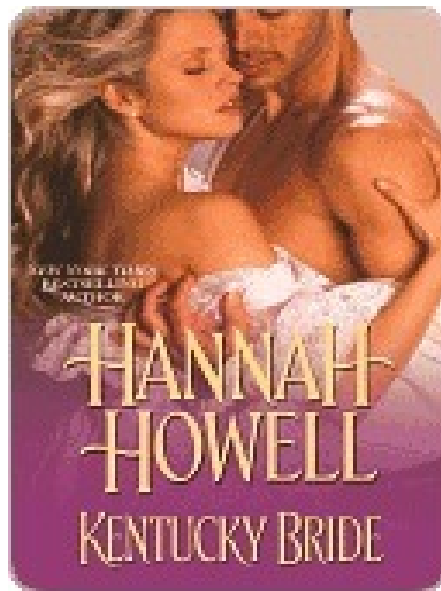




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Beautiful Clover Sherwood never expected such a cruel fate. Her father's death has left her penniless, ostracized from Pennsylvania society, and abandoned by her fiancé. All she has now is a grieving mother, two hungry little brothers and no prospects. . .until a wealthy Kentucky backwoodsman with a deep Scottish burr comes to town--and inspires her to make a most daring move. . .

It's no secret that rugged, roughhewn Scotsman, Ballard MacGregor is ready to marry. Nonetheless, he is surprised by genteel Clover's sudden proposal. . .and more than pleased. For the lass's sweet innocence is bewitching. But settlement life proves harsh on his refined young wife. And Ballard fears that unless he can awaken her passion and win her love--as she has won his--he may lose his Kentucky bride. . .

"The superbly talented Howell never disappoints." --*Romantic Times*

Kentucky Bride Details

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Lorka says

This book really wasn't bad at all. I have read other 'mountain men' historical romances before and have loved them, with the mountain man being a loner, gruff, slow to warm up to his bride type of guy.... The hero in this story however did not come across as the typical mountain man. He was very friendly, instantly loving and warm - which is not bad, just not what I was expecting from a Kentucky bride story. So the conflict in this story was mostly the hero and heroine battling some crazy bad guys, instead of the tension of them falling in love. (at least that is how I saw it). Still overall it was a fun read.

Mitzi says

This book was a pleasant surprise, a fun quick read with great characters.

Anna says

I brought 3 books by Hannah Howell on a holiday with me. I ended up buying most of her books via my Kindle. It is the type of books you can't put down till you finish it. But unfortunately all the books have the same ending, you just know what is going to happen next..which is very annoying because the book scripts are not bad at all. I would recommend her books, they are full of romance and adventure.

Mya says

This was the first book I have read from Howell. I enjoyed the characters and the setting. I found the leading lady full of spunk which was great. I liked that Howell wrote Ballard's words in an accent, made it a bit more authentic and allowed me to remember he was Scottish. I also would love to read "Willie's" story. Will look for more books from this author.

Jennifer says

Love characters like this. Ballard is a great mix of gentle southern charm and tough scottish brawn perfect hero ! and Clover is gentle, refined, sweet, and loving but doesn't put on any airs; the perfect heroine! So I guess this makes this the perfect book!

Step says

Solidly readable with a good setting and characterisation. The book is mainly let down by the barrier to

happily-ever-after being a pretty implausible/stupid/unobservant insecurity of the hero's, which persists in the face of all the evidence until magically melting away at the end. It seems to be a go to device of this author - I like insecure/uncertain heroes but hers just end up seeming a bit dumb. An upside are her heroines though - always pretty feisty, honest and intelligent.

Netha says

Clover Sherwood, putri ke 2 keluarga sherwood, harus memutar otak bagaimana cara dirinya menjaga ibu serta ke 2 adik kembarnya setelah kematian sang ayah yg disusul dengan kebangkrutan yang mereka alami. kakak perempuannya, alice, yg sudah menikah, bukannya membantu tapi malah memalingkan muka & tidak perduli dengan keadaan keluarganya.

belum cukup pusing harus mencari cara hidup & rumah baru karna dalam 2 minggu mereka harus meninggalkan rumah mereka, sekarang thomas memutuskan pertunangan mereka dengan sepucuk surat.

clover sudah tidak lagi menaruh harapan pada hubungannya dengan thomas karna dia sudah merasa, sejak awal kebangkrutan keluarga sherwood tersiar thomas lgs menghindarinya. tapi demi sang ibu yang masih tidak percaya thomas bisa berbuat begitu, clover menemui thomas.

kali ini clover mendapat kepastian sepasti2nya.... thomas meninggalkannya & mengejar sarah, tetangga clover.

clover adl clover, dia tidak sudi patah hati. well, dia tidak punya waktu & tenaga untuk merasakan hal itu. dia harus mencari cara agar keluarganya bisa survive.

jawabannya tiba2 saja muncul seiring dengan kemunculan ballard macgregor. seorang pekerja dari kentucky yang datang ke daerah kediaman clover untuk mencari istri.

tadinya ballard ingin menyunting sarah - sarah pun sepertinya memberikan harapan pada ballard - tp niat itu ballard urungkan karna saat ke rumah sarah dia bertemu dengan thomas.

clover mengambil kesempatan itu dengan mengajukan proposal pada ballard.

proposal yg bisa menguntungkan ke 2 belah pihak.

Ballard Macgregor, adalah orang kasar, dari kalangan keluarga pekerja yang datang ke amerika mencoba keberuntungan.

sekarang ballard ingin mencari istri. istri seorang wanita terhormat yang bisa mengajarnya manner & segala yang perlu diketahuinya untuk masuk ke dalam lingkungan sosial yang lebih baik.

proposal dari seorang gadis mungil & cantik & jelas wanita terhormat membuat ballard tertarik & tidak melihat alasan dia harus menolaknya.

sejak datang ke kota (spt biasa ga pernah ingat nama kota xixixixixi) ballard sudah bertekad akan kembali ke kentucky dengan membawa istri.

jika sarah tidak berminat maka kenapa dia harus menolak clover??? toh pertukaran yang diminta clover darinya bukan sesuatu yang berat...justru dengan menikah dengan clover dia bisa meringankan beban gadis muda ini maka ballard bersedia menikahinya.

maka jadilah clover menikah dengan ballard, pindah ke kentucky.

clover menikah dengan penuh kesadaran dia tidak akan bisa mengharapkan hidupnya penuh dengan kemanjaan yg dialaminya selama ini.

ballard membutuhkan istri pekerja, clover bersedia menjalani peran itu.

lagipula clover tidak menyesal menikah dengan ballard.

ballard pria tampan & sangat penuh perhatian.
ballard juga baik terhadap ibu serta ke 2 adik kembar clover.
clover merasa hidupnya sangat sempurna.
ballard juga setia padanya.

kesempurnaan pernikahan yang dirasakan clover & ballard terganggu oleh thomas yang belum mau melepaskan clover.
thomas memang memutuskan pertunangannya dengan clover tapi bukan berarti thomas melepaskan clover.
thomas berencana akan tetap memiliki clover, tapi bukan sbg istri resminya melainkan sebagai mistress.
thomas bahkan sudah membeli rumah dipinggiran kota khusus untuk clover & keluarganya.
kemunculan ballard mengacaukan semua rencana thomas.
jelas thomas tidak terima. apalagi ballard mempermalukannya - thomas 2x kena tonjok ballard.
jadi thomas tidak akan membiarkan ballard lepas begitu saja. dia akan membalas ballard & mengambil kembali clover, wanita yang seharusnya menjadi miliknya.

cerita ini sebenarnya sangat singkat & simple.
ballard pun pria idaman. dia memang pria kasar & tidak berpendidikan tapi kekurangan itu tidak berarti karna kebaikan hati serta penuh tanggung jawabnya.
walo begitu sebenarnya ballard minder juga. ballard masih menyimpan perasaan tidak amannya karna perbedaan dunianya dengan clover.

clover sendiri walo dibesarkan sebagai wanita terhormat tapi tidak membuatnya menjadi manja & egois.
di saat tertimpa musibah clover menunjukkan kekuatan & ketabahannya.
clover jg bertekad menjadi istri yang baik bagi ballard.
jika awal pernikahan mereka tidak ada perasaan cinta, tp clover jatuh cinta pada ballard karna pribadi sang suami.
clover tidak peduli harus bekerja tanpa pelayan, baginya yg penting dia bisa bersama dengan ballard.

ada 1 nih yg mengganggu dari novel ini.
bahasa yg dipake ballard adalah scottish accent....jd baca nya kudu extra pelan nih secara ngartiin dulu ini ngomong apa.....
tapi selain dari itu novel ini lumayan enak kok di baca.

Tonileg says

What do you do if your father shoots himself in the head and leaves you and your family with a huge debt?
Well, after paying off the debts and getting abandoned by her fiance, she goes out and finds herself a husband. Luckily for her, she does find a decent fellow to take her and her entire family on. I did like the characters, although the 'evil' Thomas was one dimensional and obvious so there we're many surprises in this story.
2 stars

Jodi says

Loved it. Big Fan of this author.

Melissa says

Sorry, but I was disappointed in this book. It seemed to drag on forever.

Cruth says

Author: Hannah Howell

First published: 1994

Length: 377 pages, 4748 kindle location

Setting: Wild West. 1794. Langleyville, Pennsylvania and Pottersville, Kentucky.

Sex: Reasonably explicit. Frequent.

Hero: Poor Scotsman who is now ranching in Kentucky.

Heroine: Pennsylvanian high society who has fallen from grace due to her family's misfortunes.

Trigger: Father commits suicide before book opens.

Trigger: Secondary plot with a boy being "owned" by a neighbour and repeatedly physically abused.

Includes: Excerpt from If He's Wild by Hannah Howell

Enjoyable marriage of convenience romance where both spouses enter the marriage with their eyes wide open. They know what they are taking on and are prepared to work for a lifetime together.

Some suspense as the rather mad BadGuys try to kill them, rape Clover, and so forth. A lot of implied and/or potential violence.

A little hard to read with stilted language and fake accents.

But overall enjoyable and readable. It's nice to see the heroine saving herself, and using her brains. And I liked it.

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Alicia says

It was more like a 3.5 stars. Hannah Howell's stories are well written and interesting. One thing that I didn't really care for was the spelling/way words were written to emphasise the slang/southern drawl. The biggest

being "weel" for "Well." Yeah, being from Kentucky I know there is a slang/drawl to some of the words but reading the words written in such a way just threw me off and I found it annoying. I did however like Ballard's Scottish accent. I actually really like Ballard's character overall as well as those of Ballards brother and cousin. They did have that southern gentleman charm, and Ballard had a sweet, loving personality. Overall, it was a fun and good book to read.

CaroMommie says

This story was awwwwwful. They were the slowest two people in the world! In the beginning you're made to believe he's going to be this strong confident hero, like many others.

He didn't have to be this unattainable ideal, but he so devolved into a whiny shell of what's expected, I near lost my mind.

Danger is around eh-ve-ry corner, AND THEY CONSTANTLY QUESTION IT AND THEN DISMISS IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIT, AFTER, THEIR ENEMIES SAY THEY GONNA KILL THEEEEEEEEEEEEEEM. It made no sense at all. NONE!

And you can't convince me Hannah wrote this book. It went on and on about the silliest of things. Again, Ballard was the worst written lead I have ever had the misfortune of meeting.

Skip this book if you're looking to keep hair in your head, ugh!

Meghan says

I wasn't expecting too much from this novel - I have seen the cover. But it wasn't that bad.

It was somewhat ridiculous. Clover's ex-fiance is a trip, and Howell falls into the trap of designing two humans who would obviously fall in love with each other because neither has any physical or personality flaws. The novel lost a lot of steam in the second half, but overall I was entertained, which was all I expected.

Pink Angel says

It was an enjoyable read and I become a Mrs. Howell fan.
