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Editorial Review

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Goodman's (True to the Law, 2013) latest Bitter Springs, Wyoming, romance delves into family bonds in the Old West. When red-haired rancher Morgan Longstreet advertises back east for a wife, Jane Middlebourne, the unwanted, orphaned relative of a wealthy family in New York City, agrees to marry him. Her first surprises are his ginger hair and his tight-lipped attitude about his family; he is surprised by how she doesn't look anything like the picture she sent, a picture her cousin surreptitiously substituted in Jane's letter to him. Despite those glitches, they manage to get along and come together, each appreciating the other's frankness and dry sense of humor, until Morgan's long-forgotten brothers threaten to bring past trouble into the present. Goodman's fans will be thrilled with this newest story, a solid romance which achingly depicts, in her laconic style, the unsettling beginnings of a mail-order marriage. Once again, her meticulous research, signature eye for the telling detail, and ear for humor in a desperate time shine. --Pat Henshaw

Review

Praise for *In Want of a Wife*:

"Goodman makes a dazzling return trip to 1891 and the town of Bitter Springs, Wyoming.... in this page-turning historical that slyly pays tribute to Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Jane Middlebourne, the orphaned daughter of missionaries, longs to flee her bleak life in New York City. She agrees to be the mail-order bride of rancher Morgan Longstreet. Morgan is hoping for a sturdy wife who can help him run his ranch, so he's shocked by the delicate-looking woman who steps off the train. While at first the pairing seems incongruous, Jane and Morgan rapidly learn that opposites can attract, and Morgan finds that Jane is feistier than he gave her credit for being. But when Morgan's past comes back to haunt them, it could have consequences for the entire town, leading to a dramatic and engrossing finish. This first-rate tale easily measures up to its predecessors and will make readers eager for their next visit to Bitter Springs." --**Publishers Weekly (starred review)**

"A tender, engaging romance...a totally compelling read." --**Library Journal (starred review)**

"Goodman's fans will be thrilled with this newest story, a solid romance which achingly depicts...the unsettling beginning of a mail-order marriage. Once again, her meticulous research, signature eye for the telling detail, and ear for humor in a desperate time shine." --**Booklist**

Acclaim for Jo Goodman's previous novels *True to the Law* and *The Last Renegade*:

"Fans of western romance will be thrilled with this delightful addition to Goodman's strong list." --**Booklist**
"Simmering sexual tension, exceptional character development, and slowly revealed secrets make this a book to savor." --**Library Journal**

"Humor and drama...a complicated, fast-paced, and deliciously believable story of love, sex, and secrets." --**Publishers Weekly**

"*The Last Renegade* plays out like the best classic western movies...Exceptional across the board, a sheer delight." --**Reader to Reader**

"*sigh* This author remains one of my absolute favorites. She can write the hell out of a book. I read her work and feel like she values my intelligence as a reader." --**Fiction Vixen**

"Jo Goodman is a master storyteller and one of the reasons I love historical romance so much....*The Last Renegade* is an outstanding historical western ...Even if American historicals aren't your cup of tea, Goodman's writing is brilliant enough to convince you otherwise. I guarantee you will not be disappointed!" --**The Romance Dish**

About the Author

Jo Goodman is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *True to the Law*, *The Last Renegade*, and *Kissing Comfort*.

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