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If you love sweet, funny, tender romance, read all the Baker City Brides books! *Crumpets and Cowpies* (Book 1) - Rancher Thane Jordan is about to meet his match in the lovely Lady Jemma Bryan. *Thimbles and Thistles* (Book 2) - Maggie Dalton doesn't need a man, especially not one as handsome as charming as Ian MacGregor. *Corsets and Cuffs* (Book 3) - Sheriff Tully Barrett meets his match when a pampered woman comes to town, catching his eye and capturing his heart. *Bobbins and Boots* (Book 4) - Carefree cowboy Ben Amick ventures into town to purchase supplies, and returns home married to another man's mail-order bride. *Tad's Treasure* (Prequel to the series) - Tad Palmer makes a promise to his dying friend to watch over the man's wife and child. Will his heart withstand the vow when he falls in love with the widow and her son? [Scroll up and grab your copy today!](#)

Bobbins and Boots Details

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Melissa Dobbins says

Great story

I think this might be my favorite in the series so far, although they are all excellent stories I really appreciate the research Shanna Hatfield put into this series. She said she remembered her mom said she wore feed sack dresses in the 1930s but I remember making dish towels out of feed sack cotton into the 1950s and 1960s. I don't know when they actually stopped using the pattern printed cotton sacks for animal feed sold in rural farm stores on North Carolina, but they were of a good quality tightly woven 100% cotton and some of them were quite pretty, especially the cobalt blue patterns on a white background.

I think you will really enjoy the surprise twist to this story. Enjoy ?

Barbara says

A Sweet & Fresh Historical Western

The prolific Shanna Hatfield's output could keep the average reader occupied forever. As long as she puts out delight filled stories like this one, that's not a chore. I love her details of farm chores, equipment, male friendships and town/rural life in 1890's Oregon. Allie and Ben are a charming couple who face conflicts from their past to bond in sudden marshes. One big surprise rattled me. I was afraid that easygoing Ben and all his ties would not be mended. After you find out how he manages, stay to read Hatfield's notes to see how she gets ideas, and to visit her Pinterest page for a gallery of items used in the books. Fun.

Shash says

I loved this book! The humor made me laugh out loud and the romance made me sigh. The town and ranch jumped off the pages and became real as I read. And when the book ended, I didn't want to leave.

I immediately fell in love with Ben and Allie. Ben has such a pure, kind heart. He is easy going, hard working and an amazing husband. Allie is tentative and unsure to begin with, but also knows her strengths. She is so genuine and humble. I loved watching her grow in confidence and begin to understand and accept her inherent worth. The rest of the Baker City characters are back, as well. Yay!! Love them!

This is a great addition to the Baker City Brides series! It can be read as a stand alone, but something does happen that would be a bit of a spoiler for the earlier books. But whatever order you read them in, you'll love the series!

I received a complimentary copy of the book. I have given my honest opinion.

InD'tale Magazine says

Allie and Ben's story is an endearing clean historical romance.

Read full review in the 2017 July/August issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Kirsi Johnson says

This book showed up in my Amazon suggestion feed the other day and I jumped right on it. I have no idea how I didn't know it was coming out--I love this series. I loved getting to know Ben and Allie, and I thoroughly enjoyed returning to Thane and Jemma's ranch. My only lament is that I finished it too fast and I now have to wait a year before the next one!

Emily-Jane Orford says

It takes a special woman, a strong woman, to travel across a continent to meet a fate unknown, a groom, a life's partner unknown. So many women did just that, replying to ads, becoming a mail order bride. For Allie, it was a concern, but she decided it couldn't be worse than the home where she grew up with an abusive father, abusive brothers and dirt poor. Little did she know that the ad she answered was a lie and the man she was intended to marry was indeed worse than what she had left behind. Fortunately for her, kind souls rescued her from the train depot and a kind young man, Ben, showed up at just the right moment when her scoundrel of an intended husband tried to forcibly lay claim to her. And, she ended up marrying Ben, another unknown.

Allie didn't have much with her, just her threadbare clothes and worn boots. Her most treasured possession was her lace-making supplies, a gift handed down from her grandmother, to her mother, to her. She was a very talented lace maker. As she and Ben got to know each other, Allie was able to content herself that she was helping by making lace to sell. Not to mention all the other things she did on the ranch where Ben worked.

But a story wouldn't be complete without a conflict. This almost sounds too much like a lengthy happily-ever-after type of story. Shanna Hatfield's fourth book in her Baker City Brides series, "Bobbins and Boots", is a gentle story that develops a growing relationship between a man and a woman thrown together unexpectedly. The characters are well developed with genuine personalities and a dash of humor. What makes this book exceptional is that it's a clean read, which is hard to find in contemporary writing. A good plot, good descriptions and strong characters – overall a pleasure to read.

Reviewed for Readers' Favorite.

Book Chick (Tori) says

This entire series was so much fun! Loved all 4 books!

Jeffrey says

Imagine heading into town to pick up a few essentials for the ranch you are working on and coming home with a bride! That's exactly what happened to young ranch hand Ben Amick. Mail-order bride Allie Tilman arrives in Baker City anticipating a wedding but to her shocking surprise the intended groom is the town's drunken sleazy loser. Poor sweet Allie escapes a hard-scrabble existence where she barely had enough food and literally slept on the dirt floor with her entire family in a one room sod house. At the hasty suggestion of good friend Sheriff Tully, Ben rashly rescues Allie from certain disaster by marrying her on-the-spot!

Thus begins the awkward post-wedding "courtship" of Ben and Allie. Thin and threadbare from a life of hardship, the Jordan ranch soon discovers a diamond-in-the-rough as hard-working Allie shows competency in everything she puts her hands to. Faithful ranch hand Ben goes out of his way to provide Allie with every comfort and personal possession she never thought she deserved.

In a delightful continuation of the Baker City Brides series, all of the close-knit and lovable characters make appearances, as well as the author's penchant for introducing some colorful and humorous animal friends.

As featured in the title, one of Allie's talents is her skill at creating bobbin lace, a gift her mother taught her. This reader/reviewer had to "Google" bobbin lace to figure out what made it so special. This ancient lace-making technique creates breath-taking beauty and gives Allie a means to support herself. It is the author's reverence for historical detail that helps give these stories such color, charm, and significance.

For me, this is the author's finest romantic example of two deserving people as they struggle from being total strangers to that emotional plateau of realizing love for one another. As in the author's story of Bertie, from the Pendleton Petticoats series, a blind-sided zinger of a surprise awaits the reader that changes everything for Ben, his bride and the Jordan ranch.

Although this story stands alone, a full appreciation of the previous events is realized in reading ALL of the stories in the Baker City Brides series. Just when I thought author Shanna Hatfield could not possibly out-do herself in this series, she manages to up her game still another notch.

Leona Jackson says

Bobbins

Wow this had so many interesting twist and turns. I couldn't put it down. I love this series and recommend it to everyone who loves mystery and intrigue and most of all love and family.

Wendy says

BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

(copied from Amazon.com)

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MY REVIEW

Yes! Another winner by Shanna. Once I start reading one of her books I just can't seem to put them down until I am finished, she just pulls you straight into the story and won't let go. Allie's story pulls at your heart and just when she is having a blessed life, it all blows up. Believe me when I say you will love this series, be sure to read them in order though,

Linda says

Loved it!

I've read all the Baker City Brides so far and loved them all. Ben and Allie's story was explosive from the very first page. I've loved Ben from the first book. Allie comes to town as a mail order bride not knowing that her husband to be is a horrible person. There are some drop your jaw surprises in this book that I never ever saw coming. A definite must, must read for any diehard romantics. I so hope that there will be more books coming for the Baker City Brides.

Jerri says

Ben and Allie's story

Ben would do anything to help, even marrying a mail order bride someone else sent for. As these two deal with the situation, falling in love is becoming very likely. The rollercoaster ride of emotions keeps you engaged. Shanna does not let up on the humor or the problems facing her characters. The secrets that come out will astonish readers. Another uplifting read. Get the details inside now.

Karen Hadley says

If you haven't read any books by Shanna Hatfield, you are missing out on some great reading. "Bobbins and Boots" is the fourth book in the series but can stand

alone. Some people are not whom they claim to be as Allie finds out when she arrives as a mail-order bride. Through an act of kindness mixed with insanity Ben steps up to the challenge. What challenge? Read the book!
Shanna's books are fun, exciting, characters you'll love and lessons to learn.

Blessings,

Karen Hadley

Rating: 5*

I received this book as a gift, all opinions are my own.

Kim Paulus says

Allie can make beautiful lace with bobbins while wearing boots, which helps her and her mother feed and care for her very large family. An opportunity comes her way from an advertisement for a mail order bride. Allie responds to the ad and before she knows it she is standing at the platform in Baker City, Oregon. When her fiancée doesn't meet the train to pick her up, she inquires about him and finds out he is a lying, scum bag that no woman would want to be married. What is she to do now? Along comes Ben Amick a very handsome cowboy that has no intentions of marrying at least not right now. Allie needs a hero and he steps up to the challenge and well....marries her! She is very grateful and he is very confused! Can these two learn to get along to make this marriage a "real" marriage? I really enjoyed reading this story of Allie and Ben. There are three other books in this series, but this book can read as a stand alone.

Julie Jobe says

Love, love, love this book! Ms. Hatfield has written yet another wonderfully satisfying sweet romance that had me sighing and swooning. As always, I loved catching up with the crew from her Baker City Brides series. I felt like I was welcomed in with a warm cup of tea to visit old friends and meet some new ones. I enjoyed catching up with each of the old friends and fell in love with the new ones. Allie is a sweet, yet strong, hardworking heroine with a not so wonderful home life that has caused her to believe she's not worth much. Ben is a swoonworthy hero who is equally as hardworking as Allie while also maintaining a joyful spirit and zest for life. Getting to know them and watching them fall in love was an absolute pleasure. As usual with Ms. Hatfield's books, I found myself both smiling and outright laughing out loud more than once at the antics of her lively characters. Her descriptions make the book come alive. She pulled me into Baker City and drew me out to the Jordan ranch with her words and made me feel like I was there. Not only did she write a perfectly sweet, yet sassy romance, Ms. Hatfield also threw in a couple of surprises along the way that I did not see coming. Love when an author can catch me off guard in a good way like that. I encourage you to read her note the end. It makes parts of the story even more real and quite funny as you read her note. It never fails-at the end of every one of Shanna Hatfield's books my appetite for sweet romance has been perfectly sated, yet I am also looking forward to the next book with great anticipation. And I am always a little bit saddened to have to say goodbye to my book family until the next one comes out.

**I was provided a copy of this book by the author. All opinions in this review are my own.
