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Stealing a groom is not for the faint of heart.... or the hapless Adelaide Delaney!

While on a trip to meet her fiance in an arranged marriage, Adelaide Delaney meets Charlotte, a mail order bride who is on her way to marry a rancher. When their bags, along with their train tickets, are accidentally switched, Addie impulsively takes Charlotte's place.

Simply wanting to avoid the marriage her father has arranged, Addie never imagines the difficulties of being a rancher's wife, leaving a trail of hilarious catastrophes in her wake.

Will there be any truth beneath the pretense? Or will Addie decide that she is a poor substitute for Josh Harding's bride?

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Julia Lance says

I loved this novella. I wish it were a little longer but it was still such a great story. Both Addie and Charlotte are at a point of self discovery and they both end up taking unknown paths in their lives. All the mess that Addie gets herself into cracks me up! Even though she never thought she would take a new path in her life, things really worked out for the best! I can't wait to read Charlotte's story! Another great book Amanda and what fun to write with your sister! Great job! I recommend anything and all that Amanda writes! Start with Baggage claim you'll be an instant fan from the first page!

A.M. Heath says

My Thoughts: I was hooked from the start. Wesley and Tru were a great duo and had crafted a story that I couldn't put down. I found myself laughing out loud several times. I loved it. In fact, I loved it so much that I searched out the rest of the series and started them right away. My only complaint was that the characters seemed to get over their plight a little too easily at the end. I would have liked to see a bit more emotion from the characters, namely anger. But I still found it delightful and am giving it 5 stars!

Bhriv says

Addie & Charlotte meet at a railway station. Addie is on her way to her arranged marriage in Denver and Charlotte is on her way to Texas to be a Mail order Bride. They talk briefly about their lives and upcoming events. Somehow Charlotte picks up Addie's bag with her tickets in it and leaves her bag with her tickets to Texas. Charlotte does return and so Addie decides she will just go to Texas since she doesn't have her tickets and Charlotte has not returned. Now the excitement begins. Who will actually marry Josh Harding in Texas and how does it all work out. Recommended read for a cute Mail Order Bride misshap:). I was gifted this book in exchange for my honest review.

Tammy Ambrose says

The was a sweet story that for the most part I enjoyed. It was worth reading the book just for chapter 7 which was one of the most hilarious things I've read in awhile. The H (Joshua) seemed too preoccupied with his ranch to realize he had married the wrong mail-order bride. The h (Addie) got on my nerves a little with her constant crying. There wasn't much interaction between the two and she never could find the time to tell him she wasn't his bride. But there was some really funny parts that I did enjoy and I found the story interesting if not predictable.

Lynda Knapp says

Very enjoyable!

I definitely recommend this book and I will be looking for more written by Amanda Tru. This was a refreshing mail order bride story.

Rebecca says

MC is too stupid to respect or care about. Her departure made no sense, nor did her deception. Should have waited at train station. And how could no one notice difference in accent and word choice between poor southerner and rich New Yorker??? 1 star

Donna (More Than a Review) says

Bride of Pretense was written by sister team Amanda Tru and Cami Wesley. I am a HUGE fan of Amanda Tru. I have loved all her books. Bride of Pretense is a historical western Christian romantic comedy. The story is about two women; Adelaide is the rich girl on her way to her arranged marriage that she is not looking forward to. Charlotte is the mail order bride that is in love with her husband to be from the letters they have written back and forth; although they have not yet met. Addie is not in love with her groom and knows that he doesn't love her either which may be why when the ladies' bags get switched she impulsively takes Charlotte's place. Once Addie is at the ranch with Josh it she must decide if this is her future life and husband.

This is a different book than the other books I have read by Amanda and was missing her shocking plot twists. (She always surprises me). I would still recommend Bride of Pretense if you enjoy a good clean fun historical romance.

You can see my full review at More Than a Review dot com where I rate the level of sex, violence, language and drug/alcohol use in books.

Sarah says

Short, well written book. The story of two brides to be. When a bag gets switched at the train station, it certainly makes for an interesting story. Josh, the groom, doesn't expect a thing. Addie goes with the flow, like nothing wrong happened. She then doesn't live up to expectations and it all bursts loose towards the end. The real Charlotte is so understand, which I find hard to believe. A fun book indeed!

David Murray says

Delightful novella!

What a heart-warming, wonderful story. Was it too short? Yes. Could it have been developed more? Yes.

But I loved it just the same. And to those reviewers who criticized the ending... oh, my goodness! What a great ending! Godly, sweet Charlotte!! We need more Godly Charlottes in our world. Oh, that we all were more like Charlotte. I don't often give 5 stars, but Bride of Pretense deserves them!

Sheila Holmes says

This was a pleasant weekend read. While the plot was predictable, it didn't take away from the overall reading experience. Innocent and fun.

Steve Bender says

I received this book from eBook Discovery in exchange for an honest review. It was a cute book with an engaging but hapless heroine who got stuck in a marriage because she couldn't open her mouth and then things went down from there. Light, fun read.

Amy Woodley says

Sweet and funny

I really enjoyed this light hearted book. It was funny and romantic. I am looking forward to reading the next one.

booksthribifocals says

Sweet, amusing, inspirational historical romance

Two women engaged to men they don't really know, meet at a train depot, Charlotte, orphaned, poor but strong in domestic skills and faith believes that God has provided her a rancher husband through a mail order bride ad, and Addie, "a poor little rich girl" who feels her prayers are never heard, who is on her way to make an advantageous marriage as part of a businessman agreement between his and her fathers. The drama begins when Charlotte picks up the wrong bag to attend the "necessary" and hasn't returned as the train is ready to pull out. This prompts Addie to make a very impulsive decision to use Charlotte's ticket to Texas. Thus a whirlwind of circumstances quickly moves beyond Addie's control and hilarious outcomes ensue. The authors contrast the character's life decisions and beliefs to illustrate how God can work in our lives and bring good even through our less than stellar thoughts, words and actions. Quick enjoyable read particularly for females twelve and older. It did not seem preachy and has good group discussion questions for Christians following the HEA.

Kathy Heare Watts says

GOD WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

I really enjoyed this mail order bride western romance. It had Christian principles without coming off as a preachy story. The plot kept me captivated and the pages turning as the story unfolds and God's plan comes to fulfillment. I found the dialog entertaining and the cast of characters interesting. Two women, similar carpet bags, both taking trains to their future husband. One excited about meeting her mail order groom, one dreading meeting her arranged fiancé to merge two family businesses. Lies by omission, trying to make things right, but something always gets in the way. Can Addie confess and make things right with Joshua? What will happen to Charlotte and Trent? I love series books and at the end of this charming story is the first chapter of the next book. I look forward to reading more by these two sister authors. Disclosure: I was gifted a Kindle copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts, opinions, and ratings are my own.
