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**Can Olivia survive the crime and Gold Rush fever of 1849...and the countless marriage proposals?**

A series for fans of all things related to history, romance, adventure, faith, and family trees.

The **Daughters of the Mayflower** series continues when Olivia Brighton finds herself widowed and working her brother's restaurant in San Francisco during the height of the rush for gold. Even though she receives at least twenty marriage proposals a day, she will *never* marry a gold miner. Her brother's friend Joseph Sawyer has gotten caught up in local politics and the plight of Chinese in forced labor. The more Joseph gets pulled into investigating crime in the city, the less Olivia sees of the compassionate man. And just when she thinks she could love again, a fire threatens to steal all hope.

More in the **Daughters of the Mayflower** series:

*The Mayflower Bride* by Kimberley Woodhouse – set 1620 Atlantic Ocean (February 2018)

*The Pirate Bride* by Kathleen Y'Barbo – set 1725 New Orleans (April 2018)

*The Captured Bride* by Michelle Griep – set 1760 during the French and Indian War (June 2018)

*The Patriot Bride* by Kimberley Woodhouse – set 1774 Philadelphia (August 2018)?

*The Cumberland Bride* by Shannon McNear – set 1794 on the Wilderness Road (October 2018)

*The Liberty Bride* by MaryLu Tyndall – set 1814 Baltimore (December 2018)

*The Alamo Bride* by Kathleen Y'Barbo - set 1836 Battle of the Alamo (February 2019)

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### Ann says

This is a great book! If you are looking for a book that is full of suspense, drama and romance, this book is for you! It is very well written and keeps you on the edge of your seat, This book is set in San Francisco during the Gold Rush of the 1880's, and is very eye-opening about how nasty and lawless it was back then. I highly recommend this book. Thank you Barbour Publishing via NetGalley for the ARC copy of this book. This is my honest review.

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### Julie Mick says

I recently read The Golden Bride and enjoyed it! This book is part of a series of stories about brides throughout history. Each one is set in a unique time period and faces challenging situations. I love how each story threads our need for God in our everyday life.

Olivia is heading to California with a foolish husband when tragedy strikes. She must reach her brother in San Francisco when she becomes a widow. Olivia is a serious young woman who has experienced a hard life. Readers may feel she is forced to handle too much throughout the book but life is often difficult and we must turn to God for strength to keep going.

Joseph is a gold-miner turned town leader in the story and he is best friend to Olivia's brother. He must help keep San Francisco safe from an unscrupulous and anonymous business leader. Together Olivia and Joseph learn to trust and work together. There is danger and secrets as Olivia and Joseph make the city safe for the abused and disadvantaged immigrants.

This is an enjoyable, somewhat predictable novel.

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### Esther says

I am very much enjoying the entire Daughters of the Mayflower series. Each book builds my knowledge of history and appreciation for our country. While each book stands alone, I eagerly look forward to each new installment.

This book, like the ones before it, has characters that bring history to life. Some of that is not so pretty. I was unaware of the atrocities that happened during the gold rush of 1849. The human trafficking, crime, and pitiful living conditions that most of the newcomers to San Francisco endured were things that I was unaware of prior to this book. With that being said, the author did a very good job of keeping the book from being a downer.

I enjoyed this book and the characters within. I plan to follow up on the historical notes at the end of the book and learn even more about this fascinating period of history.

I follow the GoodReads rating system. Please note that this means even the 3-star books are ones I liked.

1 star – didn't like it

2 stars – it was OK

3 stars – liked it

4 stars – really liked it

5 stars – it was amazing; I'll read it over and over and/or it will impact my daily life.

I received a complimentary copy from the publisher through NetGalley. I was not required to give a positive review. The thoughts and opinions expressed here are entirely my own.

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### **Rose says**

I have to admit that this book had everything that a great novel should have. It had a rich blend of historical facts and mystery that made it difficult to put down. For every somber historical fact, there was also a lighthearted moment often between Olivia, her brother or Joseph.

The characters were lifelike in their emotions and actions, especially Olivia. Despite everything she had gone through, she eventually came to find hope through reading the Bible with Joseph and her brother, Daniel.

I would recommend this delightful tale to anyone who is in need of a historical mystery with a touch of romance.

Personal Rating: 5 Stars

Content Rating: 4 Stars

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### **Paula says**

A story of a young woman that journeys to San Francisco to live with her brother, she endures hardship as her new husband dies. She continues on to find her brother, and she meets his best friend. The story gets more interesting toward the end, with spying, danger, and fire that nearly destroys the city. An exciting tale that I enjoyed reading!

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### **Deanna Stevens says**

The Golden Bride swore she would never marry any man who was involved with gold mining in any way.. Wow! What a life she must have had in San Francisco during the gold rush. To find young men of faith, one being her brother, trying to make their home town more live-able and safe was an informative and interesting story. The way women were treated and then the poor souls forced into slavery when there was no police or laws yet in this town was quite an eye opener! I thought the ending was perfect! I also liked the information the author shared about San Francisco at the end of the book, so interesting!

I requested a book through NetGalley no review was required. My review is voluntary.

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### **Sandra says**

This is another great addition to The Daughters of the Mayflower. I have read all the other books to this series and find them all educational and entertaining. Even though they are fictional novels, there are a lot of

parts to the books that are taken from our history. I look forward to reading the authors notes at the end to learn which is historically accurate and what parts are from the author.

Kimberly has a special way of making a scene come to life. That along with her ability to craft interesting, believable characters makes for a very good read.

The story is set in San Francisco during the Gold Rush. I have read several stories with that location and during the same time period. That was a very hard and lawless time. It has been referred to as the Sodom and Gomorrah of America. I liked the way Kimberley included these facts without going into great detail. I am sure it would be hard to write about, it is hard to read some of what went on. I think Kimberley did a wonderful job of drawing light out of this darkness.

This book is about sacrifice, forgiveness, hope, romance, faith and family trees.

If you are a fan of Christian historical romance, you will not be disappointed with Kimberly Woodhouse's new book.

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### **Karen R says**

The newest addition to the Daughters of the Mayflower series brings interesting history, strong characters, and a lot of faith, plus a tender romance. Newly widowed Olivia Brighton needs all the courage and wit she can muster to face the daily challenges of life in chaotic 1849 San Francisco. Her kind and industrious brother Daniel provides a safe place to live and work at his busy restaurant. Along with his good friend, Joseph, they hope to bring light and order to the dark and dangerous city.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Olivia has a lot to overcome from the loss of her parents and short-lived marriage. It was heartening to see her growth from being fearful and guilt ridden, to becoming a woman of faith and courage, reaching out to help others, instead of focusing so much on her own perceived shortcomings. I liked the journal entries from her ancestors, which were a real encouragement, boosting her faith and reminding her that she wasn't alone. Daniel and Joseph were great men of faith and integrity, noble and willing to sacrifice to help others. They were real lights in a dark place. The author does a good job of painting the picture of how crazy the city was at the time, and doesn't shy away from the dark side of the boom town era. The ending was exciting with some mystery and action adding interest to the plot.

Readers who enjoy historical Christian fiction with faith and some romance, may like this one. It easily reads as a stand alone, with a few recaps from previous books. The author notes at the end highlight facts included in the story, sharing resources for further reading. 3.5 stars

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### **Laura Meyer says**

The Golden Bride takes you on a journey to historic California. A land of gold, danger, & full of men starved for the opportunity to make money. Some who were willing to make it by any means available. Yet for all

those men, there were few women. So why does a Godfearing woman head to this lawless town? Will she be able to stand, or once her faith is tested by the fiery trials headed her way, will her faith be left in ashes? Find out for yourself in this well researched novel by Kimberley Woodhouse. I've enjoyed reading this book, and once again glimpsing some of the trials that people went through to help form this great country. The history buff in me was able to enjoy the descriptive background, while the romantic side of me appreciated the journey to finding love.

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### **Hieu says**

The Golden Bride is the well-written story with well-developed characters. This novel is full of suspense, drama, and romance, set in San Francisco in the 1880s during the gold rush. Overall, I love this book and highly recommend to people who are the fan of mystery, romance and historical periods. Thank you Barbour Publishing and NetGalley for the ARC copy in exchange for an honest review

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### **Kelly Tyree says**

I just loved The Golden Bride. I have read all of the books in this series and they are all equally good. Each of them are written by great authors and each from a different period of time.

The Golden Bride is from the mid 1800's and set in San Francisco during the gold rush. Olivia Brighton has lost both of her parents and her husband whom she had only been married to for six weeks. She married him after only knowing him for a day and their brief marriage was not good. Now Olivia finds herself in San Francisco. She is working and living with her brother, Daniel, in his restaurant. The town of San Francisco is dirty and dangerous. But in Daniel's restaurant, Olivia is safe. Daniel is a Christian and in him she finds hope again. Daniel gives Olivia a box that belonged to her mother. It was a treasure that had been passed down from generation to generation. In the box, Olivia finds the journals of three wonderful women. In those journals, Olivia finds strength and healing.

Joseph Sawyer is a gold miner that has been very successful. He is Daniel's best friend and he is a Christian. He, Daniel and Olivia begin a Bible study in the afternoons. Olivia has a wall built up around her heart due to feeling unworthy of love, but as those walls fall down she finds herself longing for love again. Joseph and Olivia have found a way into each other's hearts. But they live in dangerous times and Joseph has become aware of a danger that he cannot ignore. As Joseph goes undercover to try and rescue imprisoned men, women and children, his safety is in jeopardy. He longs for a future with Olivia but must try to fulfill a promise he made to rescue his foreman's family.

The Golden Bride is beautifully written. The romance between Olivia and Joseph is so endearing. There is enough suspense to keep you on the edge of your seat. The ending is just perfect.

I received an ARC of this book and this is my honest feedback.

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## Becca-Rae Weidel says

I sincerely hope that they once again decide to add more books to this series. I've enjoyed each one so far and I really liked how it was formatted to slowly move forward through time. While each of the books can be read as a stand-alone, the knowledge that the characters are related through the generations ties a stronger bond to the history of our nation. We are a product of the generations before us, and how this series ties that concept together is remarkable. While this book is similar in that it can be read as a stand-alone, it also contains journal entries from previous characters. It wouldn't necessarily lead the reader to feel lost in any way, but if you've read the previous books it will certainly give you a deeper appreciation for their connections.

I enjoyed each of the books in this series, but I have to admit that the ones written by Kimberley Woodhouse are my absolute favorites. The author's love of history is clearly observed in her writing. Not surprising, I read this book in a single evening. It was well written and highly engaging. I appreciate Kimberley's intent to be respectful of history while wanting something a bit more light-hearted. In my opinion I think she was able to achieve a satisfying balance.

I think my favorite piece of this story is the concept that life often doesn't turn out as we expect--both the good and the bad. When Olivia's brother Daniel moved to San Francisco, there was no way he would know how quickly the area would boom. With the reason for that growth circling around a wide-spread, selfish desire for wealth--it's no wonder that it brought with it a whole lot of trouble. Yet despite the conflict, Daniel continues to seek the Lord in his steps for the future. In the beginning Olivia was hit with the recent death of her parents which resulted in a quick marriage of convenience followed by unexpected widowhood. How does one move forward when life throws the unexpected at you? I really liked how the author fleshed this out in the story.

I honestly don't think I can recommend this series enough. While I admit I had my favorites, I've enjoyed each story and appreciate the generational history contained in the pages (fictional or not). I hope they decide to continue moving through history, but if not I can at least say I've appreciated the time I've already been able to spend in it.

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