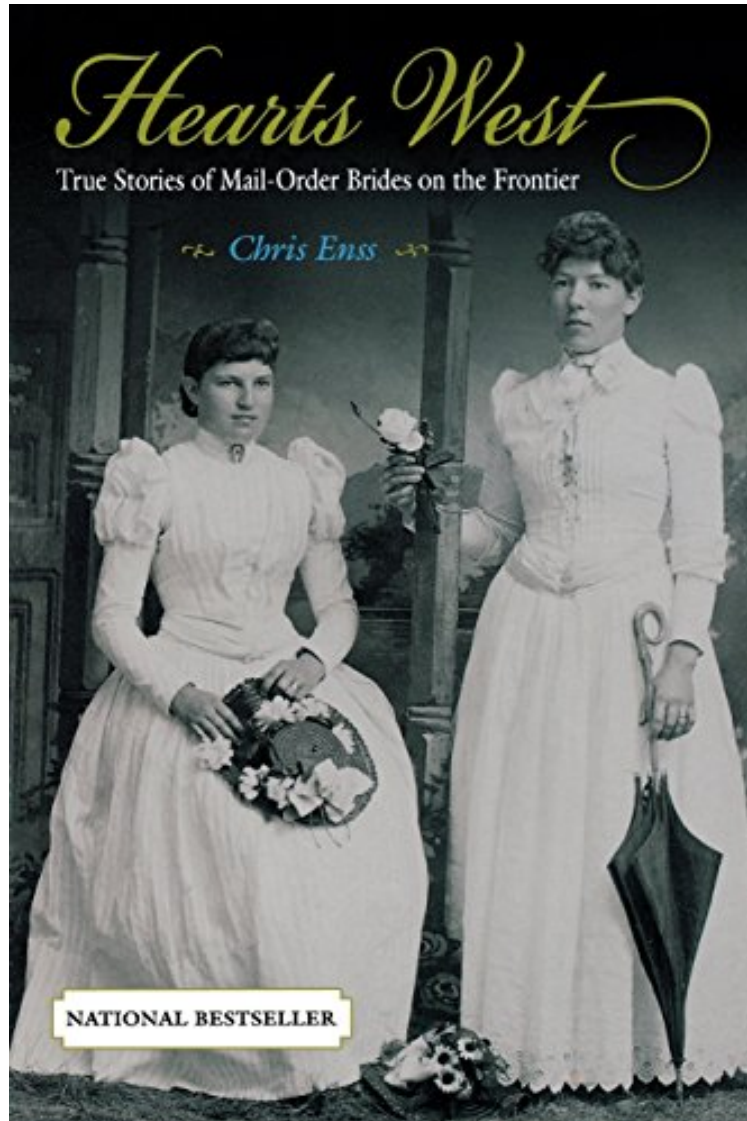


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Desert created significant demand for this service. The shortage of marriageable men in the East following roughly 600,000 killed and roughly twice that many injured during the four years of the Civil War created an abundance of widows and spinsters to feed the market. Add to that fresh immigrants arriving daily. In the 19th century the genders were far more dependent upon one another for survival than at current times, especially on the frontier. It is no wonder that a mail-order market flourished. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Falls short, but still entertaining. By Angela C This was a good book but not fantastic. I have never read anything by this author before but I will be looking into other books. The book is a short read, made shorter by "ads for mail order brides". These were something I found interesting, but I wanted to hear the stories behind the ads, not just see the ads themselves. I paid for the stories that made up the history. The book shot past the editors or maybe bypassed them entirely. There are several errors in this book, both historical and grammatical. I am unsure if the word processor changed the words or if the author wrote them as is, it's hard to tell. The historical errors were the fault of the author. Pick an era and stick with it, don't embellish unless you research. It is obvious that someone, the author or the person telling the story to the author, changed up a few things. Petty stuff for me to pick on, but having worked as a living historian who was infinitely careful to be sure every single thing used or worn was period, I am a stickler. All in all, it is a good short read. My suggestion is purchase it used from one of the sellers offering it for dirt cheap and pay the \$3.99 shipping instead of purchasing it new. This way you do not pay full price for an item that is really not worth that much. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Okay book By Chewbdu This book contains a few stories about different circumstances. The stories are ok. It gives a background of the need for women for wives in the old west which was interesting.

Complete with actual advertisements from both women seeking husbands and males seeking brides, New York Times bestselling book *Hearts West* includes twelve stories of courageous mail order brides and their exploits. Some were fortunate enough to marry good men and live happily ever after; still others found themselves in desperate situations that robbed them of their youth and sometimes their lives. Desperate to strike it rich during the Gold Rush, men sacrificed many creature comforts. Only after they arrived did some of them realize how much they missed female companionship. One way for men living on the frontier to meet women was through subscriptions to heart-and-hand clubs. The men received newspapers with information, and sometimes photographs, about women, with whom they corresponded. Eventually, a man might convince a woman to join him in the West, and in matrimony. Social status, political connections, money, companionship, or security were often considered more than love in these arrangements.

From the Back Cover WANTED: A girl who will love, honest, true and not sour; a nice little cooing dove, and willing to work in flour. Desperate to strike it rich during the Gold Rush, thousands of men traveled West to the emerging frontier, where they outnumbered women twelve to one. Only after they arrived did some of them realize how much they missed female companionship. *Hearts West* brings to life true stories of mail-order brides of the Gold Rush era. Some found soul mates; others found themselves in desperate situations. Complete with the actual hearts-and-hands personal advertisements that began some of the long-distance courtships, this fascinating book provides an up-close look at the leap of faith these men and women were willing to take.