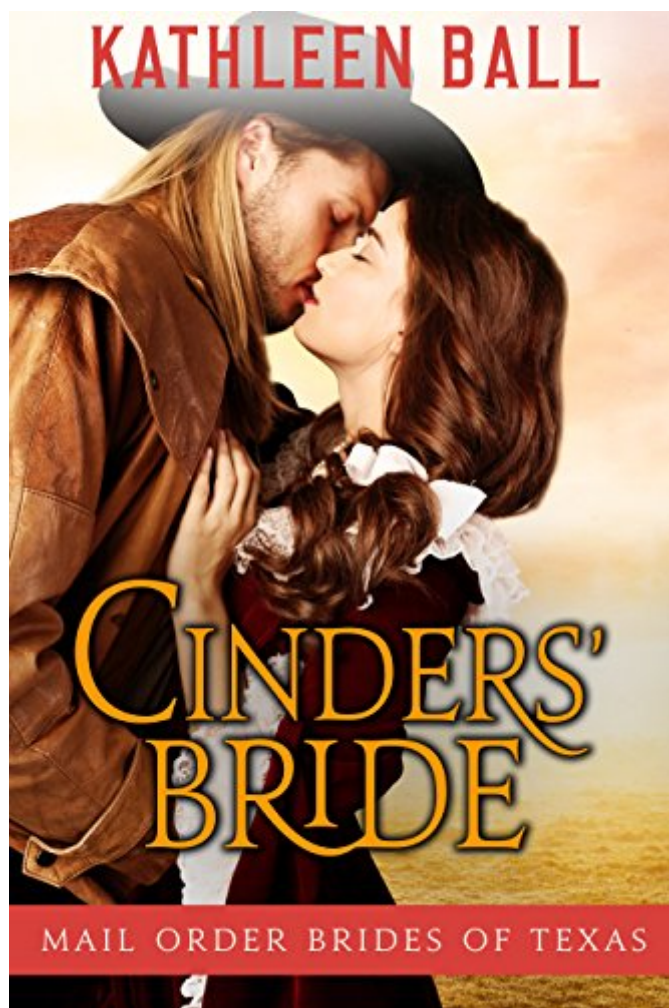


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# Cinders' Bride (Mail Order Brides Of Texas Book 1)



## Synopsis

Shannon McMurphy travels to Asherville, Texas as a mail order bride expecting to marry a rancher. Instead, her intended is a saloonkeeper. Her refusal to marry enrages John Hardy and he slices her cheek with a knife so no other man would want her. She runs into the street and no one helps her until blond, blue-eyed Cinders rescues her. Sexy, rancher Cinders saves Shannon and offers her a job. To protect her reputation he must marry her. They both agree it's a marriage of convenience. He admires her spunk and willingness to learn everything about surviving the Texas frontier. He waits for her to ask to go home but she never does. They learn a lot about each other through, stolen horses, Indian troubles, a cattle drive and the busybodies of the town. Their attraction for each other grows, but can they learn to trust enough to love? Join me in Asherville, Texas and see how this love story unfolds.

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book. Shannon is strong and no stranger to hard work. She is the perfect frontier wife. Cinders is a real man. He works hard and is recovering from the recent loss of his wife and baby. He is a typical man and makes many mistakes by not knowing exactly what to say or how

to say it. They deal with the harshness of post civil war Texas and grow steadily closer. I won't give away anything because I hate spoilers. I will say that, while I truly enjoyed getting to know these characters, there were two things that prevented me from awarding five stars. The ending is very abrupt and leaves a lack of resolution unexpected in a stand alone novel. There are also several editing issues that should be addressed. There are grammar issues as well as simple spelling or words choice errors (there vs their) that need to be resolved. I did enjoy the book but I feel strongly that the author might want to consider having it edited and possibly revise the ending to allow for full closure of all of the subplots.

This is a good book from a good author. I enjoyed the story-line and it was entirely different than any Mail Order Bride story that I've ever read. I've read about Saloon owners extending offers to marry but I would say it is rare to marry a Mail Order Bride and expect her to work "up stairs"... well, those type of scenes were in this book. Cinders came along to save this young gal from abuse as she arrived to anticipate marriage to a rancher. This story had it's ups and downs and Shannon tried to fit in wherever she could by working hard each and every day. I would have liked a couple more scenes in this book such as showing her knowledge in the use of a knife and maybe making sure Polly had her come-unpins. I enjoyed the book and look forward to more stories by this author. I've read many of her books and know each time they will be good stories.

This is the first book I've read by Kathleen Ball or rather listened to. I found the characters engaging and felt the setting was authentic for the period. Shannon vacillates a lot between being a strong woman to being self-conscious and unsure of herself. Brought to Texas under false pretenses, she faces a horrible choice until Cinders steps in and rescues her. A supposed marriage of convenience turns out to be much more of an adventure for both Shannon and Cinder. There is genuine emotion and humor in this book. I loved the character of Cookie, the ranch cook, he's often the voice of reason for the young bridegroom, who had previously lost a wife in childbirth. As their story unfold, Cinders in enlightened on many of his first wife's ways, finding them none too pleasing. Shannon fights many battles in this book, however, Cinders' wife's memory is the least of her problems. The narration on the audio version is superb and really added to the story for me. This is a strong 4.5 star read.

The end left you hanging. It just seemed to stop and then the epilogue came. It didn't really tell you why his best friend didn't like his wife other than she reminded him of his mother. I did like the side

character Cookie. He was a good friend to Shannon once she arrived at the ranch. I didn't feel Cinders really liked his wife until Cookie had a talk with him and then all of a sudden he's in love with her. The story was good, but could have been better.

Shannon showed such inner strength even though she had doubts. Mostly about her own worth and beauty. Even her scarred face couldn't prevent Cinder from seeing her inner beauty and strength. More women should be more like her, not expecting everyone to bow down to her but to be able to take care of themselves while loving another person. That's not weakness, that's true strength. I loved this story, thank you Kathleen.

This book is so amazing the words just flow off the page. A wonderful story that is filled with heartache, misunderstandings, pain and true love. The mystery of Cinders first name added a fun and creative touch to the story. If the rest of this series is half as good as the first it will be a book worth reading and to recommend to your friends. Happy

Reading

I can't even read this. I'm a little miffed that I paid even a dollar for this book. The writing is just one step up from a 'see spot run' book. Definitely skip this one.

If you like the old western romances this is for you. Imagine, taking the chance of going west to marry a stranger that owns a ranch, only to find out he's a lying sleazy saloon owner. That is what Shannon is facing. When she decides she won't marry him he cuts her face. But luckily Cinders is in town. After talking to the judge about the attack, Cinders and Shannon marry to protect her. But sometimes there are hidden things that you can't be protected from.

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