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Of course, everyone in town knew better than to mess with the Claybornes. The brothers, four of the toughest hombres in the West, had once been a mismatched gang of street urchins. But they had found an abandoned baby girl in a New York City alley, named her Mary Rose, headed West, and raised her to be a lady. Through the years the Claybornes had become a family, held together by loyalty and love if not by blood -- when they suddenly faced the crisis that could tear them apart.

That crisis came to town with Lord Harrison Stanford MacDonald. In his fine clothes, he looked every inch a dude. Mary Rose figured that if she didn't interfere, this handsome Englishman would get himself killed, so she took him home to the Clayborne ranch to ask her brothers to turn him into a cowboy. She didn't suspect MacDonald was a chameleon, not the greenhorn he appeared to be. He'd prove fast with a gun, quick with his fists, and capable of commanding the Claybornes's respect -- if not their trust. He'd also soon be desperately in love with Mary Rose. She returned his affection blissfully and wholeheartedly...until MacDonald revealed a secret that challenged everything she believed about her love, herself, and her life.

Now Mary Rose's search for identity and meaning would begin, sending her to England, to the family she lost long ago. Her soul hungered for the freedom of the American West, but she was being drawn away from all she cared about by the need to know her past...and by her uncertain but still potent love for MacDonald. Torn between conflicting loyalties, Mary Rose wasn't sure who she really was, or where she belonged...questions that could only be answered if she listened to the truth within her heart. **<u>Download**</u> For the Roses ...pdf

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Editorial Review

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Mary Rose Clayborne is as well-protected by her four adoptive brothers as any woman in Blue Belle, Montana could be--until Lord Harrison Stanford MacDonald comes to town and she finds herself falling in love. How can Mary Rose keep her family together and learn to accept Harrison's questionable past? This story of love and adventure in the Old West will keep you turning the pages.

From Publishers Weekly

This romance set in mid-19th-century Montana spent two weeks on PW's bestseller list. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal

When a gang of New York orphans discovers baby Mary Rose inside a picnic basket in a trash bin, they travel to Montana to establish a more suitable home for their new charge. Headed up by an escaped slave and peopled with would-be juvenile delinquents, the family that results is unique, to say the least. But it works for 19 years?and then Harrison MacDonald appears, sent by an English nobleman to reclaim the long lost Mary Rose. Filled with humor and appealing characters and neatly punctuated with letters to the absent "Mama Rose," Garwood's (Prince Charming, Pocket Bks., 1994) lively and charming romance is essential to most romance collections.

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