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Liu Meizhen has been searching for her long-lost brother for what feels like forever. Her journey has taken her from China to San Francisco to Haskell, Wyoming, and beyond. But she's tired of searching, and when the opportunity arises to end her wandering in Noelle, Colorado by becoming a mail-order bride, she leaps at it. Noelle is exactly what she's been looking for, and Woody, the man she has promised to marry, is everything she could have hoped for.

Woody Burnside knows he's not the smartest man in Noelle, but he works hard, cares deeply for the animals that are entrusted to his care, and believes with his whole heart that he could be a good husband. And the three hens that shadow him wherever he goes, Mimi, Gigi, and Fifi, seem to agree. Meizhen is more than he could have hoped for in a bride, and he is determined to make her the happiest woman in Colorado.

But just when everything looks like it's going to be happily ever after, the ghost of Meizhen's past shows up in the most unlikely place. She suddenly finds herself torn between her duty toward her family and the promise she made to Woody. And with time running out for Noelle, she must make a decision that she fears will hurt someone she cares for deeply.

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EvilAntie Jan says

Sweet story

The third book in this series is such a sweet story and how life plays tricks on people -some call it fate. In this case it is all about love.

Harley Easton says

I was enjoying the series before this, but this is the first book I can say I truly loved. Take an immigrant from a culture generally looked down upon by settlers in the west. Add in a kind man whose simple ways make him a laughing stock in town. Stir together with a barnful of animals, a couple of town bullies, and long-lost brother who thinks he knows best. It's a recipe for a surprisingly sweet and very heartfelt story with a few surprises thrown in here and there.

I loved how Farmer makes it a point to show that other people's opinions shouldn't matter because the right person will love you exactly as you are. More great continuity through the series (as mentioned in my previous reviews) and we're starting to get more interaction with the future brides.

Enjoyable from beginning to end.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Historically Romantic

Meizhen and Woody's romance brings home so many loving lessons that we all could use reminding of now and then. While the town of Noelle, Colorado needs to become a thriving, respectable town in a hurry it's up to several of its residents and the brides who have traveled far to make that happen in time. Yet one of those brides has traveled further than any other and her original quest has changed over time and circumstances. Meizhen, along with her twin sister left their native China to travel to America in search of their older brother. They were to meet him in San Francisco but he wasn't there. The young ladies traveled far and endured hardships and adventures in their search. Meizhen's twin sister has found love and a husband along the way and Meizhen has come to the conclusion that it's time for her to find her own happiness and settle somewhere. She found kindness in the simple letter that her intended groom sent to her, the type of man that she could see herself marrying and creating a family, a life with. It was with excitement that she headed along with the other brides to Noelle never realizing that she would find what she'd lost only to risk losing something just as precious.

Woody is a very simple man, his needs are little, his kindness to people and his amazing abilities with all animals provides his own self-happiness. He got lucky with one of the short straws and in Meizhen he's found a woman he truly can care for, love for the rest of their lives. But Meizhen has a difficult decision to make to choose the happiness of her family or to choose happiness for herself in her own family with Woody.

The Hens – The Third Day is the type of story that simply makes you think about life and how you view those around you without even being aware of it. On the surface Woody is indeed a simple, uneducated man. Yet his affinity with animals, the way they react to his voice his touch makes him a very natural animal doctor without the title of veterinarian. It was interesting listening to Woody's conversations with his animals, he often, without knowing it perhaps, is using them as a sounding board for his troubles in winning his bride. He's doing an excellent job of giving himself advice that a good friend would give by saying out loud what he feels the animals would argue with him about. It's fascinating, touching and heartwarming. I loved watching the townspeople who thought they knew him as they were suddenly seeing this quiet, unassuming man with new eyes.

I enjoyed my time with this couple, getting to know the real people behind the names of the residents of this tiny town. It's an adventure that any reader of Romance would love. Time now to move on to the next story.

I read this title through my Kindle Unlimited subscription.

Venessa says

Falling in love

Falling in love could be difficult as a mail order bride, but in this case it happens quickly - for both of them. Falling in love when one of you is a quiet man that many in town deem as "slow" mentally but who has a real "touch" for caring for animals. The other one is a Chinese acrobat searching for her long-lost brother & hoping to reunite with her twin. In the course of the book you meet donkeys, mules, a runaway dog and, of course, "The Hens" (Fifi, Gigi & Mimi)
It's a fun read, I think you'll enjoy it too!

jane pearson says

The 12 Days of Christmas Mail-Order Brides

What a lovely lovely story. I also fell in love with Woody's character his love of animals his patient nature and his caring attitude to those around him. I also loved his hens. His bride seem to notice his qualities right from the word go, but Meizhen had a few issues she needed to address. All in all a brilliantly written story that left you wanting to read more of the brides.

Tammy Rolle says

Day Three

East meets West. Everyone thinks that Woody, the mule man, is a simple man with limited intelligence. Meizhen, his mail order bride, knows better. She understands that his kindness with animals and readiness to help others does not make him any less intelligent than others. The brother Meizhen has been searching for turns up in Noelle. He is determined to take his sister to San Francisco where she can marry a well to do Chinese gentleman and fulfill her duty to her family. Will Woody lose the one woman he knows is his mate? Will there be a third happily ever after?

Pam Evans says

A fun read mixing animals into the storyline,

#3 in a 12 book series, The Hens takes a different take on the usual Mail Order Bride story. The groom is the next best thing to a vet in the remote town of Noelle. His bride is from China via San Francisco. Just when they are getting to know each other her long lost brother shows up & demands she return to CA with him. This one goes to the end before you find out if love will conquer the obstacles with a little help from 3 hens. It was fun to read.

Cindy Nipper says

I'm in love with Woody!

From his love for all animals, to his desire to take a Chinese bride in a time where they were normally shunned, this simple mule handler is more than he believes he is! Meet the beautiful Meizhen, separated from her family she desires to create a family of her own! But she sees so much more in Woody than a husband! Come join the story as this humble yet very deserving couple find true love and learn they are better together!

I was honored to be a part of the continuity group making sure the individual books were consistent with the larger whole.

Kathy says

3rd Day of Christmas

When Liu Meizhen is unable to locate her brother in America after months of searching she decides to become a mail order bride. Her prospective groom is a humble and kind man who cares for the mules used in the mine. Meizhen is drawn in by his kindness while Woody can't believe his good fortune. But an unexpected turn of events leads Meizhen to a crossroads where she must choose between family obligation based on Chinese tradition and her own heartfelt desire for lasting happiness. I enjoyed this very much.

Cynthia Skeezix says

True love found.....

Woody and Meinhen find that ordering a mail order bride is the right thing for them. Meinhen being the bride, is nervous about the type of person Woody is, and how he'll treat her in their lives together. She's searched for her long lost brother for years, and finally gave up on finding him, after her sister falls in love and gets married. It's after her sister's wedding that she decides to be a mail order bride and meets Woody. True love is found for them, but only through turmoil caused by the brother.....

Neena Christianson Martin says

Gigi, Fifi, and Mimi.

Woody is a simple man, who is more comfortable with his animals than with people. Meizhen is tired of traveling and just wants to settle down in one place. They have been matched by the minister of Noelle, and have agreed to marry sight unseen. A very nice story with a great HEA.

Renate says

The Twelve Days of Christmas Mail Order Brides stories just keep getting better and better. In Book 3 The Hens Merry Farmer weaves an enchanting humorous romance between a mule keeper (Woody Burnside) and a China Woman Liu Meizhen and three hens Fifi, Gigi, and Mimi. Culture and the treatment of women are the essence of this third romance. Aphorisms to live by: Family is a important. Woman treated with care and respect. Small minds have no imagination. Only the BEST men were chosen to receive brides. Is Woody weak in the head because he talks to animals OR is he a good man with a good heart?

Sharon says

Hero: Heroine:

Reading Enjoyment:4.5-Another great story in this series that is filled with fun, love and intrigue. The story progressed steadily, has well developed characters with witty/humorous dialogue and a fun developing plot. I loved the 3 hens!!!! This story has a very happy and satisfying HEA

Judy Esposito says

The Hens: The Third Day!

I love this entire series and each author is keeping their story flowing into the next one and true to the series. This one by Merry Farmer is a sweet romance filled with humor and I loved the two main characters and enjoyed following to their HEA. This is the first time I've read a book by Merry Farmer and plan on checking her other books out. JudyE

Bobbie Sue says

Sweet book

Merry Farmer is one of my favorite authors. She can write any kind of book and make you feel you know the characters. She brings them to life. I could see the shy, quiet, Woody and feel angry at the way some treat. You can feel the struggle Meizhen has between Woody and her family. Very sweet book.
