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At the turn of the 20th century, Elli Korpela boards The Baltic with hundreds of eager women, all seeking new beginnings and brighter futures in America . . . as mail order brides.

Escaping a forced engagement, Elli seeks refuge in a faraway marriage, desperately needing her new life with a Texan named Nathan White to be safer than the one she left behind in Finland. And as she glimpses her future husband and his darling niece at the train station, she instantly knows her risk will prove the best decision she's ever made.

Until he became the guardian of four-year-old Hannah, Nathan White never took an interest in marriage, arranging a mail order wife to simply love and care for his orphaned niece. That is, he never took an interest until he laid eyes on the beautiful Elli Korpela.

After a fairytale ceremony in the gardens of the grandest estate Elli's ever seen, a place called Butterfly Palace, their peaceful beginning takes a disquieting turn as an intruder brutally attacks Elli in the middle of the night. Nathan intervenes, but the devil escapes unidentified, leaving Elli to face two chilling possibilities: either the attack was arranged by strike workers in Nathan's employ or her shadowy past followed her into the present – and across the sea.

As the danger mounts, Elli and Nathan must face their enemy together, fighting to stay alive – and fighting to stay man and wife.

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Aerykah says

Eh... not awful, but definitely not comparable to Colleen's other books.

Melissa says

Cute novella. I enjoyed the characters and the mystery. Nice short easy listen & read.

Kathy Mizell says

God Does Provide

It was going to be a whole new life for Elli. The old one had been very sad. Her Father had been killed, she had lost her home to their neighbor and she was left with nothing. The letter to solve all her troubles arrived. Did she dare take the plunge? Did she leave Finland for the strange country called America? What would be waiting for her there? Read this short booklet and find all the answers.

Bethany Godwin says

I liked this one 100% more than *The Butterfly Palace*. Though, admittedly, the plot was resolved a little too quickly and easily for my taste. It was nice to see Coble carry on the storyline of a familiar face without getting too in depth with the old faces (I say that largely due to how much I loathed *The Butterfly Palace*. Usually I love catching up with old friends.)

I'm surprised that the whole "mail-order-bride" storyline wasn't explored further. The story revolved more around who's attacking Elli than the historical element of girls being brought over on the *Baltic* (which, I admit, I don't know is a fictional element created for Coble's purposes). On that vein, I must say that what I found most unbelievable was how quickly Elli was found. I mean, she was attacked on her first day in town or something? After how long on the boat? After how long on the train? After how long in the States? I know it's speculated how she was found, but I think that could've been better established.

This is a short story, so it won't take long. Go for it if you feel like it; I don't think it would be a waste of your time.

Ellen White says

Ellie she was coming from Finland to Texas, which one was to be her husband. No correspondence outside of the application to the agency.

His niece Hannah was the main concern to give her a stable home.

The wedding took place at the Butterfly Palace a grand place. A stranger breaks in and tries to kill her, why. Her father had a meeting with a man she refused to marry and never returned. Did he follow her across the sea, or something at her husband work. A short read but of interest

Fanaticmama says

Quick short follow up to butterfly palace.

Emily says

3.5 stars

Sherri says

I didn't realize that this was a novella when I borrowed it from Overdrive. Novellas are predictable for me and leave me lacking meat of a good book.

The voices were a fair attempt but didn't like the narrator's voice for Ellie and Hannah. They both sounded like 4 year old girls. It made Ellie sound very immature.

Not a bad attempt at a novella but will prefer Coble's other works.

Tori says

Had no idea that this was a such a short story when I borrowed the audio book from Overdrive. I picked it because the story occurs around Austin. It's short and sweet, literally. Entirely predictable. Wasn't a fan of the Christian back story. Just not my thing.

Cheryl-Lynn says

It was ok. A little too much action for the length of the story and not enough development.

Barb says

Irresistible romance meets thrilling suspense in this novella from USA Today best-selling novelist Colleen

Coble.

At the turn of the 20th century, Elli Korpela boarded The Baltic as a mail order bride. But the threat she thought she was escaping somehow followed her to America . . .

Escaping a forced engagement, Elli sought refuge in an arranged, mail-order marriage. Her betrothed is a Texan named Nathan White. As she glimpses her future husband and his darling niece at the train station, she instantly knows her risk will prove the best decision she's ever made.

Nathan White never took an interest in marriage until he became the guardian of four-year-old Hannah. He's arranged a mail order wife to love and care for his orphaned niece. But his mind changes when he first sees the beautiful Elli Korpela

After a glorious wedding ceremony in the gardens of a place called Butterfly Palace—the grandest estate Elli's ever seen—a peaceful beginning takes a disquieting turn. An intruder brutally attacks Elli. Nathan intervenes, but the devil escapes unidentified, leaving Elli to face two chilling possibilities: either the attack was arranged by strike workers in Nathan's employ or her shadowy past followed her across the sea.

As the danger mounts, Elli and Nathan must face their enemy together, fighting for their newfound marriage—and for their lives.

Irresistible romance meets thrilling suspense in this novella that will keep your attention. A quick and awesome read. 5 stars

Cathy Bickerstaff says

I enjoyed Bluebonnet Bride. It could have been longer, more to enjoy.

CindyHunt says

Curl up in your favorite chair...

And enjoy this sweet romance with a mysterious twist. Is it something from Ellie's past...Or from something tied to the position management position Nathan had just acquired. You won't be disappointed!

Gayle Fontenot says

A fast read, intrigue, and a sweet romance. Always love the mail order bride books. The little girl Hannah is adorable and I liked the main characters Elli and Nathan. This is the 2nd and last in this series, Love Across The Sea. It takes place In the early 1900's in Texas. I loved it, but wish it had been a bit longer.

***TANYA* says**

Super cute enjoyable book. Mail order bride, handsome man, need I say more!?
