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Silverpines, Oregon
1899

Millie Messer is exhausted and overwhelmed with raising her children and running the mercantile after the death of her husband in the earthquakes that devastated Silverpines. She does what many of the young widows and daughters are doing: Advertise for a Mail Order Husband. She thinks she's found the perfect man to become her helpmate and new father for her four children.

Clay Cutler as a secret, two actually. One will be revealed when he steps off the train in Silverpines. He only hopes Millie doesn't renege on marrying him when she finds out. The other he'll keep to himself until it's necessary to reveal it.

Millie is shocked when not only Clay steps off the train but five children with him. All she wanted was a shopkeeper. Now there are nine children in the family. All she knows is that there are lots of meals to cook and laundry to do. That and the outlaws, conmen, and swindlers who've come to town. Plus, she knows he's keeping something from her.

Will a new husband and nine children be too much for Millie? Will Clay's secret keep her from trusting him? Will it help protect the town from those who want to cause harm? What mischief can nine children get into? Is Clay the Wanted: Shopkeeper who will heal Millie's broken heart?

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Cindy Nipper says

I loved this book. It references several characters I've already read about, but it's not necessary to have read them, to enjoy this book or this series! Sophie does a marvelous job, especially with the children's antics, both in their desire to help and their need for independence and freedom to be kids!

Jeffrey says

It's 1899 in the small Oregon town of Silver pines and widow Millie Messer struggles to salvage and repair her damaged mercantile store while raising four children. An earthquake and subsequent mudslide has tragically killed most of the men in the community. What's there to do but advertise, in desperation, for a mail-order husband? Clay Cutler answers Millie's ad for that mail-order husband. He shows up at the train depot with five children in tow, much to Millie's shock. That's not all he's hiding from her. He has a secret he is afraid to reveal to her until perhaps she can come to trust him. Now with nine children to care for, her trust-factor is razor thin already. Meanwhile, con-men and menacing types roam the town taking advantage of the widows who struggle with life. Can Clay's secret ability help the town's sheriff deal with the sleazy predators bent on taking what's left? Will a marriage of convenience and necessity evolve into something much more significant? The children prove to be charming and, in spite of their parent's differences, adapt quickly to each other. As is the author's style, the story and plot builds with intensity while the two families attempt to become a cohesive and loving unit together. This review offered in lieu of an advanced reader's copy.

Nethanja says

Millie, who has four children got a big surprise when Clay, her mail order groom shows up with five children?

Will they ever be a really happy family? They have to overcome some fun but also dangerous challenges before they can manage that.

I really loved this new story in this series. Fun characters, the parents and children. A story about love and faith, in each other and God.

Mary Townsend says

Beautiful story

This beautiful story is about how God's plan may not be what we expect. His plan, however, will be what we need and didn't know to ask for! Anyone who is looking for a story with love and an interesting plot will enjoy this one! Thanks, Sophie, for another little gem!!

Debra says

Sweet story about finding help when desperately needed and finding love after tragic loss of two people. Sophie Dawson does it again with a wonderful and heartfelt story set in Silverpines after a devastating earthquake in the 1800s.

Patti Brennan says

Excellent

I really enjoyed reading this two people both grieving with large families. One overwhelmed by the recent tragedy in Silverpines advertises for a shopkeeper and gets much more than she ever dreamed of getting. Strong faith in God and a great plot make this worthy of five stars . Looking forward to the next Silverpines book 5

Cindy Boylan says

Sweet story of the loss and healing journey in two families. Millie is so overburdened caring for her brood of four young children, run her late husband's store, and grieve all at the same time. Her future husband, Clay steps off the train with (surprise!) his five children. What comes next is a masterful story of mischief and love, and a nasty man threatening the very lives of their blended family.

This is one of my favorite books ever, and will reread it several times. I enjoyed the kids' antics as I'm a mom of six myself, and the descriptions of "the Calling".

Pamela Hastings says

Well-written sweet story

Sophie Dawson has done it again! Wanted: Shopkeeper is a wonderful story of Millie, a young mother of 4 children who is left widowed by the second earthquake. Desperate, she sends for a mail order groom to help her run the mercantile. Clay, a widower, arrives to be her groom. One problem however, he hasn't told Millie that he has 5 children of his own.

Bobbie Sue says

Loved it?

Millie lives in Silverpines. A town devastated by the destruction from an earthquake and mudslide. She has lost her husband and is in desperate need of help. Clay comes to town with his 5 children unbeknownst to Millie. I love how the thoughts and actions of the children were included in the story. The way they came up with what the children should call them. Clay's Calling was a special touch to the book.

Sonia Watkins says

Love for the shopkeepers

I enjoyed this book very much! Millie's husband died in the mine collapse and she needs help running the shop. Clay answers her letter for a mail order groom. What he didnt tell her was that he had 5 kids. She soon finds out when they all get off the train. She is shocked and confused, Clay also has a calling and he doesnt tell Millie. She soon realizes he knows when something is going to happen before it does. He saves them from a fire and other things that happen. They combine the 2 families together and are very happy together. They fight all the odds to manage to keep their shop going and their children happy. I highly recommend this book!

ReadingWench says

How many times had this story line happened in the old west? I love that this author conquered this topic. The ups and downs of family life was tackled realistically. The struggles of a husband and wife not really knowing each other and the kids just add more stress on top of it. Each story in this series is fantastic. I love that it interacts with characters from other stories without losing their personalities. I also loved that there were "callings". I heard them called a few things. Some people shy from what they are. I am glad this author embraced them in her characters.

Sheryl Robert says

Her husband died in the earthquake with most of the other men of the town. there are con-men in town,so she decided to look for a husband to help her run the mercantile. She has 4 children. The one that answered her ad is used to running a store where he came from and he seemed like the perfect answer. He told her he would sell his shares in the store and get the tickets to come out to her.

When he got off the train, he had Five children ranging in age of 2 years and up. Oh My! read how they deal with it and the con-men who tried to get her business. I liked the story very much. Sophie Dawson is a wonderful writer, she kept me reading this in the wee hours of the morning.

John George says

Another great Silverpines love story.

When the owner of the town mercantile is killed in a mine disaster, his wife is left with four young children and a store to run! I'm desperation she advertises for a husband to save her! The man she chooses shows up with 5 more children and a mysterious "Calling"! Can she learn to love him and his children? Find out!

Sandra Sorola says

I love Sophie Dawson's books. Her writing style never disappoints me. Millie Messer and her 4 young children are working hard to keep it together after the devastating earthquakes that ravaged the town of Silverpines. Most of the men in town were lost in the initial earthquake and many more in it's aftermath. Millie takes care of her children and runs the towns general store. Women in town have decided they can't do this all on their own and began advertising for Mail Order Husbands. The town has become overrun with riffraff, swindlers trying to take advantage of what they consider easy targets. They are in for a surprise. These women don't give up easily!

Clay Cuttler writes Millie and they agree to terms. He is also a widower. The part he doesn't tell Millie is he has 5 children of his own! They talk and the children begin to form a kinship almost immediately. There is another secret Clay is harboring that will come to light as the story progresses.

Will going from 4 children to 9 devastate Millie and drive her away from Clay? Going from a family of 5 to one of 11 surely must have its ups and downs.. Are Millie and Clay up to the task? There is one sure way to find out. This book is loving, funny, has some adventure and a little bit of intrigue! Underneath it all are Millie and Clay's devotion to love and family. I love the ties the Authors have made to past series they have written. It gives a lot of depth to this exciting era of our history.

I received an ARC of this book for review and the opinions in this review are my own.

Robyn Echols says

Fun Romance Full of Children

What a fun Christian romance about a blended family with nine children. The work and fatigue involved was not sugarcoat, but there were some humorous scenes as well as challenges. I loved how the eight year old boys solved the problem of a shortage of chewing tobacco in the mercantile. Sweet ending.
