop love during times of intense change? The Way of a Child by Lauralee Bliss Little Falls, New York 1817 Widower David Marshall has no interest in selling his farm to the Erie Canal project presented by agent Ray O'Neil and his daughter Melanie. But his sons Matthew and Luke have taken a peculiar liking to Melanie. What the children reveal paves the way to a surprising future. Wedding of the Waters by Rita Gerlach Goshen Creek, New York. 1819 Charlotte Verger, a physician's niece, is unexpectedly reunited with her first and only love, Blaine McKenna. When word comes that the Erie Canal builders at the Montezuma Swamp, where Blaine is

working as a surveyor, are stricken with malaria, Charlotte risks a journey to reach him. Digging for Love by Ramona K. Cecil Rochester, New York 1822 For budding artist Emily Nichols, the coming Erie Canal brings dreams of leaving Rochester for the art markets of New York City. As he builds the canal, Irish laborer Seamus O'Grady is building his American dream in Rochester. When hearts meld, divergent dreams and old prejudices threaten burgeoning love. Return to Sweetwater Cove by Christina Miller Sweetwater Cove, New York, 1825 Reverend Josiah Wells travels to his hometown to pastor the church and make restitution for his youthful sins. Betsy Bennett wants to honor

her late husband's memory and make sure Sweetwater Cove never discovers the secret she shares with Josiah. Can they leave behind the past and find love beside still waters? Journey of the Heart by Johnnie Alexander Circleville, Ohio, early 1852  
 Charity Sinclair secretly writes abolitionist pamphlets while thwarting architect Tavish Dunbar's effort to redesign her father's post office, a hidden stop on the Underground Railroad. When a slave-hunter captures a runaway, Charity vows to rescue the fugitive. But can she trust Tavish with her secret. . .and with her heart? Pressing On by Rose Allen McCauley Zoar, Ohio, 1856 As a child,

Amanda Mack loved her life in Zoar, Ohio, where she was born to Separatists. Now an adult, she starts to chafe at its many restrictions. After meeting riverboat captain Daniel Jeremiah, they both must make decisions about their futures. Can she leave or will he convert or...? The Bridge Between Usby Sherri Wilson Johnson Albion, New York, 1859  
 John Hawkins steps back into Susannah Higley's life just in time to save it. Despite her father's longstanding disdain for John's family, can Susannah and John settle the family feud and save her father's struggling sawmill—and their chance for love? Or will the feud continue?

**THE BRIDES WORE SPURS** Barbour

Publishing  
Love Spans Three  
Generations of Settlers  
Under the majestic  
expanse of Montana  
sky, the timing seems  
right for romance in  
the town of  
Saddleback. In 1864,  
Delana Albright is  
eager to join her fiancé  
Dustin Friemont on the  
homestead he has  
been working for a  
year, but she arrives  
much earlier than  
expected. Will poor  
timing send her  
dreams in a new  
direction? Rosalind  
MacLean anticipates  
the arrival of the  
railroad in 1886 to  
bring new  
opportunities,  
adventure, and  
possible romance; but  
Ewan Gailbraith, a  
scout, precedes the  
line with subtle  
warnings. Will hidden  
dangers bring more

than Rosalind can  
bear? Nessa Gailbraith  
has dreamed of Isaac  
Freimont's proposal  
since childhood. So  
why, after careful  
planning and timing in  
the year 1916, does  
she refuse him when  
he asks and turn to  
another? When  
romance's timing  
becomes all wrong for  
these young women,  
how will they turn  
things around and reap  
a bountiful harvest of  
faith and love?

Refining Fire (Brides of  
Seattle Book #2)

Barbour Publishing  
From the High Seas to  
the English and  
Spanish courts, two  
enemies test the  
bounds of passion,  
love, and truth in  
Shirlee Busbee's The  
Spanish Rose.  
—Caribbean High Seas,  
1664— Gabriel  
Lancaster is her

family's bitterest enemy...and now he stands before her, his magnificent body in chains, captured by her brother. But the moment Maria Delgado's triumphant gaze reaches Gabriel's burning emerald eyes, a new war ignites. From lush Caribbean estates to desperate sea battles, all the way to the glittering English and Spanish courts, Maria and Gabriel rage against each other and the one truth their hearts cannot deny...a truth which only passion can set free.

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*The Erie Canal Brides Collection* AuthorHouse

COLORADO 1880 Jem Wheeler has always been a survivor. He just wants to make a fresh start in Colorado Springs after the loss of his wife. But then he happens upon a young mute woman being

sold off to the highest bidder. He wasn't looking for a mail-order bride. He wasn't looking to rescue anyone either. But desperate circumstances can drive a good man to do things he hadn't planned on doing... When Jem steps into Annie's life, she's not expecting anyone to save her. Mute from birth, she's just using all her wits to survive. All she's ever really wanted is a family of her own. For someone to see her. To look at her long enough to hear the things she can't say. Can Annie finally break through the silence to win Jem's heart? Sweet Historical Western Romance A Mail-Order Bride Novel Each book in The Brides Series can be read as a stand-alone

novel, but reading in order will provide a more complete reading experience. THE BRIDES SERIES The Unexpected Bride Sleigh Bells & Mistletoe The Bartered Bride Only the Heart Knows Excerpt Jem took the apple core from his daughter and passed her one of the remaining crackers with a piece of cheese on it. Mae munched that down and looked to him immediately for another, the last one. He gave it to her, then showed her his empty hands. She frowned. "More?" "No more," Jem said, and showed her his empty hands again, making a bigger gesture out of it, as if the little girl was accusing him of hiding some. If Annie weren't so intent on eating her share of cheese and

crackers she might have smiled at the sight of them, one of the most dangerous men she'd ever seen sitting side by side with that tiny little girl. They made quite a mismatched pair. Mae looked over at Annie, at the last cracker in her hand and the last bit of cheese. Annie gulped down the mouthful she was chewing. She looked down at the last of her meal and back at the little girl. To her shame, she didn't want to give up her last cracker. She could barely remember the last meal she'd eaten. "That's Annie's food," Jem admonished the little girl. "You've had yours." Mae bit her lip. She glanced down at her lap, then back at Annie again. I can share, Annie attempted

to tell Mae with her eyes alone. She snapped her cracker in half--simply unable to bear parting with the whole thing--and passed it across to the little girl. Mae took it and popped the whole thing in her mouth, making Annie smile. "Mae!" her father said. She looked at him wide-eyed, her mouth full of cracker. "Whaf dafdda?" she said, muffled, spraying a few cracker crumbs onto his trousers. He closed his eyes briefly and brushed them off. "You didn't have to give her any," he said to Annie, "but thanks." Annie grunted, her way of saying she didn't mind that much. She looked down quickly and finished her last bit of food. The crackers had been crispy and the cheese silky and

smooth. They'd tasted like heaven. "You must be thirsty," he said. "Do you mind sharing?" She shook her head and automatically lifted two fingers. "Two's no?" he asked. She nodded, pleased, and lifted one finger. She'd grown up sending signals through the floor of the Ruskins' house, one stomp for yes, two for no. It came natural as rain now. "And one's yes," he said, catching on quick. Annie drank deep when he passed her the flask of water, amazed he'd let her drink from it. She tried her best to pour it down her throat without touching her lips to the flask, so he wouldn't regret giving it to someone so dirty. She wished she could tell him thanks, but after Mae had her fill and he took his own

swallow, he was back under his hat, likely going over the events of the day. How he'd stuck himself with her. How he probably regretted even stepping off the train at the last stop. She couldn't say she blamed him. She hadn't much wanted to marry a stranger herself. \*\*\*

The Seven Brides for Seven Bachelors Collection Barbour Publishing

Ride along on five romantic adventures that play out on the great American frontier. Stubborn young women are determined to survive their great challenges—despite the men who try to help. Suzanne must save the ranch. Blanche learns to captain a riverboat.

Amanda pushes across the plains to Oregon. Deborah stands up to hostile enemies. Tildie must keep three children safe in the wilderness. Will these challenges be their undoing or the start of something wonderful?

**Goodness, Gracious!**

Twin Leaf Press

This collection bundles the entire 6 volumes of Lori Copeland's popular Brides of the West series together in one e-book, for a great value! #1 Faith Best-selling author Lori Copeland kicks off this historical Western series with this pleasing tale of mail-order brides set in 1872. When their pastor father dies suddenly, leaving little money, three sisters realize that they need to take drastic action to survive. Each

answers a newspaper ad soliciting Christian brides. Faith goes to Texas, where her intended, a well-to-do rancher named Nicholas Shepherd, seems to be having second thoughts. While her wedding is repeatedly postponed, Faith meets a local widower and decides to teach his blind son Braille. In time, Nicholas begins to realize that he may have lost Faith to another man. #2 June Lori Copeland continues her historical romance series, Brides of the West, with book 2, June. Mail-order bride June Kallahan arrives in Seattle from Michigan to discover that her intended, Eli Messenger, the assistant to a famous evangelist named Isaac Inman, is ill. After he



dies, June stays on to work at the local orphanage, where she realizes Inman is allowing the orphans to go without in order to build a showy tabernacle. A romance blooms between June and Parker Sentell, a friend of Eli's, as they try to convince Inman of the errors of his thinking. Readers will learn the important lesson that God is ever faithful, even when we don't understand his plan or purpose in our lives. June delivers a lighthearted, entertaining story along with strong moral values and a Christian worldview. #3 Hope The best-selling Brides of the West series continues with book 3, Hope. Federal agent Dan Sullivan shelves his retirement to infiltrate

a band of payroll thieves. But he didn't expect to meet stubborn mail-order bride Hope Kallahan, who gets kidnapped by the gang and held for ransom, or that she would be a veritable magnet for danger. As she intimidates hardened criminals into cleaning house and talks Dan into rescuing her, Dan believes God had a reason for throwing her in his path. #4 Glory A sheltered mountain girl, Glory is forced to build a life on her own after her Poppy dies. With a bagful of gold and no change of clothes, she sets out in search of a new life. Far too naive for the cold world before her, she ends up on the run from a greedy uncle who wants her gold—and who will kill

her to get it. She manages to latch on to a wagonner named Jackson and a group of teenage mail order brides. In her travels and adventures, Glory grows into a beautiful young woman with an unshakable faith—but will her faith be enough to win the heart of the handsome wagonner?

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