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Elizabeth James escapes an odious fiancé by heading west on the first Bride Train of 1870. She finds herself at the end of the line in the Tanner's Ford jail, forced to marry the town bully unless someone else defies Big Joe to marry her.

Sheriff Chambers banned the Elliotts from town until one got a wife and settled them all down. Finding a defiant Trace Elliott in town, the sheriff offers a tall, ornery barefoot woman to solve all their problems.

Beth is shocked how the stranger's touch inflames her and mortified the next morning when hotel patrons comment on her amorous wedding night cries. She discovers the Elliott men share everything and intend to seduce her into agreeing. Trace, Simon and Jack heat her blood, but do they care for her, or only what she provides? Then Big Joe offers gold to bring her to him...

## **Barefoot Bride for Three Details**

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## From Reader Review Barefoot Bride for Three for online ebook

### **Jacqueline says**

Maybe 1-1/2 stars. This was menage. The sex scenes were so so. Nothing that really stands out. The writing was servicable at the best. There was an attempt made to really place it in its time in history although some of the scenes the author chose to include struck me as odd choices. After the wedding night did I really need a scene in a local eatery where everyone talked about the 'noises' they'd heard the night before? See even here it sounds more reasonable than it actually was. The whole point was that Trace had married her hoping that she would agree to be with both of his brothers too. So get on with it. Get back to the ranch and let's see if everyone likes each other. There was some attempt made here too to show that this was not a normal choice/arrangement for the times and there would be social consequences for choosing this lifestyle. So the idea was interesting. The execution failed it.

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### **Brutally Honest says**

I did quite enjoy this one, and it actually got me to read the next one in the series (gasp!). Other than the usual inconsistencies in the behavior of the guys (they enjoy a strong woman but not when she stands up for herself bullshit), it was good. I also enjoyed the "heroes with disabilities" thing, which was handled quite well.

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### **Judith says**

Book One in the Bride's Train series and one that is compelling for several reasons. First, the hero, Trace Elliott has given up on finding a wife. Suffering irreparable damage to his vocal chords in previous years, his voice has "turned off" any prospective brides effectively. Now there is a woman who is in the town jail because she refused to be mauled by the town bully and the sheriff--a fair and kind man at heart--has locked her up for her own safety. The mayor--who is really in the bully's pocket--has declared that Elizabeth James is to be married by midnight!! Knowing that the only man who has come forth to marry her is this same bully, the sheriff gets Trace to consider marrying her. Taken with her spirit and actually becoming attracted to her in spite of her disheveled appearance after three days in jail, Trace agrees and the marriage is performed. the best part about this is the way this author has crafted an Old West character that is kind, considerate, gentle with his new wife, thoughtful and caring, offering small evidences of his early regard, and introducing her to the realities of their marriage with kindness and without haste, in spite of his having been without a woman for months. Throughout the story his care for her grew, even though he maintained that he would never come to "love" her, yet his deep concern for her safety and acceptance of her intelligence and what he called "her sass" revealed that he was a man who really treasured women and respected them. Second, this is a beautifully written love story and gives a very accurate look-see into the times of the early West when life was hard for everyone but especially for women. There was no such thing as a courtship--marriage was for the purpose of keeping a clean house, good food on the table, bearing children, and keeping the husband's bed warm at night. That it became more in many instances testifies to the power of friendship to become love. Third, the author has brought forth the truth that there were many good people who tried very hard to live in an open and accepting way, just as there were judgmental, small-minded people then as well. The lines between good and evil appear to have been more obvious then, just as every aspect of

community life was lived out in the open. That is not to say that there weren't behind-the-scenes scoundrels, because there were. A couple of them make an appearance in this story. Just a truly fine read.

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### **Jonel Boyko says**

Butler is a sinfully descriptive, wildly erotic author who combines all the excitement of the bedroom with all the emotion of a budding relationship in one complete package. She brings the hardships of the western expansion to life right alongside all the excide of a ménage relationship in a vividly realistic manner that not only drew me in, but had me wishing for these enticing men for myself.

I loved getting to know the characters that Reece has developed for this chemically charged tale. Trace's strength of character yet unassuming attitude towards himself was both a contradiction and an endlessly endearing character. His brothers' loyalty towards him added to this unmistakable, indescribable aura that surrounds him. Beth was the perfect woman to throw into this mix. Her strength of character is tempered by the misconception of herself that was perpetuated by her family. I loved seeing these four make a family of their own while also lighting the pages on fire.

This was a delightfully quick, sinfully sizzling read. It was my intro to Butler's work, but I'm definitely hooked now! I can't wait to delve further into her repertoire.

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### **SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says**

Elizabeth James escapes a forced marriage and awful treatment by her father and joins the Bride Train.

Trace Elliott and his brothers have been banned from town for fighting too much, and the sheriff thinks that if one of them marries, they will settle down, as their friend stopped coming to town when he married!

Beth is in jail at the start of the story, as the town "bully" accosted her and she fought back, and since the town bully works for the mayor, to keep her safe the sheriff keeps her in his jail, and gets Trace to marry her so she is not forced into marrying the bully.

Given the nature of the book, I was not expecting too much with regards to story! But I was pleasantly surprised.

The back story of Beth and the brothers, Trace in particular, were told with depth and warmth.

It was actually a nice love story, with a bit of drama.

The only issue, was that I wish we had more of Jack and Simon, although their history was so tied in to Trace and not as awful as his, but at first, it felt like they would always be second. In a way this was natural, as she met Trace first, and he saved her, but I felt this less toward the end...and felt like, even if at the end of the book, they were not equal in the relationship, it was certainly heading that way.

It was filled with warm and humorous scenes, and the brothers relationship and interactions were good.

A few of the descriptions in the sex scenes I could have done without but it did not really detract from the overall enjoyment!

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### **Kiki says**

Beth is a great heroine. I really loved her.

Reece Butler has created a very realistic setting. I went to her website and found a wealth of research for this Bride Train series. All that thought and research comes through in her books and is kind of surprising to find in a menage series.

I love the absolute depth of characters in this book and its sequel.

If I could, I'd give this book a 3.5, but due to the intense research and realistic feel of the series, I'll go ahead and swing it toward 4 instead of 3. The three things that prevent me from wanting it to give this book a 4 star review are as follows:

1. There is a lot of talk of disciplining the woman if she goes against her husband. Even though this is somewhat playful in nature, it is so much in the book that it really starts to bother me. I don't know think it adds as much to the feel of the book for as much of the book as it takes up.
2. The bride definitely loves one man above the others. While she also loves his brothers, its not equal, this saddens me a bit. It does get addressed better in this book than in the second one, but in a menage type relationship, I would love to see enough love for everyone to be loved completely. I do believe Beth says that she loves them different but equal at one point, yet at another point, she tells her actual husband that he is first most in her heart.
3. While you do come to understand the Trace's brothers, Simon and Jack, to a degree, their relationship with Beth takes up a lot less focus of the book and they almost become interchangeable. I would like to see more equal billing.

All these things are rather minor in comparison to the great sex scenes and depth of story, especially considering this is a menage romance.

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### **Jennette says**

Did I read this book before? It was a bit ordinary. I like stories that take place in this time period and in a western location. This just seemed too typical except for the sharing that's only typical of this this particular category of m/f/m/m books. Strong willed women deemed unmarriagable meets a strong silent type man who doesn't believe in love. TaDa a novel is born. It isn't bad, but it isn't great either. I was entertained so that's something. I'll probably read the next one but I am tempted to skip right to the other brother's story.

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## **LynnMarie says**

### Wendy's Review

This story is a fun and easy read. Reece Butler brings you into the Wild West with a bang. From the first sentence she has you on your toes wanting so much for these characters to be happy.

Elizabeth James is full of sass and vinegar. She is a tough as nails woman who had a hard life and lived through it. Her beauty went unnoticed until she met three rugged hardworking men who only wanted to make her happy and loved.

Trace was the oldest and he lived through his parents' death, being dragged behind a horse, he and his brothers worked hard, played hard and fought hard. They needed a wife who could go toe to toe with them and be strong. Jack and Simon fell instantly in love with Beth while Trace took his time fearing that loving would cause him to be weak. But over time Beth's strong will and love brings the brothers from existing on a farm to being a family again.

Trace, Simon and Jack take Elizabeth into ecstasy. Elizabeth was so enthralled with her husband and his brothers that she knew that there was no way loving three men could be wrong when it felt so right. When three men are making every one of her sexual fantasies true, how can she deny the love that they have for each other?

Even though they become a family there is still danger lurking about and a man scorned and wanting revenge. Beth didn't have to worry though because she wasn't alone any longer. She had three hunky, caring men to take care of her.

You will have a great time going through the lives of Beth and her cowboys!

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5 Tea Cups!

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## **Sandra says**

I really liked this book. Beth was a great heroine and Trace was an amazing hero.

I really think this would have worked without the ménage aspect of the story (I felt that in book #2 as well).

The sextime in the book wasn't as hot as I thought it was going to be.. I've read a lot better and more exciting in other books that I didn't like half as much as I liked this one.

PS - I've never really been a fan of brothers, cousins, BFFs sharing a partner. This one is ok. Simon (& others show up in book #2, and he's a really decent young man in the major scene he's in).

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### **Kymberly Holland says**

#### Who need Shoes When Theres Hot Sex With 3 Ranchers

I bought this the first book in the Bride Train Series on a whim. Boy am I glad I did! Ms. Butler has been a real surprise new author to me! Her creation of Tanner's Ford, Montana in the 1800's is so realistic I actually tried to look it up on a map! The rich scenes and well rounded characters make you truly feel as if you are there in the story. Its a wonderful world to lose oneself in for an afternoon.

Elizabeth "Beth" James runs from an arranged marriage to an odious man to the Wild West. Boarding the Bride Train with all the single hopeful women heading west to contracted marriages. Beth rides the train to the end and still can't pick a husband. So the Mayor of Tanner's Ford decides to do it for her. While waiting in the local jail for morning and her fate. Beth meets Trace Elliot. And The sheriff who had previously banned him and his brothers from the town until they found a wife and settled down. Sheriff Chambers has a solution to everyones dilemma! Trace can marry Beth! She marries him not knowing he plans for her to be a wife to his two brothers also. The chemistry and interactions between them is stilted at first but when they all are at the ranch it starts to flow wonderfully along until you realize your at the end of the story. And then you start to wonder what happens next...So you run right out and buy the next book in the series...Oh wait that was me! Sorry! Any way I loved this book. Ms Butler is a phenomenal writer and I plan to buy the rest of her series too. You should too!

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### **StellaR says**

Don't judge a book by its cover! It's worth reading every page, I promise :)

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### **Annie says**

After a re-read I like this book more than I did the first time through. The rest of the series really does fill in some holes that were left in this book. I enjoyed the story line. Heroine (Beth) fit the men's personality well.

The heroine went from virgin to wanton slut \*very\* quickly. But the sex scenes were great and the not over done.

It is historical. I may read the next one just to see if the series starts to suck me in or not. \*\*update\*\* The series has sucked me in! :)

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### **Therinia says**

This was a book I enjoyed reading. It is what I call a goody-goody romance; one that is feel good without

much conflict. It isn't realistic, more of a fantasy love story with everyone having fun and getting along. The sex was hot and there was lots of it. I'll definitely be reading the next story!

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## ?Sinful says

Soul satisfying and heat igniting! Yahoo!

I'm not much for historical romance, but y'all, this one really revved my engine. At over two hundred pages, it was long enough to really tell a good story while including all the down and dirty cowboy kink I was originally hunting for. Elizabeth James, an independent, intelligent, strong heroine born before her time called to my inner Elizabeth Bennet. While her three cowboys made the journey fun, erotic and quite honestly, touching, it was Elizabeth James's evolution that I enjoyed the most.

Having now read two of Reece Butler's novels, I can attest that this author definitely knows how to write the down and dirty. She is creative, wicked, fun and most definitely not afraid to go 'there'. She delivers the fiery deets while capturing emotion and making the adventure come to life. Frankly I am a big fan of air-conditioning and easily accessible hot showers. The Wild West doesn't do it for this inner diva. But it is a journey I am willing to make time and again to hang out in Ms. Butler's world. It's quite amazing what three hot and lusty cowboys can talk one into, even giving up the little things, like say, indoor plumbing.

Elizabeth James's father has decided to arrange her marriage to a beast. A wealthy, snobby, old beast. And she is going to have none of it. Instead she packs up her things and heads out west on The Bride Train. Unfortunately, she makes it to the final stop without finding a single man she is willing to accept as a husband.

The Wild West isn't a place for a single woman to be safe. When she arrives at the final stop and still won't pick a mate, the mayor decides he is going to draw a name out of a hat and choose for her. It just so happens that once the town bully enters his name, no one else is willing to pony up and add theirs, too.

That's when Trace Elliott arrives. Trace and his brothers like to work off their inner aggression by picking fights with the miners in the town. The sheriff has banned all three of them until they find a bride to whip them into shape. With Trace being the lesser of two unpleasant choices, Elizabeth agrees to marry him. And that's honestly where the real fun begins, on something like page two!

It is the Wild West so you can count on all kinds of action and adventure. It's ménage with cowboys, so trust that the spicy rating is deliciously high. And it's written by Reece Butler, so you get interesting characters who evolve and entrance.

This is one location I hope Ms. Butler revisits again in her writing. The secondary characters were as delightful as the primary and there are quite a few who deserve a story of their own, too.

I'm going to give this one a big recommendation to those looking for something erotic that is long enough to really tell a tale, but not too much of time commitment, and also to those of you who like your ménage to have no GLBT action and the female the center of attention, and all of my fellow kinky cowboy lovers. Enjoy!

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**Leonie says**

Since this is my first book by Reece Butler, I am very impressed.

Beth, escape the clutches of her father and a marriage she did not want, only to end up in jail and married.

Trace Elliot only wanted warm food, a woman and a bed to sleep in for the night. What he got was a wife.

Good story.

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