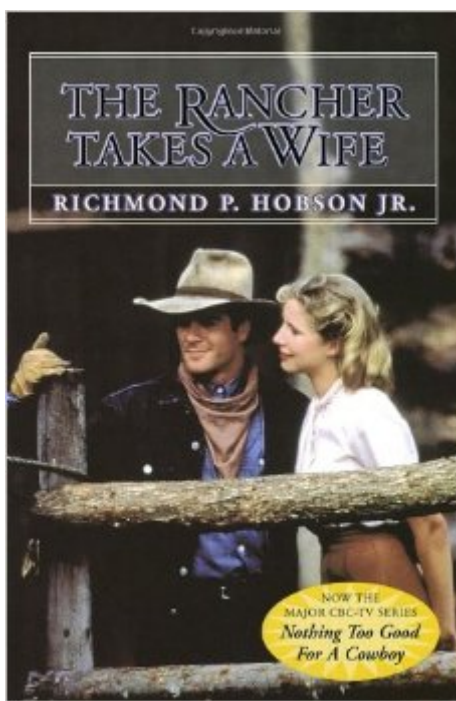


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The Rancher Takes A Wife



Synopsis

Continue on the adventure with *The Rancher Takes a Wife*, the conclusion to Richmond Hobson's western frontier trilogy! The interior of British Columbia in the early 20th century is a jungle of swamps, rivers, and grasslands. It's a vast and still barely explored wilderness, whose principal citizens are timber wolves, moose, giant grizzly bears, and the odd human being. Into this forbidding land, Rich Hobson, Pioneer cattle rancher, brings Gloria, his city-raised bride. Her adjustment to life in the wilderness is sure to be difficult, as is her relationship with Rich and his backwoods cronies. Will Gloria find that she belongs in this strange, harsh land? Told with wit and wisdom, Hobson recounts a wild true adventure story in the last book of his collection of survival tales. These dramatic tales are described with the humor and vivid detail that have made Hobson's books perennial favorites.

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Customer Reviews

I own originals of Hobson's three books and re-read them every few years. His ability to vividly portray the life that he and The Top Hand and later Mrs. Hobson had in the interior of British Columbia is to have been there. It is hard in today's comfortable way of life to envision the situations and dangers that were simply a part of how it was back then. Having grown up in the mountains of the U.S. West, I can only marvel at the abilities of these adventuresome pioneers in the cattle country of B.C. To have met Rich Hobson was of great interest to me... I simply waited too long and he had passed away. The travels and travails through Hobson's life would make an awesome story for a movie. Note: Make sure you read the three books in sequence... and enjoy!

I hope I didn't spoil it by saying that it has a happy ending! All three of these books were wonderful to read. Even more so because I and my mother before me, have spent a good bit of our lives traveling to this very area of British Columbia. Some of the relatives of the people in the stories are still there and all have stories of their own. What a magical land!

Within one week I read all three of Hobson's books, starting with *Grass Beyond the Mountains* and ending with *The Rancher Takes a Wife*. Again a fascinating tale of pioneering development in the far north of British Columbia but with the difference that Hobson's wife writes one chapter, adding her perspective on ranch life and isolation. I highly recommend this whole series for the insight it gives into the challenges faced by these cattlemen, for the adventure of a fascinating tale, and for the inspiration provided by the history of good men and women giving their best in the worst of circumstances.

I chose this rating because I like history and I love reading the true stories of how the ranchers and their wives survive during good and hard times. Mostly the hard times in the *Ranchers Wives*, the scary things they encountered (especially Betty) with the bears and the determination and love of land and survival of the family, in British Columbia developing their ranches.

The family, ranch life and legacy of frontier families continues in this vivid and mind-capturing novel about true ranchers making a good life using sheer determination, grit, and will. A quick read that leaves the reader with a true sense of the character's lives. The ranch livestock and wildlife are depicted with great skill, making the reader wanting more.

Although Richmond P. Hobson only wrote 3 books, if you're interested in authentic western cowboy experience, Hobson tells great true stories of trailblazing and punchin' cows in western Canada in the 30s, 40s and early 50s. Hobson lived a great life and he tells it well!

It's amazing the things these people endure settling a new area. It's hard to believe that this took place in the 20th century. The country is so wild and unsettled. I admire them for staying with it. I can't imagine living in 50 below temperatures.

The third book of the series.... fiction or reality ? You decide. After finishing the books I ordered the

book series for a friend who avidly hunts the British Columbia interior where the stories take place.

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