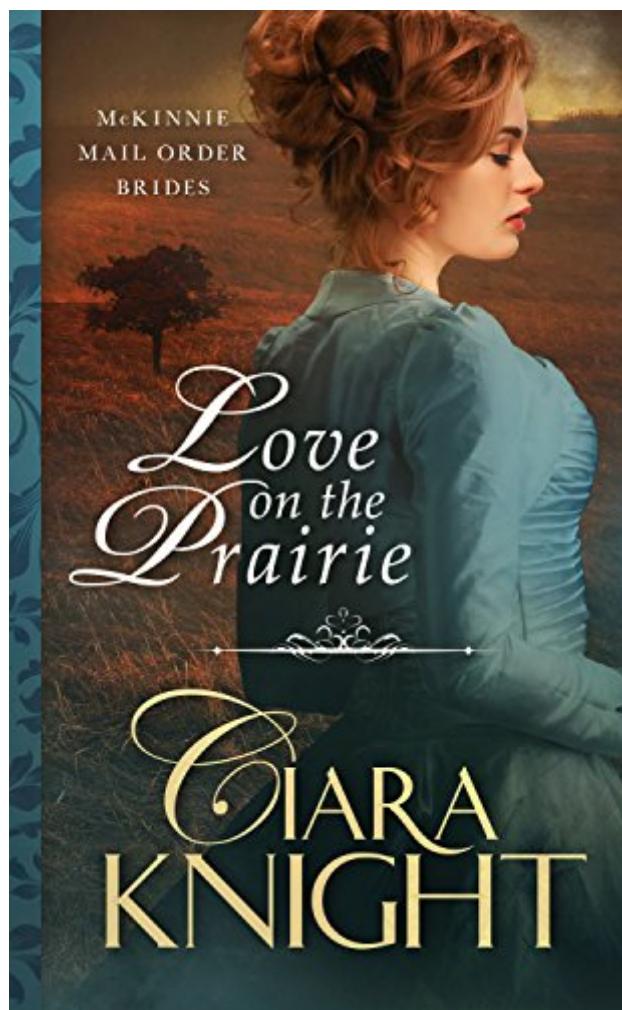


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# Love On The Prairie (McKinnie Mail Order Brides Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

Abigail McKinnie refuses to allow her sisters to be dispersed across the nation as mail order brides. Despite the fact the union soldiers took everything from them during their march through Atlanta-their lands scorched, house burned, food stolen-she won't give up. With a plan in place, she sets out for Kansas to her second cousin under the guise of marriage. But instead, she plans to convince him that the seven of them can help run the homestead for him. Her plan is full proof, until she makes the arduous journey to discover he's dead. Owen Baker vows to never have a woman in his life again after the death of so many in his life, but when Abigail McKinnie struts onto his land claiming ownership on behalf of her dead cousin, he's dumbfounded by her drive and beauty. Despite her abilities and their attraction, he vows to throw her over his horse to deliver her to the first train home the minute she recuperates from her trip.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a sweet western romance with engaging characters and a great plot. I believe this is the first historical written by this author and she definitely tells a good story, but some of the garbage is a little modern. That's the only reason I have it 4 stars. Happy reading

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I think it's only fair to start this review with the admission that I really don't tend to gravitate towards books that are straight romance. The only romance I usually read is the paranormal type. BUT, in this case, I knew this author. I knew there was going to be nothing typical or cheesy about this read. And frankly, anything based in the Civil War era intrigues me, because there was so much more to it that didn't make the war as simple as our history books have made it sound. Nor was the westward expansion that was going on at the same time. Americans during this time period had to work HARD to survive, no matter where they were, who they were battling, or if they were trying desperately to avoid battles altogether. I could not have been more right about trusting this author and where she would take this story. If you're looking for steamy romance, this book isn't where you'll find it, but you definitely won't need it. This author did her research -- like you wouldn't believe the details. I don't think there's anything she DIDN'T research. From the first page, you immediately FEEL the hardships those that were in the middle of the war (literally) dealt with. It didn't even matter if they chose to be a part of the war -- pure location of their home made them a part of it. And the women had more hardships than I realized, as men in the families -- sometimes all of them -- died in the war, leaving the women to take care of entire plantations alone. If they survived it. Homes and land were burned, and the women were often left with nothing, sometimes being forced to be mail order brides in order to save their own lives or the lives of their families. This is where Abigail's story begins. The eldest of her sisters, she heads to the prairies to marry someone she's never met, hoping he's not abusive or dangerous himself, and finds prairie life is a whole different type of difficult. The storms, the hard land, the wars with Indians, a different culture...and a man that's living on the land that she didn't expect, because he was working with the man she was supposed to marry...who died while she was traveling. My absolute favorite part of this book is the fact that it wasn't a story of a hardened man, softened by the love of a woman, and they live happily ever after. Largely because it simply didn't work that way in that time. From the very beginning, with bleeding feet and building blisters, she fought to work the land every day, and prove that she didn't need this man's help, and she would never give up on saving her sisters from becoming mail order brides, being separated forever. She would build enough to get them there so they could work together to build their new home. This story was about an exceptionally strong woman, and a man that felt more affection towards her for her toughness and bravery. Abigail found on a daily basis that there were more twists and turns that life, and other people in the town and the prairies would throw at her, and she not only rolled with the punches, but she did it in her own way...not the way others

would expect. And along the way, she had the growing admiration and attention of the only man who's opinion mattered to her. By the end of this book, I had such admiration for Abigail, Owen, and her other sisters. I found their strengths giving ME drive to do better in life. This was the perfect combination of true history, and being able to really feel for myself the daily hardships, while being able to grow relationships that were both powerful and sweet. I can't wait to read the next book, which I assume is the next sister's adventures, and find how she overcomes her own obstacles and past horrors.

I have always been a big fan of mail order bride stories and this one had a storyline that really tugged at my heartstrings because of the bleak future of our heroine, Abigail, and her six sisters who are traumatized after the Yankees burn their Georgia plantation to the ground. She accepts a marriage proposal from her cousin William and travels to Kansas in hopes that he will take in her sisters as well, but when she arrives his partner Owen informs Abigail that William is dead. Abigail's iron will and stubborn pride are commendable and Owen's dedication to her is admirable, but I feel this storyline became way too depressing for my taste, and the romance was lost in the overwhelming violence and brutality. I read a complimentary copy of this book and all opinions expressed in my voluntary review are completely my own.

Love On The Prairie ( McKinnie Mail Order Brides -Book 1 )By: Ciara KnightLove on The Prairie is book one in the new series McKinnie Mail Order Brides. I have just found Ciara Knight and love her writing so far. This was a good clean western , on the prairie, romance and I loved it. The story takes place on the prairie. I really enjoyed the two main characters, Abigail and Owen. They both have been through so much. Abigail and her sisters are left with nothing after the war took everything away from them, but they refuse to give in. Abigail is a very strong and determined woman . She will not give up after traveling to the prairie . Were things what she expected when she got there? Will she still be able to bring her sisters to live with her. So many things happening on the prairie. I loved Owen. He is also a kind and determined man. I felt so sorry for both of them. There was times when I had tears in my eyes and could not read fast enough. Love On The Prairie will keep you on the edge of your seat . I can't wait to read book two in this series.I was given a complimentary copy of this book, but was not told that I had to write a positive review.

Reviewed on behalf of 2 Girls Who Love Books BlogNormally I don't read historical romance. It is just not my genre. Maybe you ask yourself why I read this book then? Easy, the blurb

intrigued me. You see, A good blurb makes people interested.I was interested enough to give this book and a new to me author a chance and I didn't regret it. The book was great. The plot was awesome and I felt as if I was standing directly next to Abbey and Owen in the Prairie. I felt the anguish, the angst, the excitement with the characters and I totally loved Abbey. I never thought I could like a meek woman from the past. I mean they all did what their husbands told them, didn't they?Oh how wrong I was. I wished Abbey was one of my ancestors. It would explain my stubbornness.Back to the book. The writing style was fabulous. It really set me back in time, since typical modern words were missing and in fact there was very little swearing throughout the book. I didn't realize how much I loathed that till now. It was refreshing to read some historical romance and I would love to get my hands on the next books in the series to see what happens to abbey's sisters.I really enjoyed this book and recommend it to everyone who might want to read something different or try historical. It really is a good book.

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