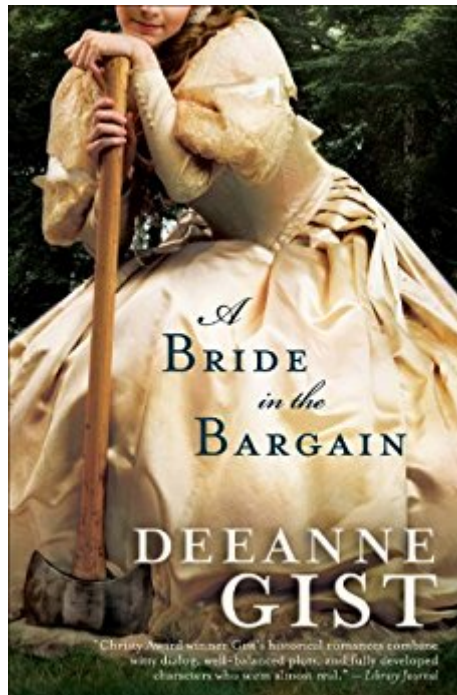




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Synopsis

In 1860s Seattle, a man with a wife could secure himself 640 acres of timberland. But because of his wife's untimely death, Joe Denton finds himself about to lose half of his claim. Still in mourning, his best solution is to buy one of those Mercer girls arriving from the East. A woman he'll marry in name but keep around mostly as a cook. Anna Ivey's journey west with Asa Mercer's girls is an escape from the griefs of her past. She's not supposed to be a bride, though, just a cook for the girls. But when they land, she's handed to Joe Denton and the two find themselves in a knotty situation. She refuses to wed him and he's about to lose his land. With only a few months left, can Joe convince this provoking--but beguiling--easterner to be his bride?

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Customer Reviews

Set in 1865-66 shortly after the close of the un-Civil War, *A Bride in the Bargain* by Deeanne Gist, follows the fortunes of an orphaned girl, Anna Ivey, and a lumberman, Joe Denton when they find themselves at cross-purposes. She believes she's signed on to be a lumber camp cook, but he thinks she's arrived in Seattle to be his wife—a necessity so that he can keep his 640 acres of timbered land and his livelihood. Will these two work out their differences and marry?

All readers of Romance novels know that the chief requirement of the genre is for the principle characters to end up together. The trick is to entice the reader to keep reading in order to find out how the couple achieves that end. Deeanne Gist does this admirably. With compelling characters to arouse the reader's sympathies, a verdant Northern rainforest setting, and accurate historical detail, this novel does the job very well indeed. Copywrited in 2009 by Deeanne Gist, this delightful, compelling read kept this reviewer up well past her bedtime. However, it's more than a real page turner. It's a work of art that is well worth the Kindle purchase price. I gave it five stars and a thumbs up. Happy reading, my e-reading friends.

I enjoy this book the story is so well explained the situation that the characters who started fighting each other all the way until the final chapters the relationship culminated in happiness for both. Joe Dalton, owner of acres of land for timber in others words he a lumberjack there a problem, he needs a wife if not he will lose his land because the law requires the land must for married couple only. He paid to a man that brings brides for the Seattle territory. In those time, Seattle was a territory not a state. Anna decides to go from northeast to Seattle to get an employment but she does not know that she is going as a bride to Joe. I do not wants to gave spoilers but the only problem is that Ana has been traumatized by some issues in her family. Sometime her character is so annoy that I think that she need a psychiatric to help her with her issues. I recommend this book and the author because really is a very interesting story and the emotion issues between Joe and Ana and culmination of their love is worth the reading. If you like romance and history's and conflicts also inspirational readings this is your book. Mrs Gist is ver talent writer and I look forward her books.

This is the first Deanne Gist book I've read, and I enjoyed it. The story was well written and the historical elements of the book (some history of the Washington Territory) were written in an engaging way. There is plenty of romance! I did find the ending to be a little strange - it felt like a twist was added at the end to prolong the book, but it didn't need to be there (it felt a bit forced to me, and then wrapped up too nicely/quickly). I personally think the story would have been much stronger without the twist at the end. But still, this is a good story and fun to read!

What a great story of love and sacrifice. The characters get into your heart and you find yourself cheering them on and even sometimes yelling at them to stop being so stubborn. I will definitely read more from Deeanne Gist.

I liked this novel as unlike other books, the "ending" you are expecting does happen however, it is expanded and makes for a wonderful conclusion of the story. It has enough surprises and twists to keep you interested but for someone like me, who does not really care of suspense it is enjoyable and entertaining.

If you enjoy Deeanne's book then you will again feel this is another excellent book! It is written when Seattle, WA was just a Territory and the main character comes West thinking she is going to be just a cook. This is complicated by the fact that she has had her passage paid for by a man who thinks he has a "bride" coming for him. He NEEDS this bride to keep his acreage and his lumbermill that he has worked YEARS for ... then to complicate matters, of course, he ends up falling in love with her. I enjoyed this book ... and where it was not a deep book it was a fun book to read ... sometimes it is nice to read a lighthearted book that one just enjoys to read for no reason at all except to enjoy and this book is one of those! Deeanne's books often are this type of book ... they aren't deep but they give you a good feeling and are easy to read and enjoyable with good characters!

Chalk full of historical details, this book is an entertaining read. Great characters, fun facts for logging and cooking, and a great story. Finding worth in oneself and in others is important for the characters in a good book...and these do. Joe has to decide if love or land is more important and Anna has to decide if marriage is worth the risk of love will remain unrequited.

Her writing is very good and keeps you engaged. She also includes humor with her romance.

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