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Julia Lockwood has never been anything more than a pretty pawn for her father or a business acquisition for her former fiance. Having finally worked up the courage to leave her life in Massachusetts, she's determined to find a place where people will value her for more than her looks. Having run out of all other options, Julia resorts to a mail-order marriage in far-away Kansas.

Everett is skeptical a cultured woman like Julia could be happy in a life on the plains, while Julia, deeply wounded by a past relationship, is skittish at the idea of marriage at all. When, despite their hesitations, they agree to a marriage in name only, neither one is prepared for the feelings that soon arise to complicate their arrangement. Can two people accustomed to keeping their distance let the barricades around their hearts down long enough to fall in love?

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From the Back Cover

"Melissa Jagears is a stand-out talent! Her fresh new voice is strong, stylish, and makes *A Bride for Keeps* a page-turner for anyone who fancies a stirring love story."

-Rosslyn Elliot, author of *Fairer Than Morning* and *Sweeter Than Birdsong*

"*A Bride for Keeps* treats readers to an engaging, prairie romance...delivering a heartwarming, satisfying read."

-Maggie Brendan, CBA bestselling author of *The Heart of the West* and *The Blue Willow Brides* series.

"*A Bride for Keeps* is just beautiful. It put me in mind of Janette Oke's sweet prairie romances but with a bit more edge, which I found compelling. . . . I love it."

-Mary Connealy, author of *Fired Up*

Everett Cline will never humiliate himself by seeking a mail-order bride. Not again. He's already been jilted by three mail-order brides and figures a wife just isn't in his future, no matter how much he wishes otherwise. However, a well-meaning neighbor hasn't given up on seeing him settled and goes behind his back to bring yet another woman to town for him.

Julia Lockwood has never been anything more than a pretty pawn for her father or a business acquisition for her former fiancé. A mail-order marriage in faraway Kansas is a last resort, but she'll do anything to leave her life in Massachusetts and the heartbreak she's experienced there.

Everett doesn't see how a beautiful, cultured woman like Julia could be happy sharing his simple life, but he could really use a helpmate on his homestead. Determined to prove she's more than just a pretty face, Julia agrees to a marriage in name only. Faced with the harsh realities of life on the prairie and hesitant to explore the tentative feelings growing between them, can Everett and Julia ever let each other--and God--in long enough to fall in love?

About the Author

Melissa Jagears, an ESL teacher by trade, is a stay-at-home mother on a tiny Kansas farm with a fixer-upper house. She's a member of ACFW and CROWN fiction marketing, and her passion is to help Christian believers mature in their faith and judge rightly. "A Bride for Keeps" is her first novel. Find her online at www.melissajagears.com.

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