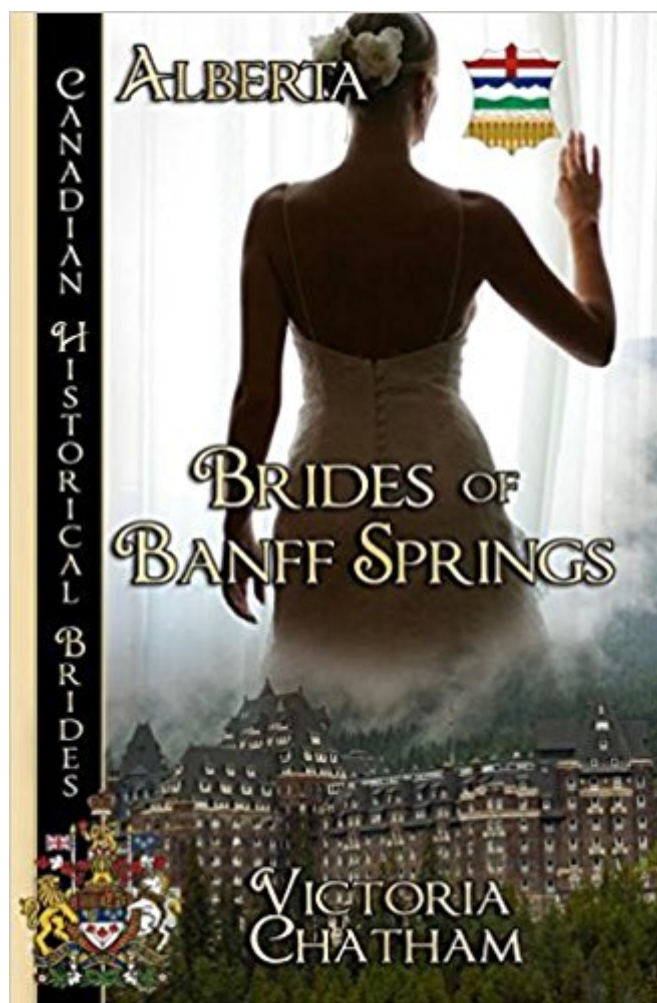


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Synopsis

In the Dirty Thirties jobs were hard to come by. Having lost her father and her home in southern Alberta, Tilly McCormack is thrilled when her application for a position as a chambermaid at the prestigious Banff Springs Hotel, one of Canada's great railway hotels, is accepted. Tilly loves her new life in the Rocky Mountain town and the people she meets there. Local trail guide Ryan Blake, is taken with Tilly's sparkling blue eyes and mischievous sense of humor, and thinks she is just the girl for him. Ryan's work with a guiding and outfitting company keeps him busy but he makes time for Tilly at every opportunity and he's already decided to make her his bride. On the night he plans to propose to Tilly another bride-to-be, whose wedding is being held at the Hotel, disappears. Tilly has an idea where she might have gone and together with Ryan sets out to search for her. Will they find the missing bride and will Tilly accept Ryan's proposal? In celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday, Books We Love, with the support of the Government of Canada, is publishing a series of novels set in each of the Canadian Provinces and Territories. Each book features a historical event or location as well as the story of a bride and groom, representative of the men and women who came to Canada in search of a new life and new freedoms. These books combine fact and fiction to show how these brides and grooms, all from diverse backgrounds, joined in marriage to create new lives and build a great country. The novels are suitable for young adults and adults and offer readers the opportunity to experience life and love as it was 150 years ago when Canada was a brand new country.

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Customer Reviews

The Castle in the Mountain hides secrets behind its fairy tale facade. Newly homeless and grieving for her late father in the spring of 1935, Tilly McCormack finds herself employed at the famous Castle in the Mountains, the Banff Springs Hotel. It seems to be the perfect solution on the surface. Tilly has employment and a place to live. After the flat dry prairie of southern Alberta outside Medicine Hat, the snow-capped mountains and the rushing Bow River splashing through Spray Falls just below the hotel are a welcome change. The first person Tilly meets is the driver contracted by the hotel to haul rich guests' luggage from the train station to the hotel. Ryan Blake is easy on the eyes and he declares he has an eye for Tilly. As their friendship deepens, Tilly runs afoul of some self-important guests peopling the rooms she is charged with caring for, and makes some good friends who stand by her. Ms Chatham has woven a wonderful story with three dimensional characters while taking the reader on a tour of the small mountain town of Banff, Alberta. Complete with intrigue, romance, and a brush with the ill-fated bride who is said to haunt the staircase of the fairy tale castle, *The Brides of Banff Springs* is a must read. Nancy M. Bell Editor and Author

Author Victoria Chatham has penned a delightful story set in the mid-1930s, a colorful tapestry of romance, history, mystery, and ghostly encounters. I loved the background setting, the glamorous Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies, which provides a poignant contrast to Tilly McCormick's barren, grief-stricken life without a family and without a home. She soon finds employment, however, plus a place to live at the grand old hotel, only to meet good-looking Ryan Blake, a trail guide. Friendship blossoms into romance. As the plot continues to unfold, each twist and turn gives way to another, keeping the reader eagerly turning the pages. Finally, will Ryan ask Tilly to be his wife? Will there be a HEA ending? *Brides of Banff Springs* begins a series of Canadian "bride" books set in each of the provinces and territories. I'm eager to read book number 2 and heartily recommend this story.

An absolute charmer of a historical romance, set in the world-famous hotel of Banff Springs. I just loved the heroine, a farm girl who can truly take care of herself, and the handsome hero, an outdoors-man who works as a guide, shepherding posh hotel visitors through the incredible beauty of the Rockies. It's Depression Times, and the Canadian plains, just like the US plains, are deep in drought. Tilly arrives in the bustling tourist town of Banff with nothing but her own common sense and a small suitcase. She's to start a job as chambermaid at the biggest hotel which is patronized by the adventurous rich who flock here from all over the world. Lively believable characters, as well

as horses, mules, a rescue dog, new friends, and lots of regional Canadian history--interesting stuff this Yankee never knew or even suspected--made the book an enjoyable remedy for a chilly gray day.

Tilly arrives from the dusty plains to beautiful Banff Springs in 1930's Alberta, Canada. She's devastated after the loss of her father and her home and has come to work as a chambermaid at the famous hotel. She meets handsome Ryan who immediately tells her he's going to marry her. Tilly is more circumspect. She struggles in her new job and new-found "freedom." Some of the rich guests are friendlier than she is comfortable with and the hotel even has a ghost bride. Will Tilly find happiness? Ms. Chatham's writing is beautifully descriptive, but Ryan comes on too strong too quickly which is always a pet-peeve of mine with novels. Tilly is a heroine to root for: a nice, naïve girl thrown into a foreign environment. Lovers of romance and those who are interested in this period of history, especially Canadian history, will enjoy this book.

What a sweet romance set in the '30's in the Canadian Rockies. The author balances the history and setting so well as the backdrop to this engaging love story. The characters are well-developed so the reader emotionally joins in on the heart ache and triumph of the heroine. Ms. Chatham has mastered the art of painting the landscapes with her excellent description, as well as writing each character unique from the other. If you like historical romance, this book is for you.

I was honored to read an early copy of this book and I loved it! The hero and heroine were wonderful and the story kept me turning the pages. With a good balance of history and romance within the plot, I would definitely recommend this book! Good job, Ms. Chatham. And I'm looking forward to reading the other books in the series,

Good book. Learned a bit about Canada but more about the developing love story. The heroine is an orphan and has taken a job as a maid in a hotel. She is feisty and doesn't always follow the rules because she cares about other people.

Most enjoyable and intriguing story beautifully written, with wonderful and believable characters in a stunning location.

Generally, I'm not one for romantic fiction, but good writing is good writing no matter the genre. Ms.

Chatham has delivered the goods with the highly entertaining Brides of Banff Springs. The story takes place in the grim, economically spare '30's and follows a down-on-her-luck (but plucky!) woman as she finds employment at the Banff Springs Hotel in Canada. There's romance, fun characters, intrigue, villains to hiss at, wonderful animals for you animal lovers, and even a ghost. Did I mention Ms. Chatham's fine prose? By the end of the book, I guarantee you'll be wearing a huge, can't-be-helped grin. I certainly was. If you're not into romance, give the book a try. You might be surprised. If you love romances, this is an outstanding genre entry. Highly recommended.

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