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Cora: Bride of South Dakota is fortieth in the unprecedented 50-book American Mail-Order Brides series. Cora Ancelet's father hates her.

When a fire ravages the factory where she works, her father orders her to find another source of employment or marry his evil political ally, a man old enough to be her grandfather.

After being handed a Groom's Gazette, Cora takes the desperate step of becoming a Mail Order Bride.

John Franklin wants a woman to wake up to. A woman who will love him and his ranch, and ultimately give him the children he craves.

Will placing an advertisement for a Mail Order Bride turn out to be the best decision he has ever made for both him and Cora – or is tragedy afoot?

Cora: Bride of South Dakota Details

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From Reader Review Cora: Bride of South Dakota for online ebook

Brittany says

Cora was probably my favorite so far in the series. She had a hard life but she fought hard. She is great and her man was so sweet and awesome.

Yvonne Wohlfeil says

Not one of my favorite books. The book jumped all over the place. One page and Cora's father found her! I don't think so. She left a lot of the story out. I put it down!

Robin Malek says

Scary amazing

Wow, did you put some serious issues into this one. Cora is an absolute winner, too bad we don't get to meet the baby.... But John and Cora are so very good together, it just makes you want to smile.

Nancy says

This one was more on the dark side with the abuse. It was a little uncharacteristic to think someone who had gone through that could be so emotionally together. Learning about the Indians was very interesting and saved the book!

InD'tale Magazine says

Cora and Jim's story is a sweet little historical with all the necessary elements for a good romance.

Read full review in the 2016 April issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Jennifer says

I thought the book was pretty good and I was enthralled with the story of Cora Bride of South Dakota. I read the book in just two days. There is some language in the 2nd half of the book and some bit of racism but overall pretty good.

Cora Ancelet's father has long made known his dislike of her and is threatening to throw her out on the streets or marry her to an evil man if she doesn't find another job, since her last job literally burned up. Fearing she has no choice Cora responds to a mail order bride add. With her brothers help she escapes to a job friends place while awaiting for a reply.

John Franklin is tired of being alone, even though he's partnered with two of his brothers and a close friend, on his ranch. So when he receives a letter clearly written in a ladies hand, everyone in town is curious and John decides to respond. Not realizing the chain of events that will unfold for better or worse.

Susan Robinson says

Very good story... This is one of those books I wish was expanded to more.

Robyn Corcoran says

I loved this beautiful, sweet romance.

Susan Horsnell has a touch of everything in this story. There is adventure, fear, evil and good, suspense, romance and a HEA!

Cora is a young woman of 18 who needs a job to be able to live. Her life had never been easy and isn't now. She decides to take a chance, one that will truly take her on an adventure. John is a young rancher who is ready to settle down and start a family. He is a man of high morals and very level headed.

Fantastic character and scenery descriptions make this stand out, as a reader you really get taken into their world. I enjoyed the travelling I did with Cora on her way to get away from her evil father. The interaction with the Indians was fascinating and beautifully written.

I can honestly say I recommend this book to everyone who enjoys a light romance that makes the reader feel great!

Cindy says

This series was my first experience with multiple authors working together to write a series on a large scale. I enjoyed every book in the series and found several new authors that I hadn't read before.

Leanne ~ Tales From The Heart says

I had the pleasure of receiving this ARC for review. Thank you Susan Horsnell for bringing me back to these wonderful sweet romances that I used to read before other genres took over.

This story is part of a collaboration between 45 authors to write 50 stories in this Mail Order bride collection across all states of the USA.

Cora is an 18yr old girl promised by her brutal father to an older man. She escapes taking the desperate step to become a mail order bride across the country. I had to google to see where South Dakota was, my first impression was it must be cold and can't imagine it in those primitive times.

I read most of this in one sitting, it certainly was hard to put down. I cried in the middle, the emotions of Cora pulled me in. The author has obviously done her research capturing the time, place and snippets of history in the country and that region at the time.

This was no easy sailing with a young girl on the run, there were twists and turns and just when I thought it was smooth, something major happened (no spoils, read it for yourself). There is a beautiful HEA and I imagine their life was wonderful into old age. But I'm secretly hoping for a sequel. I highly recommend you buying this story.

Jennifer Guffey says

Cora: Bride of South Dakota (American Mail-Order Bride #40)

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4/5 stars

Cora has lived with her father's abusiveness her entire life. He has always hated her and blamed her for causing her mother's death. He has obviously favored his eldest child, his son. Cora had a so-so relationship with her brother, but he never went out of his way to hurt her. After the factory fire, Cora's father gives her an ultimatum to find another job in a week's time or he will force her to marry his friend. But his friend is much older than Cora, old enough to be her dad, and is also rumored to be very abusive towards women. But it will be politically advantageous and he and this man and her father also share secrets.

John is ready for a wife and all that comes with marriage. He wants companionship, friendship, and children. He's ready to build his life with a woman. He and Cora have a connection and are married. Cora adapts to life on John's South Dakota ranch very quickly and easily. They both fall in love and know that this is the best decision that either one has ever made.

But danger lurks when powerful men have been confounded and shamed with the loss of what was promised.

Jo says

Amateur writing

If I had paid for this book I would have returned it for a refund. "Brutish" seemed to be this writer's favorite descriptive word, and the dialogue.....Pierre went from being a French immigrant speaking proper "upper class" English to speaking like an illiterate cowboy. The Indians alternated between speaking fluent English with contractions to speaking broken English. If this is what the other 49 books are like, I'll pass. There are many other mail order bride stories that are much better written.

Kasey says

I enjoyed this book a great deal. The characters were likeable and although not a totally unique story (hateful parent/running from an arranged married), the author does a good job of throwing interesting pieces in the story to make it seem fresh and new. One of my top faves in the series so far!

Melissa says

Great story

I enjoyed this one. John was kind to Cora from the start. I liked all the characters. The good guys are really good and she made the bad guys extremely bad. This one leaves you with a good feeling.

Dana Dobias says

Nice Sweet Story Until the Father Snapped

This is the 40th story in the American Mail Order Brides series. The romance is sweet but strong and very believable. The crazy father is a rather nasty person. All in all this book is a nice addition to the series.
