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On a harsh future Earth where corruption rules and women are few, cold realist Hudson Land must purchase a wife to comply with the Elders' laws and save his farm. Instead of an auction, he witnesses the start of an execution. With his first look at

Lake, a chemist and a rebel fighter, is resigned to her death, but when some back-hill farmer rescues her from the chopping block she has no intention of simply becoming his wife. She's pledged her life to the Rebellion and being bought for some stranger's bed doesn't change a thing, even if his soft caresses are damn distracting.

As lies and secrets build between them, can they trust each other enough to stand against the two warring factions in a world where only the strong survive?

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Chappy says

In this crazy post-apocalyptic Earth, the Elders have taken over control of everything. Religious dogma referred to as "The Path" is cruelly enforced and women are rare commodities to be purchased. Only a very few men get to own a wife and mark her with their name on her back.

Hudson really needs a wife, especially if he is to hold onto his farm. Lake has no choice in the matter but she's determined to get revenge on those who have wronged her.

Timitra says

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It has potential but it needs proofreading, the misspelled and misused words were distracting and took away from the story. The pacing was also a bit wonky. If those issues are fixed it can definitely be a solid read.

Melanie A. says

3.5 STARS

Amy Garrett says

kc Klein is the only sci fi I will read

This takes place in a time where beheading happens. His wife is bought to save her life. She is a strong willed independent woman. I really enjoyed reading this, and if it were a film it would be a great one!

Metessa says

I didn't realize when I started reading this book that it is a novella, a cross between a short story and a novella really, less than 100 pages. Conflicts are revealed and resolved very quickly, perfect for those instant gratification types.

Our literary hottie, Hudson, saves the distrusting protagonist, Lake (yes Lake), from certain death. Will she betray him? There is more than just her loyalty to the rebellion on the line...

The world building leaves a lot to the imagination, it has the feel of a western *ew*. Westerns are not my thing, so I just redirected my imagination a bit. There is fantasy/sci-fi element so that helped run off the

cowboys.

There is instant attraction, I mean Lake is stop traffic gorgeous, but believe it or not, no insta-love. Lake (yes Lake) is a bit Mary Sue but not overly annoying; her situation and back story inspire sympathy.

Although I don't know him well enough to swoon, Hudson definitely gets a spot on the book boyfriend shelf. Muscular, easy on the eyes, just, kind but tough... sounds good to me. I'm calling *To Buy A Wife* "wannabe erotica", it's hasn't quite crossed over into the dark side but it's definitely steamy.

I haven't decided if I will continue the series. *To Buy A Wife* is an amazon freebie but the the next book is \$2.99 and also a novella. I think .99 is plenty for a novella, so I may snub it on principle; apparently I am not that invested.

Regan says

A man cannot own land without also having a wife. Hudson travels to the town square with every piece of gold to his name in hopes of purchasing a wife before losing his farm. Instead, he finds himself buying a female criminal- one with translucent hair and wonderful curves. Beggars can't be choosers when wives are in short supply.

I found the world these characters live in fascinating--women are commodities as their survival rate as infants has fallen drastically. The rebels are working apart from the main center of the country to end such barbaric practices but most rebels are poor men. One person can be the difference to revive the rebels cause.

Hudson was a very likable character- Alpha Male yet also compassionate towards his chattel wife. He is hardened and calloused after a hard working life and isn't afraid to do what it takes to get what he wants. Lake presents herself as unique yet unaware of how her passions and action affect others. Their dynamic worked well together.

One complaint I have is the cut to black scenes- the chemistry was building and about to crescendo and then....cut to black! We didn't get the goods! I also would have liked this to be longer as I feel there was a lot more story to tell with just this plot line.

Overall a really good read & I will for sure pick up book 2. 4 stars xx

Carrie says

To Buy A Wife by K.C. Klein is the first book of the science fiction/dystopian romantic The Dark Future series. The characters and story do continue over into the next book so to best be enjoyed one should start at the beginning and read the series in order.

Set in what is meant to be a futuristic version of Earth women have become property and only supposed to be good for bearing children and being wives. Hudson Land was headed to the auction to buy a wife but

arrived late only to find himself arriving when Lake is about to be executed. Before he knows it Lake is his property but he didn't count on having a rebel for a wife.

This story wasn't a bad one although with it being short it really lacked a lot of depth which really showed in the world building. To me it felt a bit more historical really than something that would be happening in the future. Otherwise you have the kind man taking in the woman that is used to much harsher conditions and wrap all that into a rebellion story, interesting start.

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Peggy says

Hudson needs a wife. Lake is going to be put to death. Hudson save Lake but Lake is part of the rebellion. Lake don't plan on being with Hudson. Can Hudson convince Lake to stay with him and save the farm?

Michelle says

Lake

She is about to be executed. But Hudson saves her by claiming she is pregnant with his child. She asks for twenty four hours and like a fool he gives them to her. When she runs he finds her but she claims to know a formula to help the rebellion and her brother, if only he will listen.

Donna says

Good dystopian romance

I was immediately engrossed in this story of Lake, a stunning young woman who is being sold because her parents were killed when the government found a computer in their house. And in this world a man cannot keep property without an heir, so many man want to buy her.

Good writing, a few minor typos, but pretty well edited. I am going to read the next book in this series. Yes, the parts are all written, ready to read!

SheLove2Read says

I enjoyed the writing style but not the story itself. A few minor editing issues that should be resolved but nothing that took me away from the timeline. I think the author could have done so much more with this if it had only been fleshed out a bit more, and didn't have such a misogynistic feel. I probably won't be reading anything more in this miniseries.

Celestine says

This is a note to myself that I read this book as part of the Hotter on the Edge anthology. It was an eventual trilogy that ended with Dark Future. Dark and dystopian feel to these books. Very good.

Monique says

TO BUY A WIFE is set in the near future where wives, as the title implies are bought; women are a rare commodity. Lake, a revolutionary, is just about to be executed, when Hudson notices. He needs a wife, otherwise he will lose his precious land. He says she's bearing his child, and even for that regardless of the crime, a woman cannot be executed. Lake is a very independent woman, she doesn't want to be anybody's wife, but Hudson doesn't look so bad, he looks kinder than other men who had looked at her before. Eventually, she decides to make him believe that she will stay with him, and she would if only she could...

TO BUY A WIFE is another superb SciFi novel concocted by Ms. Klein. I would put it in the same vein as Margaret Atwood's Handmaid's Tale, not because the story is similar, far from it, but because it is an intelligent reflection on the condition of women. TO BUY A WIFE is extremely well written, fast-paced, and the story flows very smoothly. There are also quite a few very pleasant surprises, especially in the case of Hudson. I liked both characters a lot. I am not a SciFi reader, and again KC Klein penned a superb story that had me racing to the end!

Willow Brooks says

This book was a very unique dystopian story. Lake was a beautiful young woman who was on the verge of being beheaded for her part in the rebellion. There were so few women left in the world the author created, that in order to have children men would bid for a wife. Farmers were the ones who could afford the nicer looking and younger women to take to wife. All women were considered property with no rights, however Lake endeavor to change the law and make women equal with men.

The only way a woman could be saved from execution was to beg for mercy to the crowd of onlookers. A man could grant her the mercy by purchasing her and paying an extra fee. The only other way to save a woman headed to execution was for a man to claim she was with child. An extra fee was paid in this case also.

A handsome, sexy farmer by the name Hudson saves Lake's life. You would have to read the book to find out how. This book had some intense moments. Some scenes didn't make sense though, like how the first sex scene was Hudson using his fingers to take Lakes mind off of a horrid situation. The author did a great job telling this scene in vivid detail, yet their first actual consummation was practically nonexistent. Example: He made love to her.

Much of Lake and Hudson's trouble revolve around a formula that a corrupt leaders wanted access to. This leader did not care who he and his men killed to get it. Lake was the only person in the world who knew it, and she kept it hidden where no man could find it. This formula can not only cure human diseases, but in large quantities it can.....

The plot had me shaking my head and calling Hudson and Lake a couple of fools every now and then. The ending of this story made me upset, although I understood it was the set up for the next book in the series. I read the sample of the next story and I was still kind of pissed off, so as for right now I'm not reading the second book in the series until I calm down.

I will say that this was not a bad read and it has a lot of possibility. I would have thought the ratings for it would be higher. This was a 3.5 star read for me. The book cover and title, which was the reason why I bought the book, took it up .5 of a star for me.

Deborah says

In this future world women are a rare commodity and while they are bought and sold they're looked after especially during their child bearing years.

The Elders rule this harsh new world and according to their rules to own land you must have a wife which is why Hudson Land, complete with his entire life savings finds himself in town to purchase a wife the problem is he's missed the auction and it's now the beheadings which is where he surprisingly finds his wife to be. Lake is a rebel and that's something which the Elders won't tolerate which is why she finds herself sentenced to death. Lake had resigned herself to dying and so she has mixed emotions about being bought by Hudson, initially we're not sure about Lake but as the book progresses we discover her past and her motivations.

Now Hudson I just loved he's a fabulous character, Lake is intriguing although at times, early on she annoyed me especially when she was being selfish but as the book progresses we see her grow .

This is a short read at only 94 pages but in those pages we're given a whole new world and a good idea of what life was like, we also get the POV of the two main characters which I like.

This is the first book I've read by this author and I only found it because my friend read it although she was unhappy with the ending and is, I quote "calming down" before she starts the second one, I've already downloaded 'To Keep a Wife' and I'll be starting it as soon as I finish this review.
