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Francis knew something needed to change immediately. He was only sixteen, but he understood that his family couldn't keep living on bread and beef jerky. In town one day, he noticed an advertisement for a mail order bride, and sent off a letter...after signing his older brother's name. He'd just make sure to tell Andrew that his fiance was coming before she arrived. What could go wrong?

Tracy had lived in an orphanage since she was just a few months old. She only had a month before she turned eighteen and had to find a new place to live, complete with employment or a wedding ring. There were no jobs worth taking for a young woman, so she answered a letter requesting a mail order bride. Andrew sounded perfect. She'd meet him, and he'd be thrilled to see her, and they'd live happily ever after. Right?

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Kathy says

Young love...

A 16 year old sends away for a wife for his older brother Andy who has become responsible for his young siblings with the death of their parents. Add one lonely orphan, and a long lost mother for another captivating story.

Shirley Ketcham says

As Above

This Story Has Been My Favorite So Far . It Was A Sad And Loving Story. And as I read it,I thought of the old saying. Money can not buy your Love . Which is true

Shirley Ketcham

Marlene Thompson says

Sweet story

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I like books written in this time period of the late 1800's & enjoy reading about how hard life was for pioneer families in those days as it makes me appreciate the time period we live in. Many calamities happened to folks back then with no way out except to make difficult life choices. An older sibling left to raise his brothers & sister was a hard life. A mail order bride was the answer in this family's life but it wasn't what the older sibling thought he needed. A good life story on Tracy was presented in the book but not a lot about the Harvey family's life prior to Tracy's arrival. I also felt a little more presentation of the boys in the story could have been brought out..seemed a lot emphasis was given to Mattie only & the other siblings just weren't there. A good storyline & clean reading.

Timeforme says

Main Characters:

Tracy - A young woman who leaves an orphanage and moves west as a mail order bride

Andrew - A young man who is trying to support his siblings while working a ranch after his parents die

My Thoughts:

Another enjoyable story in the Brides of Beckham series. I liked all the characters and especially enjoyed the

descriptions of the work Tracy did in her new home as she adjusted to being a wife and surrogate mother.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Historically Romantic

Mail Order Meddler is quite an emotional story on several levels. Tracy had lived almost her entire life at the Beckham orphanage. Now she was almost eighteen and ready to be out on her own... but with no job or boyfriend offering marriage she was at a loss as what would happen now. She only had a few months to come up with a plan – and the one that she did agree to sounded absolutely too good to be true.

When Andy's parents died within months of each other he was left with running the ranch and the care of his two younger brothers and younger sister. He'd never think of sending them somewhere else to live, they were his responsibility. When his brother Francis suggested a mail order bride, Andy got quite angry and said to drop the subject. Francis doesn't always listen to his older brother, he needed a wife, and the entire family needed the house tended to and a meal that didn't include beef jerky and crackers. So he took matters into his own hands – and hopefully Andy would be happy about his new bride who was arriving... tomorrow.

Tracy and Andy had a very rocky start. I felt bad for them both. Tracy had her hopes set far too high on an unknown man, and Andy was too set against the idea of someone to help him care for his family that he verbally struck out at his new bride. Slowly these five strangers become a true family. And when Tracy's past comes to interfere in her future it's her family that will stand with her. I don't want to spoil this story but it is emotional – you laugh and cry and get angry. I enjoyed my time with this couple and the siblings. And I one day hope to read Francis' story as well... when he's a bit older.

If you love Western Historical Romance then Mail Order Meddler or the entire Brides of Beckham series would fit your reading enjoyment quite nicely.

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Annette K Hernandez says

Orphan finds love for the first time.

Tracey is an orphan, her mother left her on the steps of the orphanage. When she turns eighteen, and has nowhere to go, she decides to be a mail order bride.

June says

This was one of the better books in the series. Really enjoyed it.

Francis decides to order a mail order bride for his brother after the family loses their parents. His little sister

needs a woman in her life and they are sick of eating jerky for every meal. When Tracy arrives, Andrew isn't too excited about the whole deal but it doesn't take him long to realize that Francis did a good thing for them.

Tracy was left at an orphanage when she was just days old. The note saying her mother would be back for her made it so the orphanage could not adopt her out but when she turned 18 they had to then her away to make room for others. She enjoys the idea of being a mail order bride because the requirements are what she's already familiar with. Cook, clean and make everyone happy. Except her husband who wants to send her back and she holds on to that thought, even after they become husband and wife in all ways. It takes a while for Andy to convince her he wants her to stay after all.

Concetta33 says

I have been enjoying this series as a cute lite read. Unfortunately the editing and attention to details seems to get worse with each book. "Meat" her mother, in the last book The author couldn't keep her characters names straight from one sentence to the next. I find it annoying but since I am reading them all for free on Kindle unlimited, it's tolerable. If I had been paring I would have stopped by book 3.

Jeene Hobbs says

A wife for Francis' brother

Francis' patents die leaving his older brother in charge of 2 boys and a young girl. They eat jerky and crackers. Francis decides that what they need is a wife to take care of them. His brother does not agree, so Francis sends a letter in his brother's name to Elizabeth Miller in Beckham.

Tracy grew up in an orphanage and is turning 18, time to leave. She is willing to be a mail order bride and move to Texas. She has all the necessary.

Will Andrew change his mind after he takes her cooking and his little sister Mattie falls in love with Tracy?

Cindy says

Another great series by Osbourne. She brings her great sense of humor into every story and I love the way her characters and series overlap.

Delta says

3.5 stars

Nancy says

This is Tracy and Andy's story. Tracy was abandoned at the orphanage in Beckham when she was just a baby and now, almost 18 years later, she had to leave the orphanage. Her only choices were to find a job or get married. When she checked the ads there were no jobs were available but she happened upon an advertisement for mail order brides so she went to see Elizabeth Miller about becoming a mail order bride. The letter she was given was from Andrew Harvey, though Andrew's brother Francis was the one who actually wrote the letter. How is Andrew going to react when he finds out his brother ordered a mail order bride for him?

I loved this story and I highly recommend it.

Jo-Ann Fitzgerald says

I loved this book. You really felt for all the characters within the story. I know I would have gotten much madder if this happened to me.

Too bad the author didn't follow through with including Francis' story.

Cyndy says

Sweet amateurish mail order bride.

I was disappointed that the book was amateurish and unrealistic. The little girl in the story told the villainous mother she would cut her. Then the villains tried to buy the brides baby.

Fly FreeBird says

Never thought I would like this book!! It was amazing!
