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When a pretty spitfire who's down on her luck clashes with a stubborn man in search of a wife, sparks must turn to flames....A year after the Civil War, courageous former Union nurse Lydia McQuire was gamely scraping out an honest living. But now, as she said yes to marrying a stranger, her knees gave way with fear. Mr. Devon Quaid had seemed polite and handsome when she answered his ad for a wife. Only after Lydia had arrived in Washington territory did she learn that her bridegroom wasn't to be sweet Devon Quaid, but his older brother Brigham, a widower with strapping shoulders, hands as strong as steel, and an arrogant belief that he was lord and master of his lumber empire, the town of Quaid's Harbor, and the woman he married. Lydia's dislike of him was instantaneous...yet Brigham was awakening in her a white-hot passion, and a firm resolve; before she would share his bed, he would have to surrender himself, heart and soul, to love....

## Yankee Wife Details

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### **Lisa says**

Loved the story line and the fast pace of this book. Great beach read and keeps you turning the pages just to see what happens next. Never a dull moment. I love this author and have read many of her books and never disappointed.

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### **Ellen says**

She's seen some pretty nasty stuff as a field nurse with her late doctor-father during the Civil War. With so few young men available post-war, she hired on as a companion to a west bound elderly lady who has passed. Her adult children felt no obligation and she finds herself in 1866 San Francisco trying to eek out enough money to feed herself or find a clean bed but not both; hopes of opening a music school for children have disappeared. A posted flier proposes the need for a wife for a good, sober and prosperous man. Can she do it? Without love? If she does, what will be expected? Will he be kind? Or will he abuse her? Can she bear to have a man she doesn't love touch her? Join Lydia McQuire as she faces her doubts and fears and see what is next for her in the timber area above Seattle.

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### **Jazmine says**

I struggled to finish this one. What an asshole Brigham is! I have no idea why Lydia kept on putting up with him or how she came to fall in love with him. He was verbally abusive and practically forces himself on her when she's "not obeying" him. The only character i remotely cared for was Millie, Brigham's daughter. The "climax" of this was anything but. LLM is one of my favorite authors but I hate this book.

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### **Karen says**

Devon sets out to bring a wife back to the mill, for his brother Brigham. Lydia has nursed men throughout the civil war with her doctor father, and since his death, is in need of a home.

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### **Louise M. Stoddard says**

#### **Good read**

Fourth or fifth time reading.....love this book. Linda Lael Miller is one of my favorite authors...and this book is one of the best.

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### **Jeanne (love2cook) says**

This story takes place after the civil war. A former Union nurse Lydia McQuire was barely earning a living, playing piano at the local bar. She chances upon an ad for a wife. She goes to see the placer of the ad a Mr. Devon Quade. She accepted his proposition and he took her to Washington territory. It was then that she learned her husband to be was not Devon Quade, but his brother Brigham. He took an instance dislike to the man, however for some reason he aroused a passion in her and a resolve that she would not share his bed unless he loved her. Quite a story that plays out between two stubborn, and strong willed people.

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### **Leticia says**

This was just a nice comfortable read about two brothers, their brides and a developing town. One of the husbands already had children and they are such lively characters. The next book I believe is about the eldest daughter.... cant wait.

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### **Ipshita says**

It had a very good plot with lots of potential, but I think the author quite mixed it up. It just did not seem well thought-out. There was no congruity to the flow of story. And even with really well-written characters, the story continued to be a jumble of events and continuous internal wars that seemed to rise from nowhere. Also, it took a pretty weird turn in the latter half and then everything sorted out pretty swiftly, not to mention very conveniently.

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### **Lorka says**

This book had a very good mail-order bride story line and plenty of side characters that kept the book interesting. I felt "Frodine" was a little bit of an odd character thrown in at the end, the two main characters were almost too stubborn with each other at times, but I loved the setting of the story, in the Northwest area of Washington. A refreshing change from the dusty Southwest or England. (I would have liked though to have read how the lady that delivered a baby at the end of the story recovered from the C-Section given to her... or did she recover?) Overall a very good book and I am glad I read it. I am going to track down the next book about the daughter Charlotte now...

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### **Tara Prinsep says**

I got through 5 chapters and gave up reading this book. It was slow moving, no plot, and was very choppy.

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## **TinaMarie says**

Brought in as a mail order bride, life in the west timber cutting lands takes a few turns; nice to read about other couples successes and struggles

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## **Amy says**

I really enjoyed this novel and look forward to reading the rest of the series. I generally like Lydia and despite the fact that he came off as a rather boorish idiot, I also likens Brigham... Which by the way is my name I've never heard of. Anyway, I like the way the story played it fell out with a variety of plot lines and the different possibilities between Devon Polly Joe and others. I don't want to say too much here about how things unfold, but I like the fact that there are variety of things going on at one time with lots of possibilities of where the story can end up. At the same time, I almost felt like there is too much going on. I know that sounds very contradictory, and it is, but I'm really not sure how else to express myself. In any case, this is not the first book by Linda Lail Miller that I have read and it certainly will not be the last. It was a very good read for a very nice vacation.

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## **Cam says**

It had everything I like in a romance. Dual POV & epilogue.

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## **Melanie says**

This is one of those romance novels that has stuck with me over the years. I'm glad to see it is still as good as I remembered!

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## **Genieve Ong says**

And again why do couples has to fight with each other a lot of times..... please please please I like the fact that the H/h of this book are talking with each other rather than having misunderstanding but I hope. they don't fight too much.... twists are good too but one twist left me soooo nervous and scared that I had to put it down and let myself breathe...That's when I thought the hero is about to marry Polly by the way I love her name is... it almost sounds Fool because well she is... I didn't like Polly from the beginning .... and for Lydia other than her soooo defiant nature I can't say that I don't like her... which I am thankful because for the past few days I have encounter nothing but annoying heroine...

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