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Penniless, nineteen-year-old Tucker Houston was fiercely independent, determined to find a better life for herself and her blind fellow orphan in the rich new lands of the West. She brazenly told a few fibs to land a job as a schoolteacher and soon found herself in a wagon train of mail-order brides bound for California.

Leading them all was wagon master Lucas Steele, black-haired, hard-muscled, and drawn to Tucker's fire. Soon, in spite of herself, proud Tucker surrendered to the wild abandon, the raging hungers she found in Lucas's powerful arms.

But then another man joined the wagon train—a ruthless, savage man who would stop at nothing to satisfy his lust for Tucker. And she discovered what price she would have to pay to keep her tender love with Lucas alive.

## **The Searching Hearts Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Searching Hearts for online ebook**

### **Natasha says**

I love stories of wagon trains and romance. I really enjoy spirited relationships and thought from the jacket that this would be a fun plot. Unfortunately, there is a truly unsavory villain who commits several atrocities, not a lot of 'wagon train life' and the main heroine and sidekick characters weaken and become dependent....

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### **Laura Aase says**

This was a great wagon train story. Taylor and Laura, her blind friend, left the orphanage they were in to join a group of women heading west through Texas to California in a wagon train of brides that a town pitched together money to send for. Of course both women find love! I liked the adventure of the trail, a woman doctor, etc., however, the "you need to be tamed" arguing romance wasn't my style. An interesting sequel would be to follow the other brides to their destination and follow their romances!

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### **Paula Myatt says**

Very Good !!!!

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### **Heather Manning says**

I enjoyed it. the plot was somewhat predictable but the characters were believable and somewhat comforting in their normality. Garlock has the ability to speak through words like the best verbal story teller. Her combination of description, emotions and action has always flowed like poetry to me.

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### **Debbie says**

"The Searching Hearts" was an interesting premise, but the delivery was rather weak. The plot was predictable and I didn't like the characters very much. The writing was quite weak. I wasn't impressed enough to want to read more by this author.

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### **Dawn Warnock-thompson says**

Excellent story of the pioneers heading west with all the trails and tribulations of doing so. I have read other books written by Garlock and could definitely tell this was one of her first books written. Her books get better and better as her writing matures.

It is a lovely historical western romance I really enjoyed reading.

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**Rebeca Martinez says**

A great story that portrayed an accurate tale about pioneering across America. My main issue with the this particular story was that there was so much build up but the ending was very anticlimactic. I literally spent the whole day reading this book, unable to put it down because I wanted to know what was going to transpire between Tucker and Frank. I was really disappointed in the ending which is a first for me while reading a Dorothy Garlock book.

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