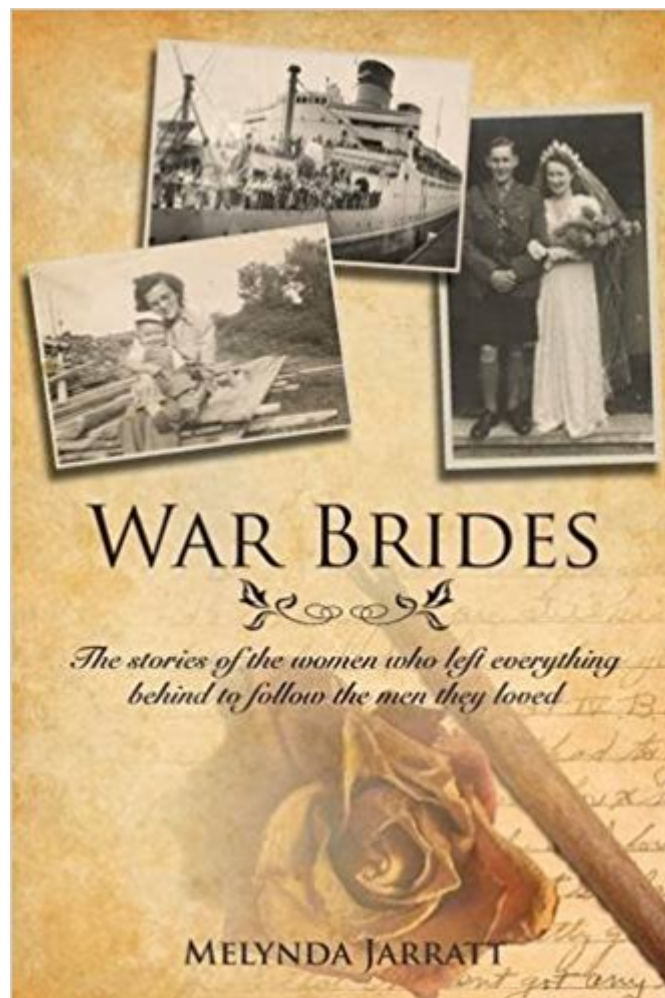




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I enjoyed the book very much. I liked the format in which it was written, several stories written by either the Bride herself or child of the Canadian War Bride. I've read quite a few books relating to American War Brides so it was very interesting to learn of the difference in their experiences in coming to America versus Canada. If your interested in this period of history you'll truly enjoy this collection of stories.

I think this books provides a very good overview of the Canadian War Bride experience. In addition to telling the romantic and dramatic - sometimes happy and sometimes sad - stories of the war brides and their children and families, it outlines well how the geographic and linguistic areas in which each war bride settled influenced the individual's experience. I enjoyed reading about how the women came to the decisions to change their lives so radically and how their lives turned out - sometimes better, sometimes worse than they expected but I think always different. It is a book about women who had - or had to have - a lot of courage, and I found it inspiring. I also found it interesting to read about the women whose mothers joined them from the UK. Even though I have read a lot of war bride books, I don't think I have read about that before. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in war brides and the experience of moving to another country and/or marrying someone from another country/culture. The book provides both an overview and personal experiences. It tells many touching stories, and they are told by a writer who I feel cares about the women.

War Brides by Melynda Jarratt has been well-received and appreciated by war brides (women who married Canadian servicemen during WWII), and by their families and friends. Readers unfamiliar with this exceptional group of thousands of women with their individual backgrounds, personalities, and experiences will discover that they have made a colorful and significant contibution to the fabric of Canada. It was a pleasure and a privilege to first come to know some of them during 2005, the

Year of the War Bride. The stories and photos that Ms. Jarrett includes make this book fine reading.

Interesting but a "dry" read

This was a great read. I enjoy historical books and this is a good one. The lives of these ordinary women and soldiers are recorded with the real endings-some happy , others sad. I enjoyed getting to know these people.

The stories were all so interesting and from a personal point of view. This was an interesting read. I had no idea that history could be told in such an amusing and entertaining way.

The women in this book had such courage and excitement about love and life that I was inspired and uplifted. I laughed and cried and feel as if I know these war brides. They were truly brave and remarkable!

A part of history I had not considered. Would have liked to had pictures to put names to faces. Would recommend to anyone interested in WWII.

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