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Groom Not Wanted

When Pearl Lawson sees an ad for a mail-order bride, she leaps at the opportunity to find a husband for her best friend. But the town's most dashing bachelor has caught the eye of several aspiring brides-to-be...and even Pearl is drawn to him. Though the schoolteacher has no intentions of marrying, her instant connection with Roland Decker cannot be denied.

Roland doesn't know how an ad seeking a wife for his brother found its way into print. But now he has to handle the hopeful applicants—women who think *he's* the future groom. Not to mention the feisty, matchmaking schoolteacher who is just as determined not to marry as he is. Will this mix-up push Roland and Pearl to forget their plans of staying single and allow love into their lives?

Boom Town Brides: Taking a leap of faith for love

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Barbara says

Probably closer to 4.5 stars. I enjoyed the characters in this Christian historical fiction saga. The main character, Pearl, is endearing in the way she treats others, and she also seems very human because she also has some flaws. The relationship between the two brothers, Garrett and Roland, is an interesting and very complicated one, and the children in the book are fun to read about. There are several ladies that answer the mail-order ad, and they all have such varied and unique personalities. I look forward to discovering their stories in future books in the "Boom Town" series. Tragedy, guilt, rescue, forgiveness, setting priorities, working toward dreams, faith, and family relationships all factor into this plot.

I was given a copy of this book by the author, but was not required to write a positive review.

Elizabeth Nordstrand says

I chose to read this book because I was familiar with the history of Singapore, Michigan. There was a terrible fire, but not until a year later - which totally destroyed the town. It was rather eerie reading about these people and thinking what was going to happen in the future.

Sharon says

I won this book on goodreads

Great read. Very interesting. If you like historical fiction you will love Mail Order Mix-Up. I can't wait to read the other books in the series.

Michele Benchouk says

I received an ARC of this book through a Good reads giveaway and really enjoyed it. The characters were likable and engaging. The story was set in Singapore, Michigan -- site of the first schoolhouse and a great fire in 1871 and subsequently engulfed by sand dunes of Lake Michigan. Very interesting locale. I love the idea of a glassworks in this location. The circumstances pulled me in and piqued my interest. I am thrilled that there are future stories in this series with the three other single women. My compliments to the author -- can't wait to see where this series goes.

Sonya says

2.5

Cathy Daniel says

I enjoyed the main characters and the kids. Pearl made me smile & laugh. I found the secondary characters of the women and even the brother to be annoying so I really don't care to read their stories!

Bonnie says

Mail Order Mix-Up is Boom Town Brides #1 book series by Christine Johnson. Pearl Lawson is taking a teaching job in a small town. She see's an ad in the New York paper from the small town, advertising for a mail order bride. Pearl thinks this would be an ad her best friend, Amanda, should do. They get on a boat and head for the small town. The ad says Garrett Decker. On the boat they find out there are two other women answering the ad. They meet a Mr. Decker on the boat and they go after him on the boat. Mr. Decker doesn't know what they are talking about. When they get off the boat they hear Mr. Decker calling for his brother Garrett Decker. Garrett doesn't know anything about the ad. They find out Garrett's 6 and 7 year old children with the help of their babysitter placed the ad. They want a mama. Garrett is a rough talking man and not interested in getting married again. Sparks fly between Roland Decker and Pearl. Lots of things go on in this book. A fire that burns down the school and the children in danger. A good read.

Harlequin Historical says

Miniseries: Boom Town Brides

Janis Kay says

3-3.5 Stars

Harlequin Books says

"Whether on sea or on land, Johnson's latest moves beautifully from one imagery-filled scene to the next. Mail Order Mix-Up feels authentic and is rich in historical details of the real Singapore, perhaps Michigan's most famous ghost town, while the romance aspect is quite heartwarming" (4 1/2 stars TOP PICK! @ RT Book Reviews).

Miniseries: Boom Town Brides

Becky says

I love historical romance, especially mail order brides! To answer ads and to take a leap of faith and a lot of courage to answer an ad to meet a man looking for a wife, not only the fear of meeting someone, living in a whole new place. Set in a coastal town Singapore, Michigan, in the 1870's. Roland and Pearl are your main characters in this sweet and loving romance. You will also meet future main characters, in the future Boom Town Brides Series, Amanda, Fiona and Louises, stories. Roland actually wasn't in the ad to begin with for the future bride, it was for his brother, but the story proves sometimes, love is unexpected at times, and was meant to be! Great Read!!!!

Susan Ross says

I would have given this book a 5 if it didn't have a lot of religious overtones and if the story had a more succinct ending. I'm sure the story continues in the next 3 books in the series but I like each book to tie up loose ends.

That said, I enjoyed the book. Pearl and Roland were great characters yet flawed. Pearl jumps to conclusions and Roland is fixated on his dream regardless of the town's wishes. The secondary characters Garrett and Amanda, who I assume will be the focus of the next book, show promise. The children are delightful, although not truly developed, and the reason the mail order brides are in this outpost. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.
