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The Tender Flame (Mail Order Bride)



Synopsis

After a lifetime apart, a widow and a widower wonder if their hearts still harbor...the tender flame Grant Smith and Lydia Reynolds fell in love at a young age and their "tender flame" continued to burn. When President Polk suddenly announced that war with Mexico was inevitable and Grant, who had just graduated from West Point, is sent to Mexico, his plans to marry Lydia are put on hold. Lydia is grief stricken when she learns that Grant was wounded in battle and believed dead. After two years, Grant escapes from a Mexican prison and returns home to find that Lydia has remarried and is now living in the Northwest. Many years pass until they meet again, both now widowed, and realize that the "tender flame" has never gone out. Grant and Lydia come to realize that "As for God, His way is perfect." From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I borrowed this book from a friend, (boy am I glad this book isn't mine). It was too fictional. The characters are too perfect. We're all human, and we've all messed up at least once in our lifetime, so it's pretty hard to read a book about 'perfect' people. This book had a fantasy family. The children rarely fought. The parents never gave each other one of those 'looks'. They had the 'always' reliable

friends, the type of friends you could only dream about. They never messed up. They never made a mistake. They never seemed to doubt God. You didn't really get to know the characters. So you really couldn't feel sorry for them. The characters were flat. They were boring. The authors tried to put surprises in, but the book would always lead right back to the original path. Their detours in this book (to try to make it more interesting) just prolonged the book, and made it boring. I must admit, that when I had read just the first couple pages of this book I was excited. Unfortunately the rest of the book wasn't all that I had expected. This book had a great story line (that's why it got two stars) but it was poorly written. If you really want to read this book, my advice would be to either borrow from a friend, or borrow from a library. After that, if you really like it, I guess buy it. I personally wouldn't buy this book, But hey, last time I checked this was still a free country.

What are the chances of having connections with the same people in the way that they do? This was an interesting book in some parts, but the use of "coincidences" was quite sappy, I thought. Another big turn off for me is that the picture on the front was rather sappy. Maybe it's just me--it just didn't set right. It was kind of boring-looking and made them look like a boring couple.

I enjoyed the book, I'll admit it's a little slow at times but all in all it was a good book.

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wonderful, many verses from the bible that helped not only the characters in the book but me, beautifully written

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