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Just before boarding the Bride Train, outspoken intellectual Florence Peabody unofficially adopts two children to save them from a terrible fate.

Lawyer Benjamin Elliott is desperate to find the quiet, obedient wife he promised his identical twin, Ranger. Though he's decided never to marry, he enjoys Florence's company. When she must produce a husband to save her children, he conveniently steps in.

Florence is everything Ranger detests, but he tells Ben that valley wives share their husband's partners. Florence is hesitant until youngest brother Patrick welcomes her with a toe-curling kiss. With the most sexual experience, Ranger beds Florence the first time. For once, she lets go of reason and lets passion rule. When she wakes, she eagerly attacks Ben.

But Ranger's tough guy attitude is too much for Florence and choosing between them is tearing Ben apart. Will Ranger open his heart, or must Florence leave?

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LoveRomance says

I really enjoyed the first in the Bride Train series, Barefoot Bride for Three, so have continued to read the next three in the series, including most recently this one. None of the follow up books have been as good as the first one, apart from the continuing enjoyment of hearing updates about all the families in each book. This one is the weakest book so far, and not because of the characters, which were written very well. It just didn't come together for me; I really didn't care this time if all three men were able to get over their collective past histories to find a way to share this one woman. While cost isn't usually a variable in my reviews, I find myself wishing this time I'd waited until bookstrand brought the price down -- A Convenient Husband wasn't worthy \$7.99!!

Jonel Boyko says

Once again Butler returns to the Montana Territory with a novel that will curl your toes and knock your socks off. Ranching come to life in a big way through Butler's intricate descriptions. The seamless plot was so much fun to read. I love how budding relationships were key, but yet weren't the entire story. Family obligations and love come out as past hurts are conquered and present day dangers are dealt with.

These characters have the most compelling backstory yet. Each of their pasts shine through in different ways, each adding to the relationship that develops throughout. I love how the dynamics continually shift as these 4 come to grips with their relationship. Every pair works together in a different manner as they discover the truths about each other, both inside the bedroom and out.

If you're looking for a story that will leave you all hot and bothered, this one is definitely for you!

Kate Dirty Girls' Good Books says

A Convenient Husband (Bride Train #4) by Reece Butler

B+, inferno, historical, menage, mild kink

Brothers Ben, Ranger, and Patrick are the new owners of the RB Connected. But while Patrick and Ranger were bringing their cattle up from Texas, Ben was finishing law school out East. Ben had made a promise to his older twin Ranger though. He promised his gruff brother that he would bring a bride home for Ranger to marry. Leaving things to the last minute, Ben purchases a ticket on the bride train heading to Montana, sure he'll be able to find a willing bride for Ranger. What he finds instead is Florence, a well educated, out spoken woman with 2 small children in tow. Everything that Ranger doesn't want in a wife. When one of the children is threatened, Ben marries Florence himself to save the little girl.

So. This book is written by Reece Butler. Right away that's a point in the plus column. I've read every book she's written and continue to wait anxiously for the next release. And it's a marriage of convenience, has children, a menage. Plus, plus, plus. At the same time, this book is screwed up in so many ways, I really shouldn't like it as much as I do (*facepalm* I've reread the thing 4 times already).

How is it messed up you ask? Well...Ben is moving to Tanner's Ford Valley, where a menage lifestyle with three men and one woman is quickly becoming the norm. And despite his 3 brothers (book #1) and his sister (book #3) living in menage relationships, Ben knows nothing about it. Next we have the whole thing with Ranger being so grumpy and crotchety and particular that he'd never be able to find his own wife. Then there's Ben, who feels so obligated to his brother that he decides to let Ranger (view spoiler). Of course, Florence has 2 children with her (who aren't hers by the way). These kids are the perfect soap opera children. Present when they are needed to advance the story. Conveniently absent (read: away staying with relatives) when they would be in the way otherwise. And let's not forget Patrick. Poor Patrick. Who really seems to be an addition to the story simply to keep the 3:1 ratio of men to women that seems to be required in this series. Patrick is the youngest brother and just feels like an add on throughout the entire read.

All that being said, you will notice that I gave the story a B+ rating. Simply because I absolutely am in love with it. Despite all it's WTFery, I have read this book 5 times (the first time, plus 4 rereads). It is one of my favorites in the series, although numbers 1 and 2 are very close.

If you like your historical menages to be filled with strong heroines, hot cowboys, and even hotter sex, (and can forgive the hot mess that sometimes comes with it), give this one a crack.

Amy Rivera says

I love this series, however, this book was just "ok" for me. I hope that she is continuing the series to include Luke and his partners as well. I would love to read the rest to see a conclusion on this.

✿-Anna-✿ says

4th book in the Bridal Train series wasn't bad, good story but the woman Florence Peabody was kind of annoying... for someone so smart she was really stupid when it came to dealing with the men, and not just because she was new to men but because she put such importance on her intelligence that she didn't stop to think that she was acting as stupid as her family was acting by thinking her intelligence had no value and that no man would want her... she was basically saying the same thing to the men that their feelings on book learning made them stupid... talk about being a hypocrite.

She never should have said what she said to Patric about how anyone who doesn't take advantage of being able to learn more was not a man but an animal... An intelligent persons should have been able to get her point across without being insulting... That's the only thing I didn't like, but she apologized so its all good.

I did enjoy how Ben and Florence met on the train, I thought that was very cute... it was nice getting to know a little more about the "smartest" Elliott from the second set of twins in the family... especially after knowing so much of his twin brother Ranger from the earlier book.... Ben is such an amazing man that I hope we get to see some more of him, maybe some legal action.

I was surprised to learn how much emotional pain was going on inside of him but how it all kind of got resolved in his head was interesting because it kind of brought Jessie's husbands closer to the family... I could so understand his fears cause he just knew NO one could love or understand him like his mother... good thing he was wrong.

I would have liked a little more between Ranger and Fanny (as he likes to call her) resolving their conflict with each other but I guess the more they talk the more they spark... and that can be a GOOD then or a bad one... LOL

and Patrick is still well Patrick.

I still wonder what would happen if any of these men happen to fall in love with someone else... but I guess if a man is happy with what he has there is no fear of him wandering... and these men do seem happy.

Annie says

So far this has been the worst of the series. I did not enjoy the heroine.

She struggled with things in the book that I just personally would have though were no big deal.

Learning to live and love 3 men I would imagine would not be easy, like children there is no rule book. I just did not like the way she did it. *shrugs*

After the last two book in the series have been 3 stars I do not know if I will continue reading it.

Dar says

This book was okay, I liked it and all, but I just didn't get parts of it - it started out good with Florence and Ben and even in Virginia City when they met up with Nevin and Ranger, I got it, but after that?? I didn't feel the connection between Ben and Ranger as twins, Ranger and Florence outside the bedroom or even why they did not get along. And Patrick, okay, I got his connection to Ranger when they figured things out, but not him and Ben and/or Florence. The entire book seemed to fabricate issues between the 4 main characters and affections that I didn't see develop at all throughout the book. It seemed like a series of short stories about unconnected individuals who occasionally interact

ValerieC says

I really like this series, and I would recommend that anyone wanting to read this book start at the beginning of the series or you won't understand who all of the numerous characters are (or all of their back-stories).

My biggest gripe with this episode was the ending... there wasn't one. The story just stopped in a sex scene. What's up with that? Maybe my ebook was messed up and something was left out?

Also, it seems as though one guy out of three, at least, is always short-shrifted, and in this book it was Patrick, who should have been given more time. I didn't find Ranger to be very interesting... he was too broken.

Also, there wasn't much about how Florence adapted to such a different way of life than what she had before, or what the characters did all day. No one ever went to town to shop. I know there will be another book after

this one (many ranches left to go, and bad guys are still out there) and I would like to read more about what these women did when they aren't in bed with numerous hunky cowboys. I think the previous books in the series were better than this one, and I hope Ms. Butler slows down a little bit, spends more time with the characters' development and the life back then. A series should get better as it goes along, not worse. I hope Ms. Butler isn't getting bored with this series because it has a lot of potential.

Julianna says

I like this whole series and love to catch up on all the other characters in each book. This is at least the 2nd time that i have read this one and each time it gets a little bit better.

??? Mary's Menage Reviews ??? says

to read my review for this series (1-4): <http://marywhispers.blog.com/?p=109>

book #5 here: <http://marywhispers.blog.com/?p=866>

Jennette says

I liked how Ben and Florence met. I was disappointed in how thing turned out with the children. I think the author missed an opportunity. I liked Ranger in the previous books but I didn't like his change of attitude. He went from cocky confident cowboy to being a whiner. And once again the continuing bit with the villian still didn't take much shape and is a frustrating disruption to this book. There are many characters from the previous books that might be confusing to someone new to the series. I did enjoy all the characters from the other books making appearances.

Susan says

finished. 11/11. my rating. 4
