Greene's "Spur of the Moment Bride" (Book Review)

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The novella is set in the spring of 1880 in Wyoming. In this story, Abby’s father, exasperated by all the suitors that she has declined, has given her 30 days to find a husband or she will be excluded from his inheritance. So, she answers an ad for a mail order bride. A good portion of the book is about Abby’s stage coach ride from Cheyenne to Laramie. In as few pages she has to describe this ride, she does an excellent job of choosing what to describe to make the stage coach ride flow so that the reader feels that they are a passenger on the stage coach. She also is adept at showing the process that Abby goes through to realize what love is and why people marry. She also skillfully interjects God into the story at the right moments so that the reader can see this communion of two people came about not because of man but because of God. Most of the story takes places in a period of less than 30 days. This story is part of the Wyoming Anthology. Anne Greene has won awards for her writings. She also has visited all the locations she writes about. This novella is a fast read. This book would have to be considered more for a public library since this is recreational reading.

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