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Leigh says

2.5 stars

Mail Order Mix Up is book 4 in the Brides of Beckham and unlike the others it was a disappointment to me. It started really good, we have two sister who are extremely close facing eviction from their home after the death of their father. So what are two healthy young ladies going to do of course get themselves husbands. They are in luck because Harriett has two brothers looking for wives. One is a Banker and one a Sheriff. Ellen is so upset with the Banker who evicted her she chooses the Sheriff and Malinda is so tired of being poor she chooses the Banker. When the ladies finally arrive at their destination it is love at first sight, each woman goes straight to the man who catches their eye. Unfortunately it is the opposite brother and here is where the fun begins or so I thought. Malinda is the worst h I have ever read, she ruined this book for me. Her sister has sacrificed so much for her and while she wants the Sheriff she is more concerned with money than happiness. Her sister already told her she is attracted to the Banker and wants to marry him but no the sister needs a week to think about it. Why in the world would anyone want to marry her after that. I would have loved for her to wind up alone and working as a maid. Now after all the nonsense with Malinda, Ellen marries the Banker anyway. So now the second half was just blah. I was already done with the book so overall I just didn't enjoy it. I will not waste my time to read book 5 which is Malinda's. I dislike skipping books in series but since this series doesn't build on each book I'm not going to torture myself.

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.

ReadingWench says

I liked that there were sisters in this one. The mix up with the grooms and the journey it takes is a good one. Looking forward to reading the other side of this story in the next one.

Nancy says

I loved this story about two sisters who move out west to become mail order brides for two brothers after their father died and the bank repossessed their dairy farm. This is book is more Ellen's story and I really enjoyed it. I look forward to reading Malinda' story next.

Jeene Hobbs says

Sisters marry brothers, part 1

This is the fourth book in a fairly long series. The intimacy in this series is described but not rude or crude in my opinion. If you have read the Dalton Brothers, you will recognize Beckham, MA, as not a good place to be a young women. They all flee from there.

Harriet Long is our matchmaker. She is widowed and rich with a limp and a secret. She makes matches for brides but she always tells them that they do not have to stay in bad (hazardous) marriages. We learn a little more about Harriet in each novel.

Ellen and Malinda are forced off the family farm after their father dies. They move in with Harriet until they travel west to marry Patrick and Wesley. The man they each select is not the man each sister is attracted to upon arrival in Colorado.

This novel tells Ellen and Patrick's story. Read the next one in the series. This one by itself it sort of irritating.

Angeleno says

This book was good, definitely not my favorite of the series. The thing is the author really made Malinda a unlikeable character in this book, and the next book is on her. Not really looking forward to that

June says

The Brides of Beckham is a nice little short story series about Mail Order brides and the surprises they find when they arrive at their destination. There was sexual content, but otherwise, a fun little set of stories. If you read one, read them all. Simple stories. This bride chooses to marry the sort of man she swears she'll never marry. A Banker. It doesn't take long for her to realize that not all bankers are the same. She and her sister are to marry brothers. When they arrive, they both fall for the brother that they didn't choose through the letters. We learn quite a bit about the Bride Broker in this story as the sisters live with her for a while before getting on the train.

Annette K Hernandez says

Ellen and Patrick are great!

Ellen and her sister have just lost their father, the banker gives them three days to move out of their home. They get a paper to look for jobs and find an ad for mail order brides. There is where the story changes.

Vikki Vaught says

Another cute story about a young woman who decides she's had enough dealing with her demon horde of brothers and sisters. She chooses to marry Jesse, a newspaperman looking for a mail order bride. She arrives in Texas and finds out her groom has been killed. His brother, David asks her to marry him. But wait, there's a problem. David is a widower with four young boys. He convinces her they are well-behaved, and against her better judgment, she agrees to marry him, only to find out the two older boys are hellion of the first order.

I thoroughly enjoyed how Susan turns these little boys around. This author has a way with writing about children. I do wish there was more interaction between David and Susan. As a romance it's a bit lacking. Also at 3.99 it's a bit expensive for 143 pages. I do notice that she has bundled some of her books together, but even at 7.99 for 399 pages is a bit steep. I'm not sure whether I'll continue to read on or not.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Historically Romantic

Ellen and her sister, Malinda have made the decision to be mail order brides under the worst of circumstances... the bank kicking them out of their home after their father's death. They'd had no idea that the place they called home was no longer theirs due to a very overdue loan at the local bank. Now not only have they lost their father but their home and belongings as well. The banker was kind enough to allow them to keep their clothes... how nice of him. *eye roll*

They met with Harriet Long and quickly found not only a friend but two brothers who were looking for brides. Only, reality didn't turn out to be quite as easily handled as meeting through letters. Each brother, each sister was attracted to the wrong potential partner. And when an easy fix was suggested, Malinda turned stubborn – now it's a waiting game full of frustrations and strong feelings all around.

Although both sisters are part of Mail Order Mix-Up this is mainly Ellen's story with Malinda's following in the next book, Mail Order Mistake. I enjoyed this story but definitely liked Ellen better of the sisters. Yet, I haven't heard Malinda's side so I'm going to reserve judgement until I've read her story. On the surface she came off as a very superficial person with only her own needs important. Frankly, I didn't like her much, so I actually am looking forward to seeing if that impression changes when the book is more of her point of view. We also got our first true hint into Harriet's past – although I'm certain we all had our suspicions. I'm sure over time we'll get Harriet's entire story, but I'm already a fan of this refined lady who cares so much about the welfare of the brides she helps.

If you love Western Historical Romance then I's certain you'd enjoy Mail Order Mix-Up and the entire Brides of Beckham series. I'd definitely recommend them and I'm heading over to Amazon for the next story right now.

I read this title through my Kindle Unlimited subscription.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I am really enjoying Kirsten Osbourne Brides of Beckham series. This book was cute and funny. I love how the sisters are in lust with the wrong brothers. I loved the hero and the heroine. The heroine's sister on the other hand not so much. Her book is next and I'm a little worried because she came off selfish in this book.

Kalie says

Two very different sisters

I would recommend this book to anyone who has a stubborn sister you consider strangling often but love them anyway. It does drag a little bit because you want to know how the sisters are going to handle their problems and the answer isn't immediate.

Jennette says

another dud. I really don't like the sister and that is the next book. I think I'm giving up on this series.

Timeforme says

Main Characters:

Ellen - A mail order bride traveling west to start a new life

Patrick - The banker that she decides to marry

Synopsis:

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My Thoughts:

I liked Ellen and Patrick. This was a quick, easy and enjoyable read.

William Hawkins says

Happy Endings

At first it would have been 3 stars, due to grammar errors, and modern phrases in a late 1800s setting. Ex. At this time period would a restaurant have a small orchestra and dance floor? Enjoyed marital mix ups and characters learning to express feelings.

