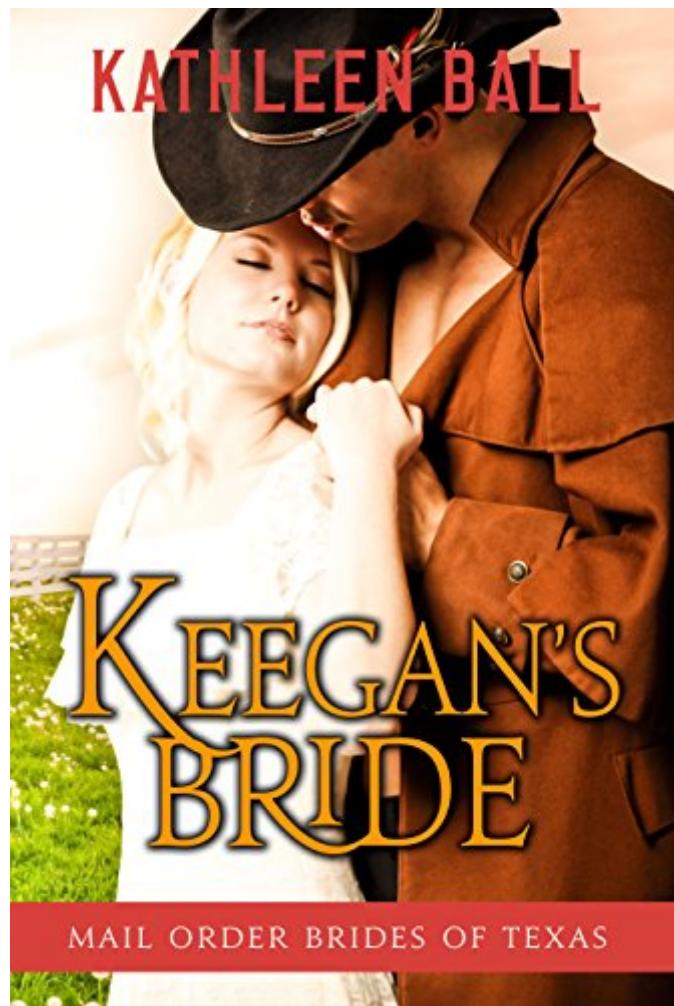


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Synopsis

Keegan Quinn watches the passengers disembark wondering where his mail order bride is. All he sees is a woman with a husband and child. Upon approaching the young woman, he discovers she is his bride, and she has a daughter she never mentioned. As they cross the street, the little girl screams for her daddy and points to the man who accompanied them on the stage. Rancher Keegan Quinn is furious. The married woman swindled him into paying passage for her and her child. It was fool hardy to think a mail order bride would want him. He rides out of town as fast as he can, vowing never to look back. It's a loco dream to think he can have a family while constantly looking over his shoulder. Addy has no idea why Peg calls the new sheriff daddy. It cost her, Keegan, the man she hoped to make a life with. She has many secrets, but the sheriff is not one of them. She needs Keegan to keep her safe from her past in Boston. Once he learns the truth, he'll send her back, but it's a chance she's willing to take. Can two people who have so much love to give, realize they actually love each other?

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Customer Reviews

I couldn't put it down. I had to know what was going to happen next. The author set up the scenario perfectly. I knew there were things lurking in the background that would have to come out, but I had no idea how they'd be resolved. Mix that excellent plotting with a sweet woman, an adorable, precocious toddler and a sexy cowboy and you have a big winner. Wonderful supporting cast, too. I loved this book and couldn't stop reading it. Can't wait to get to the next one in the series. Ms. Ball is 2 for 2 with me.

Kathleen Ball has written another awesome cowboy romance and Addy and Keegan will keep you hooked throughout the read. The storyline has all kinds of things to keep you interested, amused, charmed, hopeful and a lot of amusement with a delightful little girl thrown into the mix. Keegan decided he wanted a life like his friend Cinder now had so he was looking forward to his mail order bride to arrive. He hoped he wouldn't be disappointed but you really never knew what to expect for sure. Addy had a really good reason to skedaddle out of Boston quick and hoped she wouldn't be turned away by the man who expected a mail order bride. He never agreed to a child, particularly one prone to horrible shrieking? Based on what Keegan heard, and then watched with his own eyes, he wasn't even going to approach the woman and child. Hell, he was just going back to his ranch. He was not interested in even speaking to her! The whole idea had been a horrible idea. Unfortunately, he wasn't going to get off that easy.

About a third of the way through and I won't finish it. I work with kids and to have the child, almost two, talk like an adult in one sentence and a baby in the next is distracting. It is unbelievable. My interest in working toward an ending I already see.....nope.

Both this author and this book have great potential but didn't quite make the 5 stars. The "he loves me/he loves me not" drug on a bit too long for me. Addy feels she has been forced to lie about her circumstances as well as the child she has with her when she arrives. Keegan is surprised to see the child but accepts her as his own. There are heartwarming scenes with the child as she converses with adults and animals that she loves. I did feel that maybe the conversations for a "not quite 2 year old" were a little advanced for her age but it was fun anyway. **SPOILER ALERT AND NOTE TO AUTHOR:** For your fans it might be easier if you didn't name characters so similar like Shannon and Shane. When they were conversing together, it made it difficult to keep track of who was talking. Shannon was in the first book, so Shane could have been Luke, Rafe or even Bob, just to keep things sorted out. I do look forward to Shane's story.

Not the average "cookie cutter" mail order bride romance. Lots of twist and turns with wonderfully developed characters you come to love. I hardly ever give "romance" novels five stars because I don't consider them all that wonderful, just light uplifting reading. I gave this one five stars because it has been a long time since I have enjoyed the characters in a book as much. I cannot wait to read more of her books.

Keegan's Mail Order Bride is a captivating story and an enjoyable, interesting read. The story is well written and drew me in starting with Adeline and Peg traveling to meet Keegan. Adeline had left her home of wealth and prestige to avoid being forced to marry her sister's abusing husband after the sisters untimely death. Adeline had taken her neice along with her, to keep Peg away from her abusive father. Adeline had left in the night, and kept changing her name as she traveled to avoid being tracked, found and forced back. Keegan had been traveling to avoid the law, as I found out, he was wanted, he thought for killing his abusive father, after shooting his father when he witnessed the father hitting and killing his mother. Keegan was trying to build his life, with a life he wanted, filled with a loving wife and eventually children. After Keegan seen how happy his best friend, Cinders was with a mail order bride, Keegan decided to try too, as he also needed help on his ranch. So you have two people trying to find happiness after suffering abuse, but breaking the law to do it, yet they are both loving, caring people trying to have an upstanding life. The people that surrounds them are good people too, ones that I would love to have in my life, with willing to help, support and truly care. As I thought things were turning out well, both ended up face to face with their past, and the threat of their life ending just as they were enjoying the growing love and happiness that was unfolding. I worried with Adeline, rejoiced with her, cried with her and the same with Keegan, as Keegan almost threw it all away. I enjoyed the journey and read their story in a evening as I couldn't stop reading....and it was one of the most relaxing enjoyable time I've had, thanks to this author, Kathleen Ball. Well done Ms Ball!

Great story idea gets 2 stars. I cannot say as much for the rest of the book. The character development left me thinking of paper dolls. This book reads like it was written by a 14 year old who hopes to someday publish a novel. Also, the author needs to find a good editor. On every occasion in the book when the word "an" was appropriate, the word "and" was written. In a few sentences there were two words or phrases where there should have been only one. It was like the author could not decide which she wanted to use and then forgot to go back and remove one from the

sentence. Also, near the end of the book where the context clearly meant to use the word "both" the word actually in the text was "bother" which made no sense at all. Such errors interrupt the story and require the reader to stop and figure out what she meant to say.

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