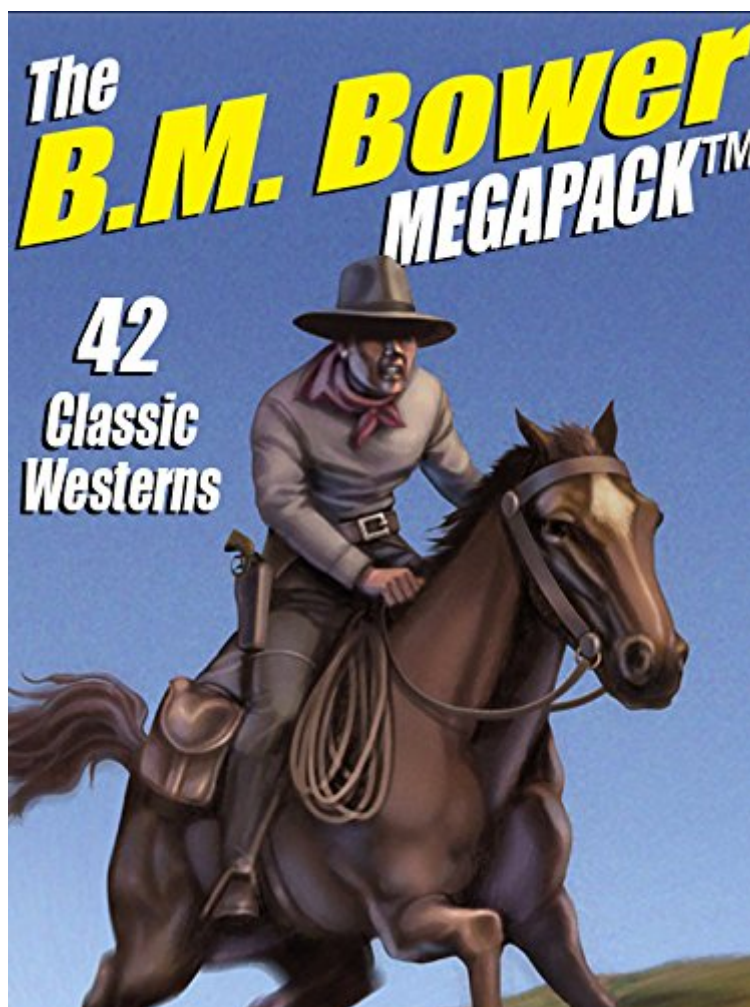


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Customer Reviews

Bertha Muzzy Bower is the the author of the novels and stories in this fabulous set. (Bower used her initials so male readers would not be put off by the knowledge that these were written by a woman; such were the times.)By way of comparison, there is another Bower collection available in the Kindle Store, this by Halcyon selling for \$1.99. One of the book titles listed in that Halcyon set ("The Happy Family") consists of nine short stories, so that set actually provides, not 35 tales as advertised, but 43, the one additional Halcyon short story (not in the Megapack) being "The Lonesome Trail." So Halcyon advertises 35 but actually provides 43 stories for two dollars, and this Megapack advertises and provides 42 stories for one dollar. You make the call.The westerns themselves tend to be prairie-life and romance types, not dissimilar to many by Zane Grey. In that same manner, they strongly reflect the times in which they were written as well as the period in which they are set (these being the same in many cases). That is to say many of them are set in the (then) contemporary west of the early decades of the 20th century rather than what we might call the "old" west of the mid-to-late 19th century (though some of her tales ARE set back then). So expect a blend of cowboys, cattle, automobiles, telephones and "moving-picture companies," a mix of old and new not unlike what you'd see in old Gene Autry movies.As to be expected in any set this large, some are great, some are good and more than a few fall short of the mark, but they are all entertaining. To get this many for a mere dollar is mind-boggling. If you like old-style (1920's era) westerns, this set is a must.

This is fine old-fashioned Western writing. Bower has a great ability to create characterizations through his writing. He also makes a great deal of reading fun by his characterizing certain people or groups with specific names (Annie Many Ponies, the Little Doctor, The Kid. Etc. he is also very good at describing the geography of the West where he positions his stories either in Montana or New Mexico or elsewhere.Recommended for anyone who enjoys reading about the West.

B. M. Bower was my Grandmother's Aunt, and I don't know how many Greats that is for me, but I have collected quite a few of her books. She was a teacher on the plains, and many of her stories reflect people and events during her time in the 'frontier'. I love the fact that she wrote, and was as popular as Zane Grey in their time. She had to use initials because women were not considered intelligent enough to be authors in those days! She was born Bertha Muzzy, and was strong-willed and ready to meet whatever popped up in her life. I'm very proud of her writings, and hope I've attained some of her talent. We'll soon see!

I'm still reading this collection - but am really enjoying all the stories. I know the west had a lot of killing but I do like the stories that written around much of the "other" west. Settlers, day to day life, ect...

I purchased this when I purchased a Kindle HD for my father. He is often on the road and loves older western books. It took a long time for me to get him talked into a Kindle because of the technology, but he loves that he can read multiple stories without having to take the paperbacks with him on long trips. There are enough stories here that keep his attention for quite a while. Wonderful price and I was very happy to know that my dad will be entertained while waiting for various things. This provides longer reading times than just one or two books. He has said that the stories are great.

The Megapack series has proven to be a high quality read! I admit that I was skeptical at first but the books have really been enjoyable and once begun, I am compelled to finish! Grab these and enjoy!

I discovered B. M. Bower books while in junior high, but I didn't realize for some time that the author was a woman. Bertha Muzzy Bowers was raised in the West, and her novels and stories have an authenticity not found in other authors' works about the West of 1880-1930. She loves her settings and characters, but she is willing to poke fun at them as well. Her heroes tend to be strong and silent which often works against them! Her heroines are feisty and frequently as troublesome. She writes with real understanding of the monotony of living in isolation (her setting is often Montana or Idaho) and how that isolation results in comedy as well as tragedy. This collection of novels and short stories include several of the Flying U series which follow the adventures, mishaps, and trials of the ranch hands and their boss (who calls his crew the "Happy Family" because of their loyalty to each other--not because of the way they get along with each other!) Subjects include a range war, various romances, and movie-making in the good old silent days. There is some repetition of material as some short stories published in this collection also turn up in a later novel in the mega-pack. Readers looking for something besides gunfights and grimness will enjoy this collection. You will feel like you made some new friends when you have finished reading. Note to horse lovers: Bowers also understands horses and presents their viewpoint for additional enjoyment. Watch for it.

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