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Something Borrowed, Something True by Lisa Plumley

When Everett Bannon's ranch hands order him a mail-order bride, he plans to send her on the first train back home. Until he sees his beautiful bride-to-be and his wits go walkin'! But Nellie Trent isn't in Morrow Creek for veils and vows—she's an undercover journalist with an exposé to write!

The Hand-Me-Down Bride by Elizabeth Lane

Arabella Spencer's trip west was supposed to end in marriage to her longtime sweetheart—not with the discovery that he'd made someone else his wife! Can rancher Stewart McIntyre convince Arabella that Montana can still be her dream come true, with a new groom for this hand-me-down bride?

The Bride Wore Britches by Kate Welsh

Just for one night rancher Rhiannon Oliver longs to feel like a lady, so she ditches her britches for a ball gown! Cowboy Dylan Varga hardly recognizes the girl he used to tease—but then a tragedy throws them together in a way neither could have imagined....

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Harlequin Books says

"Three lively authors bring their special brand of humor, poignancy and story-telling to a trio of charming, funny and very loving tales of weddings that could only happen in the Wild West." from RT's Book Review, rated 4 stars

Dottie says

Actually rated 4.5! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

The Hand Me Down Bride by Elizabeth Lane

When her longtime fiancé Charlie did not appear at the station to pick her up, Arabella Spencer wondered why. After all, he had sent her the ticket and knew she was arriving. But finally, a gruff stranger appeared to take her to her new home. Along the way, they ran into problems, but she was happy to finally see the home that her fiancé had said he was building for her. That is, until a beautiful young blonde stepped out on the porch and her fiancé introduced the woman as his wife...his pregnant wife.

When Stewart McIntyre first built his house, he had plans to one day marry, but that had never happened. So now he has come to accept his bachelorhood as a permanent state. Besides, what woman would want a former war hero with a scarred face and body? After Charlie had ruined Stewart's sister, Sally, getting her pregnant, Stewart had forced him to wed her. But it was up to Charles to share that bit of news with his fiancé. Stewart had not been happy to have to pick up Arabella, but he had to admire the red head's spunk and had to admit she was pretty.

Determined to be on the next stagecoach as soon as the road was no longer washed out, Arabella soon finds herself attracted to Stewart when an accident lands her at his home for the night. Perhaps there had been a reason why her previous plans had not worked out. Could rancher Stewart be happy with this hand-me-down bride?

A sweet romance, THE HAND-ME-DOWN BRIDE by gifted author Elizabeth Lane is a heartwarming, emotion-packed historical romance. This story shows that sometimes the greatest love can be found when you least expect it and that sometimes things happen for a reason. Out of the heartbreak, Arabella sees her fiancé in a different light and she finds her true love. A wonderful way to start out this delightful book!

<http://elizabethlaneauthor.com/>

The Bride Wore Britches by Kate Welsh

With her father's death three years ago and the new railroad bringing strangers to town, Rhiannon 'Rhia' Oliver, a sheep rancher, had no one to protect her, so she had begun dressing like a boy to play down her

womanly figure. However, she missed being a woman. She has loved Dylan Varga, her best friend's brother, ever since she first met him, but he paid her no notice. Perhaps if she dressed like a woman she could gain his notice, but that would also invite the attention of the less savory men in town.

Dylan had been disowned by his father when he refused to take up sheep ranching. All he wanted was his own piece of land and horses, but his father would not allow him to follow his dream. Dylan had seen how the rift between him and his father had hurt his mother. He had also seen what love did for his mother; it only made her sad.

Not owning any dresses, Rhia allows herself to be talked into purchasing the dress she wants for the upcoming dance, where she is the belle of the ball. Dylan barely recognizes the girl he has known most of his life. She is ecstatic when Dylan tells her he wants to court her. But when tragedy strikes, will it push them together or pull them apart?

A poignant read, *THE BRIDE WORE BRITCHES*, talented author Kate Welsh's latest historical romance novella, will touch your heart. Although Dylan claims he is not in love with Rhia, he goes to extreme lengths, giving up his dreams to be with her and help her. This story shows unselfish love at its finest. A truly heartwarming tale!

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/w/k...>

Something Borrowed, Something True by Lisa Plumley

Arriving at the train station to meet the mail order bride he had not ordered, Everett Bannon was determined to buy her a return ticket and send her back where she came from. The vaqueros at his ranch had secretly ordered her for him. He hoped she took the rejection well, but when he meets his bride-to-be, there is a mutual attraction. Being with her is like coming home. But, unable to be less than honest, he explains the situation, letting her know they would not be getting married.

Despite her attraction to Everett, Nellie has no plans to marry either, although Everett could make her change her mind. As a journalist, she is writing a story about mail order brides, believing that the people using the service are being duped. After explaining this to Everett, they agree to a pretend engagement so she can get her story.

Initially upset that she took his rejection so well, Everett also believes that she is smitten with him already, just as he is with her. However, a misunderstanding soon has them acting outside of their true personalities in order to impress each other, leading to a comedy of errors and possibly impending heartbreak. Can they trust each other enough to come clean? When the article is finished, can he convince her to stay and marry him, or will she leave him to go back to the big city?

A humorously romantic story, *SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING BLUE*, USA Today bestselling author Lisa Plumley's latest novella, is an entertaining historical romance that kept me turning the pages to see what would happen next. Although this novella is the last story in the book, it is well worth the wait.

<http://www.lisaplumley.com/>

These three wonderful stories penned by three outstanding authors will lead you through a gamut of emotions, sometimes laughing and at other times, near tears. Packed with passion, misunderstandings, betrayal, danger, romance and love, these charming tales will take you back to the Wild West and bring it to life right before your eyes. Definitely a novel that fans of historical western romances will not want to miss!

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com

Samantha says

Cute 3 story book. I was expecting differently than this little book delivered. All the stories were well written with very likeable easy to associate characters. I enjoyed the lead girls as I probably am more like them (strong, independent) than the damsel in distress. Fun quick quirky book, nothing dirty everything hopelessly romantic.

Emily says

Received this from a Goodreads giveaway from author Lisa Plumley.

I hadn't read anything from these authors yet, so had no idea what kind of stories or talent to expect. This was very uneven; even more so than many of the short story collections I had recently read.

I'll start with the last story (as the author who wrote it sent me the book!). This one was very enjoyable. She notes that the story is set within a wider universe she had created and I was intrigued and amused enough to want to pick up one of the longer tales. Although this was a short story, the characters were fun and believable it was well written.

Now to the other two stories which, sadly, weren't nearly as good. The first story in the collection, from Elizabeth Lane, was simply a writing exercise. As though somebody gave her the premise, said "write this into a story" and that's just what she did. Nothing interesting, different, or even that great about the first one. It honestly seemed like it was written as a half-hearted effort for a short story writing class.

The second story had great potential. Kate Welsh had the beginnings of something interesting, but I got the impression that she was writing a longer book but lost interest or wrote herself into a corner or something and when an editor came looking for a short story she chopped up her longer book and sent this in. It felt very incomplete. A mystery that isn't solved, bag guys that aren't dealt with, and a relationship issue that is much too easily resolved.

Melissa says

As Meatloaf would sing "....cause 2 out of 3 ain't bad."

1. The Hand-Me-Down Bride by Elizabeth Lane - 1 star

The first story was not well-executed. These characters sucked and the insta-love trope was so "insta" I got whiplash. Arabella comes to Montana to marry her fiancé Charles (they were engaged before he left Boston to settle in Montana and he provided the train ticket for her to come out). Charles slept with Sally, a dim-bulb of a seductress, and got her pregnant. Sally's brother Stewart found out after she started showing and made her marry Charles at gunpoint. Stewart takes an instant liking to Arabella, even though he wants her to

leave in order to keep Sally's marriage to Charles from unraveling; after several damsel-in-distress situations that had Stewart rescuing Arabella, they were in love and married within one week.

Yeah, that would be a big nope on me believing either couple's HEA. This anthology is not off to a good start.

2. The Bride Wore Britches by Kate Welsh - 4 stars

A longer and more fleshed-out story than the first one. Dylan and Rhiannon's story was more realistic and sweet without being too heavy-handed or insta-love. The side characters rounded out the story very well. A very worthy HEA. Since the story is part of a longer series, the mystery isn't solved in the story.

3. Something Borrowed, Something True by Lisa Plumley - 2.5 stars

This was okay. Very fluffy and more physically affectionate than the two previous stories. A mail-order bride trope with a twist that made the trope feel fresh despite the insta-love. There wasn't much conflict and the HEA went on a little too long, but I rooted for Nellie and Everett. The side characters were the highlight of the story though.

Gail says

Read the first two stories. They were nice. Couldn't manage the third. Oh well.

Donna says

So-so.

Anna says

This was a goodreads giveaway that I won. And I truly enjoyed it. Lane, Welsh, and Plumley are three talented authors.

Three brides for three cowboys! Who doesn't love cowboys?!?

This was a wonderful historical western romance. Weddings Under A Western Sky was a story of true love. A heart warming tale!

Susan says

I really liked all three stories. In the first one, Everett doesn't want a bride, but as soon as he sees Nellie he is smitten. But he was hurt before by a woman who decided she preferred city ways to a rancher. So he tries to change and be more "citified" in order to keep the girl. Meanwhile, Nellie has been told that she isn't ladylike enough to appeal to any man, so she tries to hide what she's really like to appeal more to Everett. But in both cases, the real person keeps popping up, and that is what appeals to the other. When they finally quit pretending, they are able to reach for the happiness they deserve.

In the second story, Arabella arrives to discover that the man she expects to marry has married someone else. Though understandably upset, she quickly realized that he isn't the man she thought he was anyway. When she is picked up in the town by Stewart, they don't make a good impression on each other. Stewart's sister is the one that married Arabella's fiance, and he is worried that Arabella will wreck the marriage. But as they spend some time together, they realize that they have quickly come to care for each other.

In the third story, Rhiannon has spent so much time hiding behind her shapeless men's clothing that Dylan is flabbergasted when he sees her as the woman she is. Rhiannon has always been in love with Dylan, but he has never actually looked at her until now. When circumstances cause them to marry, he tries to give her time to get to know him as a man, not realizing that she has always seen him that way. I really enjoyed his confusion over his changed viewpoint. My only complaint in this story is not finding out who attacked the ranch - perhaps this is part of a continuing story.

Lorraine Lesar says

Three easy going romance stories. These are sweet, rather than sexy. Easy to read. This is the sort of book you would reserve for a Sunday afternoon when you want short stories, old fashion romance with no sex.

Virginia Campbell says

The spirit of the Old West is alive and kicking in a historical western romance anthology featuring three touching and entertaining stories from a trio of terrific authors! "Weddings Under a Western Sky" begins with "The Hand-Me-Down Bride" by author Elizabeth Lane. When Arabella Spencer traveled West for her wedding, she expected to have her stagecoach met by her longtime fiance, Charles Middleton. Instead of her sweetheart, she is grudgingly collected by Charles' gruff neighbor, Stewart McIntyre. The trip to Charles' home is unpleasant and eventful, but the biggest surprise awaits when Arabella is unceremoniously dumped at the doorstep. Charles answers the door along with his very pregnant, young new wife! Even more humiliating is the news that Charles' wife is Stewart's sister! Arabella's world is rocked to the very foundation, and she must decide what to do with the rest of her life. A fiery, mutual attraction grows between Stewart and Arabella, but are their differences too great to allow a lasting relationship? As they spend more time together, they discover that each has unexpected and intriguing depths of character. Could it be that those very differences make all the difference as two opposites truly attract? Author Kate Welsh offers "The Bride Who Wore Britches", in which Rhiannon Oliver, who has spent most of her life dressed as boy, longs to give in to her feminine tendencies. Rhia knows just the man she wants to bring out her womanly side--her best friend's older brother Dylan Varga. Since Dylan looks at Rhia like she's a tomboy, and he calls her "Rowdy", she very much wants him to be aware that she is a female. When she dons a beautiful blue dress

and becomes the belle of the ball at a local dance, Dylan sees Rhia in a whole new light. However, a ruthless attack on Rhia's homeplace creates circumstances which force them into marriage. Passion flares before hearts can catch up, and the relationship faces many unexpected turns in the trail to true happiness. Rhia and Dylan both have some growing up to do in order to allow their marriage to grow to full bloom. In "Something Borrowed, Something True", author Lisa Plumley proves that where hearts are concerned, the best made plans often go awry. Everett Bannon's well-meaning ranch hands order their boss a "mail-order" bride. Everett just hasn't been the same since he was jilted by his first fiance, and his loyal employees want their boss to be happy. However, Everett plans to send his intended bride back where she came from. His attentions are soon forgotten after he gets one look at the lovely Miss Nellie Trent. After a while, Everett begins to court Nellie, trying to be the man she thinks he wants, not knowing that she is smitten with him just as he really is. Nellie has an agenda of her own. She is actually an undercover reporter bent on exposing mail-order bride operations as fraudulent criminal groups who prey on lonely hearts. A comedy of errors ensues, with Nellie and Everett both acting outside their true character to impress each other. Will coming clean with one another wash away any hope of a real romance, or will the wise and wily ranch hands have known what was best all along? "Weddings Under a Western Sky" is a delicious treat for fans of historical western romance--just like me!

Review Copy Gratis Author

Luz Trevino says

My favorite one was "The Bride Wore Britches"

Tonileg says

Three Historical Western romance stories in one paperback book.

The Hand-Me-Down Bride by Elizabeth Lane

Arabella Spencer travels far and long from Boston to Montana to finally marry her longtime fiance, Charles but only to find him already married with a bun in the oven! Arabella is stuck in the middle of no where and has to stay with the newlyweds until the next stagecoach which is awful because of her crushed hopes and having to listen to the couple bounce on the bed springs every night. YUCK! So awkward!

But don't worry because she is going to fall in love with the neighboring rancher Stewart McIntyre. The romance is wicked quick, but they do have a time limit with the next stage coach arriving in a week. Cute story with just a little kissing and touching. 2 stars

The Bride Wore Britches by Kate Welsh

We meet the lonely single rancher Rhiannon Oliver disguised as a man, it is her only way to be independent on her sheep ranch. Although she has some kind friends who help her out of her shell and dresses as a woman one night. Her best friend's older brother, Dylan Varga suddenly sees her not as an almost sister, not as a tomboy, but now as a fine lady. So Dylan has to woo a friend. The marriage is quick and love follows like thunder after lightning. Very cute short story. 2 stars

Something Borrowed, Something True by Lisa Plumley

So Everett Bannon just had his heart broken by a superficial young lady so his sweet ranch hands order him a mail-order bride through a service and they arrive at the train station in time to meet the young lady from California. Miss Nellie Trent is an up and coming journalist and she is going to do an expose on mail order bride services. She is an orphan and blossoms with all the love and caring at the ranch at Morrow Creek and Everett. They both try hard in the beginning to be what they think the other person wants in a bride/groom. But in the end it all works out. Lots of silly wedding superstitions from all over Europe which was silly. Clean romance with just a few kisses.

288 pages and bought new off the Mills & Boon internet site for 2 pounds.

2 stars

Susan says

I only got part way into the first story when I abandoned it. This is an adult sexy book that way to sexy for me.

Kristen says

First Chapter: The bride comes to get married to her fiancée in Montana. But, she can't because he has had a shot-gun wedding, being forced to marry a girl that he had gotten pregnant. She can't leave town because there won't be another train so she has to stay at the house with her ex-fiance and his new wife. And while trying to go to sleep in the next door room she hears the bed creaking next door.

Enough said. Not to mention a ton of language within just the first chapter. (heck, dang, a\$\$, etc.)

Not for me.
