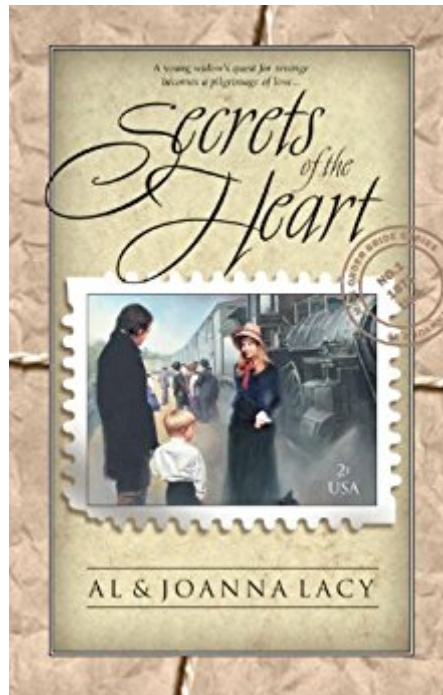




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Synopsis

Kathleen O'Malley Stallworth a mail order bride? Not likely! But the Lord works in mysterious ways. Her parents and siblings died in the great Chicago fire; her husband was killed by a mugger; now her fabulously wealthy in-laws have taken her daughter Megan from her, claiming she's not fit to be a mother. In a newspaper ad for a mail order bride, Kathleen sees a chance to seek revenge on the Stallworth family. Instead, her westward adventure transforms her world and restores her faith. She returns to Chicago to fight for Megan but soon discovers God has prepared a victory she could never have imagined. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I was disappointed in the writing style of this book. I have read quite a bit of Christian fiction and sad to say a lot of it is mediocre, even though I always hold out hope for another Lori Wick, Francine Rivers or Beverly Lewis to come along. This book had a good plot premise but fell flat. It seemed a bit far-fetched to start off with having Mrs. O'Leary of Chicago Fire fame being one of the characters, and while I understand the concept of historical fiction, this took some big liberties. The

dialog is too saccharine and trite, especially the endless 'mommy, mommy' by the little boy; and there is far too little depth in the descriptions of people and circumstances. I finished it, hoping it would get better but it was just too juvenile for me. Perhaps a teen audience would appreciate it better, although I can't say it seems like it was intended to be that way.

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I bought this book because it was cheap and I wanted to try new authors (besides Lori Wick). This book was an easy read, a nice escape from the reality of school and work. I will buy other books by Al & Joanna Lacy because I think they have potential. However, I did not care for the development of this story. In the beginning of the book, I kept wondering about the sequence of events. By the end of the book, I still wondered about the time spent on the fire danger and how it all fit into the plot. I would have liked to see more of the book written about Kathleen and Tom instead of so much time spent on the fire danger and her time before becoming a mail order bride. The step son seemed a little too mature for a 6 year old. I felt it was unrealistic how quickly he began calling Kathleen Mommy, especially considering his strong feelings against calling her Mommy when they first met. The way they forgave and helped the Stallworth family was encouraging...I have to wonder if I would be able to forgive so easily and give so much to the people treated me so badly. I recommend this book if someone is looking for an easy read to escape from reality for a time.

I love this book, can hardly put it down.

I loved the characters. This book gave me smiles and tears. I will read it again.

Author began story very well but second half just lost its momentum and was lost.

I loved reading this book. It kept me interested all the way through and wondering sometimes just how things could work out. I think Al Lacy's books that I've read have all been great reading.

I love the way the story unfolded. It seemed like everything was going the wrong way for Kathleen and it was so sad reading how the rich in laws kept winning. God performed a change in the hearts of each character. God really does win when He gets involved in a situation.

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