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A shy Louisiana librarian, Mary Warner fears she'll always be alone—so she answers a personals ad from a rancher in Montana. Never before has she done anything so reckless, casting the only life she knows aside to travel to a strange place and marry a man she's never met. But something about this man calls to her—and she knows this may be her very last chance at happiness.

Tragedy made Travis Thompson the guardian of three orphaned children—and determination leads him to do whatever it takes to keep the kids out of foster homes. When he decides to take a long shot on a personals ad, the results are surprising, and before he knows it, he has agreed to marry a mysterious Southern woman sight unseen.

It could be the mistake of a lifetime. But Mary Warner may be exactly what this broken family needs. And with a little faith, a little trust, and a lot of love, two lonely hearts might just discover the true meaning of miracles.

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From Reader Review Morning Comes Softly for online ebook

Mada Linx says

I really, really liked this book. It gave me really nice and fluffy feelings the whole time.

Travis

Mary

Travis is a hard working rancher, with not even one romantic bone in his body, who decides to get married after he gets the custody of his older brother's three children.

He places an ad and Mary, a quiet librarian answers to it.

They both come together for the purpose of raising the children.

There was no insta love, but disappointed for both of them. Even though they decided to get married for the children, they would try make their marriage a real one.

Travis wanted a long legged woman, but he got a small one instead.

Travis wasn't what Mary hopped for either, but they did make a nice couple in the end.

It made smile most of the times, and their first night together felt real and very awkward.

I'll definitely read more by this author.

Assenette says

I really like it. An epilogue would have been nice.

Vintage says

A 4 star romance with a mystery and a secondary romance that dragged it down.

The H is in need of a wife to stave off CPS from taking away his niece and two nephews since his brother and SIL died. He is in over his head and posts a Wife Wanted ad. The h, a Louisiana old maid librarian, the h and authors thoughts not mine, answers the ad on a wild hair.

An epistolary romance (book in form of letters) ensues for a while. Charming letters on both sides with the kids put in their requests just like in **Mary Poppins**, and lo and behold the h's name is Mary! All the H wants

is long legs. He is disappointed in that regard as she is a tiny h.

The romance is rocky, rough and sweet between the two MC's, and both are surprised by the passion between them.

The secondary romance between a waitress and a lawyer in town as well as the mystery of who drove the orphans' parents off the road derailed it for me to the extent it dropped a star for me. Ground my teeth at the TSTL thoughts of the waitress about her lover and whether he may or may not be the bad guy. Just make up your mind!

However, while flawed the H and h are so endearing in their discovery of love and passion. For the h because she never thought anyone would want her, and more simplistically, the H because he never thought he could fall in love with anyone.

Lyuda says

The book was a modern twist of mail order bride story. It was too sugary for my taste with many things that stretched credibility, especially, in character development. Take for example our h. At the beginning of the story she was characterized as a shy, quite Louisiana spinster of 32 years old who didn't have any dates and was still a virgin. I would think the male population of her town was either blind or stupid. The woman could cook sophisticated dishes, sew dresses for her friends, and sang beautifully. She was not ugly either. h travel to Montana to meet a rancher who advertised for a wife. Almost overnight our h experienced metamorphosis and turned into outspoken lady who was eager to show her "southern hospitality" to neighbors by inviting them for dinner, participating in many community activities. And, oh, did I mentioned that she was from a warm and humid Louisiana town but had no problem what so ever adjusting to a cold, windy, dry Montana weather?

Diah Didi says

Baca ini karena Aline bilang bagus. Sederhana, tapi manis. Berhubung selera kami mirip, so I gave it a try setelah beberapa bulan.

And indeed! I loved it!

Nggak ada adegan gegap gempita menghebohkan. Semuanya terjadi dalam konteks sehari-hari. Pertengkaran mereka lebih karena mereka masih sama-sama asing bagi lainnya dan mereka sedang berusaha menjembatani itu. Ya nggak heran juga sih mengingat mereka cuma kenalan lewat surat. Apa jadinya ya kalo saya iseng menanggapi iklan2x jodoh di koran? :D

My favorite part:

When Mary took the children to their parent's cemetery, then Scotty and Beth Ann started telling about their new lives with uncle Travis and Mary, while Jim the oldest acted like he didn't care. Can't hold back the tears.

Waktu Travis mau menggoda Mary di dapur dengan cuma memakai handuk, sepatu bot dan topi, tapi ternyata di dapur ada mantan gurunya yang berkunjung, yang selama ini selalu peduli sama Travis dan ketiga ponakannya. Hihihii.. malu banget gak siiiiih?? :))

boogenhagen says

Super sugary sweet romance, but just the thing when you want Mac n' Cheese instead of Beef Bourguignon. It is a great comfort read.

Denise says

Loved it, loved it, loved it. It made me laugh at times and cry at others. Very good. This must be one of Debbie's earlier books first published in 1993. Doesn't have cell phones or computers or internet in the story at all.

What did I learn from this book? Here is a quote from the book that I thought was great: "Life's lessons didn't come cheap, and Travis wasn't there to issue any discount coupons."

I wish there was a sequel because I love these characters after just one book and would like to know how they are doing since the book ended. Was Mary pregnant? How are Jim, Scotty, and Beth Ann--they would be all grown up now. Did Mary and Travis have other children (besides the one she may have been pregnant with)? What happened to Logan's father (who killed Travis' brother & sister-in-law and orphaned Jim, Scotty, and Beth Ann). How are Logan and Tilley and how many children did they have? Okay, I'll never get these answers, but that's how well Debbie writes her characters. They are believable and personable and people you like and would want to know. I have read many of Debbie Macomber's books (my goal is to read all of them but I have a way to go; she is a very prolific writer) and I can't say that there are any main characters in her books that aren't likeable.

Kris - My Novelesque Life says

I will be rereading this book and will be doing a review at that time.

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Enjoyable read but I did get frustrated at the heroines reference to "being not pretty"

Nina says

Enjoyed. It was a Like hearted easy read.

Joan says

What an exquisite read "Morning Comes Softly" was for me. I have been on a mail-order bride jaunt since reading LH's Duncan's Bride and this beautiful story of shy librarian, Mary Warner and rough Montana rancher Travis Thompson took my breath away. Mary is the type of heroine that I adore, kind, compassionate, intelligent, educated, and self-assured. Finding herself past thirty and all alone in the world after the death of her beloved brother and mother, Mary decides to leave her comfortable albeit lonely life behind in Louisiana to take the scariest leap of her life by answering an ad for a mail-order bride.

I loved reading Mary and Travis' letters back and forth to each other. Both spoke honestly of their expectations and it was so sweet to include the three children, Travis' orphaned niece and nephews, in the written correspondence. I was as nervous as Mary when she stepped off that plane in Montana and I prayed that Travis would keep his stupid first impression of disappointment to himself.

No need to worry, Mary had a way of taking care of herself and she presented with so much dignity and confidence, not just in her cooking and sewing abilities. Mary brought so much more meaning into the Thompson household. Although the children were traumatized in the aftermath of their parent's death in a suspicious auto accident and Travis was consumed about finding out the truth of his brother and sister inlaw's deaths, Mary managed to bring a sense of calm and order into her new family.

I loved this book, I have never read anything by Debbi Macomber before, I am very glad that I took a chance on a recommendation for "Morning Comes Softly" because I would have missed out on a treasure of a story. This book will go on my keeper shelf for many future re-reads.

Gea says

After reading several historical mail-order bride stories this was a nice change as it was a contemporary book.

After the death of his brother and sister in-law rancher Travis takes their three children in and is trying to give them a good home so that they don't go into foster home. He doesn't do that well and after failing to find a housekeeper he places an add for a bride in newspaper. Mary, a librarian from Lousiana answers the add and as she fits Travis' and children's wishes they get married. Mary is lonely after the deaths of her brother and mother and wishes to have a family and the children needing her are the main reason she decides to become mail-order bride.

This was a nice story about how they learned to deal with the children and eventually fall in love with each other.

There were some funny moments when kids lectured the grown-ups about many things, from Beth Ann's instructions how to calm down the boys, to Scotty's ideas of how the married couples are supposed to act. There was also a secondary story and couple but I would have prefered they got their own book and didn't take so much place in this one.

Jennifer says

I got this book off of Swaptree because I liked the idea of the storyline. I received a note with it from the previous reader stating how much she enjoyed it, and still I put off reading it for awhile. I finally picked it up

and started reading it and got sucked in. This is my first Debbie Macomber book and she truly knows how to write. Her use of words is different than I'm used to reading and made the book so much more enjoyable. I wasn't sure how the storyline was going to play out, but I enjoyed finding out. Being an outsider in this brand new relationship between Mary and Travis was really nice. I felt like I was a friend and found myself cheering for them to make it work.

My only complaint is that I would have liked to have learned how Mary managed to tie up all the loose ends at home so quickly, but it's true that that really has nothing to do with the story at hand.

The background story on Tilly and Logan was very enjoyable as well, though I was a little naive and it took me awhile to put the pieces together of why they were even in the story.

AG Reads says

Reread

Pink Angel says

Where to start? This book was one of the best of Ms. Macomber, everything from the character in the story was well written and perfectly. Emotional and sentimental, fun and humorous, two perfect love story for price of one book. Loved it and recommend it to all.
