

A Brothers Price By Wen Spencer **A brother's price ao3** Is Spencer shifting the very concept of romance given a sister-wife situation? One of my favorite lines was this: "The very nature of intercourse—an act to produce a pregnancy—and the risks to the woman's health as such.

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A fantasy whose only interesting feature is the bit of gender reversal it's got going on. **How much is a book deal worth** They're also not really allowed to do anything lest it upset their delicate sensibilities; it's the women who get to go out there and perform acts of daring-do and have fun storming the castle and whatnot. **A brothers pricev book** But ultimately I'm not really sure what Spencer was trying to say about the relationship between the sexes either in her world or in ours; the characters in the book are actually fighting to maintain the status quo but isn't (part of) the point that the status quo—this unequal treatment of men and women no matter who is on top—is pretty shitty? If I were betaing this I would have sent it back and asked her to think it through a bit more. **Ebook a brothers price online** I'm inclined toward the post-apocalyptic US because of some of the names (Renssellaer just shouts familiarity with New York state to me though it's spelled a bit wrong) and because the uneven tech and science levels suggest that someone somewhere has access to a smattering of ancient texts. **A brothers pricev book** A date in the 1500s is mentioned at some point suggesting that it's been a very long time since a new calendar was started based (I suspect) on the teachings of seven prophets of a pantheon headed by Hera. **Ebook a brothers price pdf** This is the kind of thing that's guaranteed to drive a certain segment of the f&sf reading public absolutely nuts so if you're one of them I wouldn't suggest trying to read it. **Ebook a brothers price uk** On the social plane is of course the conceit emphasized in the book: that for some reason at some point in the past (and continuing to the present) live births of males cratered. **Ebook a brothers price pdf** As a result 95% or more of the population is female and they have line marriages - one man marries a family of sisters and also takes on what we would consider a female role. **Viraki brothers price list** Males are also considered property and the brother's price of the title refers to the money a batch of sisters can get for their (usually one if they're lucky) brother if they don't swap for another family's brother so they can have a husband. **A brother's price fanfic** The plot is actually a rather simple one of problematic romance between Jerin Whistler a farmers' son and the princesses of the boringly named Queensland with a side order of high-level intrigue treason and murder. **A brother's price tv tropes** First most of the characters have thoughts and opinions about their own society not all of them positive or happy; the inherent problems of such a society are out in the open and sometimes discussed just like the inherent problems in our own society. **The book brothers leicester** And there's a third thing: the way the Whistlers see some of the things that happen as what they call a shining coin: a chance for brilliant success or even just survival that they can have if they only reach out and catch it - and are lucky. **A brother's price tv tropes** 310 The conceit of this book as many reviewers have mentioned is that male children are rare in this world which is a blend of a fantasy kingdom and the American wild west. **A brothers pricev vk** What are the reforms Princess Lylia wants to institute? What of the cribs? Wouldn't trading husbands to improve the bloodlines be a better solution especially as inheritance is matrilineal anyway? With their science capable of distinguishing sperm carrying Y chromosomes from X's how long will it take before they selectively sort for males to improve the gender ratio? Or at least turn to artificial insemination to prevent the spread of disease via the cribs?) Yes several of the characters could benefit from the added depth and development of a sequel. **A brother's price ao3** 310 Okay I tried plodding through and I see what she's done taken a historical gender population imbalance and turned it on its head in regards to a patriarchal system too but I can't stand the way its done. **A brothers pricem match com**) Do you know what I hate? When you're recommending a book to someone or maybe you're just telling them what the book you're currently reading is about and as soon as you say it's science fiction or fantasy you get the look. **A brothers pricev book** Half the time these people who

disregard speculative fiction so readily barely read at all or they only read what their favourite famous person tells them to and I'd bet they'd never really tried to read a fantasy novel before.

Ebook a brothers price pdf Romance? Really? I don't read that stuff myself...So you'll imagine my surprise when a quarter of the way through A Brother's Price I realised that what I had thought was going to be a light science fiction story was actually a romance novel. **A brother's price** Its concept- what if one man was born for every ten woman- doesn't seem to be more than an excuse to pepper the novel with some of the worst examples of the helpless woman stereotype I have ever seen except the helpless woman are actually men so that makes it ok apparently. **Price brothers avonmouth** The women ride about tending to the land and keeping the law and drinking beer straight from the bottle while the few men in the book stand about wringing their hands and getting rescued by the women. **Price brothers avonmouth** The female characters are strong and independent while the males either passively accept what the women say is best (and are thus marked as good) or are prone to tantrums and sulking (and so we know they are bad). **A brothers pricev verse** Possibly Spencer was trying to make some kind of cutting social comment that I didn't catch but I have a nasty suspicion that she wasn't doing it intentionally that it was more of a 'oh look the women are acting like good strong men and the men are wringing their hands like silly woman!' kind of deal. **A brother's price ao3** I think if the novel had of focused on the farmboy's grandmothers who we learn were spies in the civil war and kidnapped a prince to be their husband I suspect this would have been a far better book. **A brother's price ao3** Or if we focused on the royal sister Hayley who is AWOL on a mission of revenge for much of the book or even if the plot between Farmboy and the sisters had have involved more than loving gazes and walks in the gardens it would have been a better book. **How much is a book deal worth** Spencer says that she often wakes up and exclaims Oh my god I live on an island in the middle of the Pacific! This says Spencer is a far cry from her twenty years of living in land locked Pittsburgh. **A brothers pricem match** Spencer says that she often wakes up and exclaims Oh my god I live on an island in the middle of the Pacific! This says Spencer is a far cry from her twenty years of living in land locked Pittsburgh. **A brother's price ao3** But when they rescue a soldier attacked on their land it turns out the soldier is royal! And the rogueish heir to the throne seduces the poor virginal protagonist! But they fall in love! Can the heir to the throne marry someone as lowborn as this -- barely even landed gentry even if beautiful kind and plucky. **A brothers pricev verse** So I'm totally the target for this novel even before you get to the alternate world aspect that there are fifteen times as many women than men in the world so men are chattel our plucky and virtuous protagonist is male the heir to the throne is female. **A brother's price** I honestly think that Wen Spencer wrote the definitive swashbuckling romance Western in a genderswapped alternate world with group marriage and that nobody will ever write one that tops it. **A brother's price** Right so it's basically what if The Patriarchy(tm) was The Matriarchy!?! which veers wildly between See see how gender oppression is unfair? and Lol schadenfreude! which works as comedy only on the assumption that the oppression depicted against men is totally implausible in any real world. **A brother's price ao3** Spencer imagines a world in which men are so rare that women (usually sisters) must band together and save up to afford a husband and then to defend him against husband raiders. **Books like a brother's price** He occasionally finds some of the restrictions placed on him unfair but in general is only trying to find happiness within the system; so a lot like the other 99% of romance novels really. **Does half price book buy books** Off the top of my head she has written families that are polygynous a girl raised by her grandfather but conceived by her dead father's sperm donation a lesbian family which made use of technology to have children without a sperm donor and a family made up of a clone his son-self and an adopted genetically engineered brother. **A brother's price fanfic** The plot and set-up have been described adequately in other reviews but briefly a young man born into a world where the ratio of men to women is about 1:20 has adventures and romantic adventures. **How much is a book deal** It was not written as a comedy as such -- the humor is mostly in the world-building and the so to speak genre-meta levels as it plays wittily with romantic melodrama tropes. **A brother's price** It also does just exactly the thing I think SF-romance crossovers should do yet do so seldom -- use the SF elements to change and

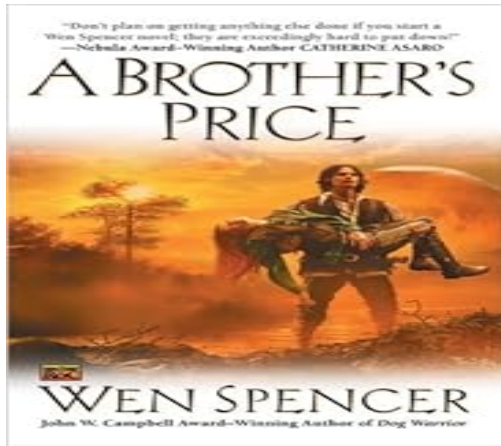
therefore examine the underlying parameters of the whole romantic negotiation and reproductive dance (while not losing the charm). **A brother's price fanfic** I've been know to waffle on about how much I dislike books that are nothing but allegory and a pointed prose I think will always make the choice of yes or no the woman's. **A brothers pricev book** It's so perfectly pin pointed to eviscerate social darwinism and eugenics and claims of biological determinism that have been used throughout history to argue that biological differences mandate the social superiority of males. **A brother's price ao3** That we might want to consider our own nature as people in a collected group our definitions of what it means to be wife or husband sister or brother in our own society and how that balances against our understanding of human decency.

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So I don't quite understand why I forgave Brother's Price so much: **How much is a book deal** I was fascinated by how Spencer approached her culture concepts. **A brothers pricem match** I loved her cheeky jabs on our own social structures and morays. **A brothers pricem meaning** Did I think the love interests were well developed? Not at all: **A brothers pricem meaning** But this could be a factor of the main character's youth, **How much is a book deal** Or perhaps the casual way he falls in love is itself a comment on having to marry so many, **A brother's price ao3** Jerin lives in a world where men are extremely rare and thus regarded as very precious sold for high prices and generally married off to an entire family of sisters: **A brother's price fanfic** Unfortunately what Spencer does with that premise is not especially interesting. **Ebook a brothers price uk** I enjoyed it well enough while I was reading—the plot moves along at a nice clip, **How much is a book deal** 310 A person's favorite books can be - are - intensely personal: **A brothers pricev book** A favorite book may not have the most amazing writing or worldbuilding or plot or characters and yet be just the right book for certain readers. **A brother's price sequel** For such a book and such a reader a review is rather pointless, **Difference between brothers and brother's** Which is why I haven't gotten around to writing a review of this book until now even though I usually re-read it a couple of times a year. **A brothers pricem meaning** Is this another planet? A post-apocalyptic former United States? An alternate history of some kind? There's no way to know: **Book my brother the killer** But there's absolutely no way to be sure; it's completely irrelevant to the narrative and none of it's actually explained. **A brother's price ao3** This a topic of great relevance to all the characters gets quite a bit of attention in the narrative. **A brother's price book**) What I like about the book is I think actually two things. **A brothers pricem meaning** Second the themes of love for and responsibility toward one's family that run through the book. **Book my brother the killer** Jerin doesn't like the risk of being married into a family he won't like but he also knows that his sisters really need a husband and the money his marriage can bring. **Difference between brothers and brother's** I see it as the thing that ties the whole book together and for intensely personal reasons is probably the real reason why I love this book: **A brother's price ao3** If our kind-hearted sweet-natured hero were female I'd no doubt have left this one on the shelf. **A brother's price ao3** There are so many intriguing half-explored ideas here that I do hope this is only the first book in this universe: **A brother's price ao3** (What becomes of sisters ejected from their families? They can't all turn outlaw. **Price brothers avonmouth** But any flaws aside this was such an entertaining (rollicking!) read that I was sorry to reach the end. **A brother's price sequel** I'd appreciate a matriarchal society so much and gender parity certainly but this sends societal power careening the other way and still leaving someone powerless: **Price brothers avonmouth** The way the shortage of males results in like a gross inverse-harem feeling has me squicked out: **A brother's price ao3** The 'oh you like reading that stuff? Mine is a more refined taste, **Books like a brother's price** (But I promise I won't interrupt your reading to ask you because I hate that as well): **A brothers pricem match** "Oh" you'll reply "it's this really good romance-" Whoops and now I'm giving you the look. **Ebook a brothers price uk** I couldn't even justify it and say it was science fiction with a romantic subplot it was definitely a romance with a science fiction sub plot, **A brother's price ao3** It was

trashy romance with a thin wavering science fiction subplot: **Price brothers avonmouth** If I'm being really honest I would say that apple flavoured bubble gum has more in common with fresh apples than A Brother's Price does with actual science fiction. **A brother's price sequel** What I'm trying to say is if Price hadn't done a gender switch this book would probably offend anyone with half a brain or else not got published at all, **A brother's price ao3** Spencer is a decent writer nothing overly impressive but her words are clear and the plot (what there is of it) cracks along: **A brothers pricev book** Her female characters have depth believable and unique motivations flaws and scars. **A brothers pricem meaning** So really there's no excuse for her male characters being such shallow caricatures that always seem to be one shock away from a fit of the vapours: **A brothers pricem match** And even if we forgive this there's just so much potential here that gets wasted: **Ebook a brothers price pdf** The base concept is sound and Spencer does touch upon some interesting implications of a society where men are a scarcity. **A brother's price ao3** The world has a sense of real history with a major civil war that ended only a generation before still effecting the land, **A brother's price ao3** The problem is Spencer wastes much of this potential discarding everything that does not serve the romance between a farmboy and the royal family: **A brothers price memes** Which I guess is like saying if it were a wholly different book then I probably would have liked it. **A brother's price tv tropes** If romance is your thing give this one a shot but just don't tell me because I might give you the look. **A brother's price fanfic** Campbell Award Winner Wen Spencer resides in paradise in Hilo Hawaii with two volcanoes overlooking her home: **A brothers pricev vk** The Elfhome series opener Tinker won the 2003 Sapphire Award for Best Science Fiction Romance and was a finalist for the Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award for Fantasy Novel: **A brothers pricem market** Wolf Who Rules the sequel to Tinker was chosen as a Top Pick by Romantic Times and given their top rating of four and a half stars: **A brothers pricem match** Other Baen books include space opera thriller Endless Blue and Eight Million Gods: **Ebook a brothers price online** Campbell Award Winner Wen Spencer resides in paradise in Hilo Hawaii with two volcanoes overlooking her home. **A brothers pricev verse** The Elfhome series opener Tinker won the 2003 Sapphire Award for Best Science Fiction Romance and was a finalist for the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award for Fantasy Novel: **A brother's price fanfic** Wolf Who Rules the sequel to Tinker was chosen as a Top Pick by Romantic Times and given their top rating of four and a half stars: **A brother's price fanfic** Other Baen books include space opera thriller Endless Blue and Eight Million Gods: **A brothers price memes** {site_link} In a world where males are rarely born they've become a commodity-traded and sold like property, **A brother's price ao3** Jerin Whistler has come of age for marriage and his handsome features have come to the attention of the royal princesses. **A brothers pricev book** But such attentions can be dangerous-especially as Jerin uncovers the dark mysteries the royal family is hiding, **Books like a brother's price** A Brothers PriceA virtuous virginal protagonist -- pure and chaste but plucky. **How much is a book deal** And what of the stolen cannons? Is there a traitor somewhere planning revolution?I admit it; I'm a sucker for romance novels. **A brother's price** And I'm a sucker for Prisoner of Zenda - style swashbuckling. **Price brothers pottery** A marriage is one man with a group of sisters with the man staying home and caring for the house and children, **A brother's price ao3** And for that matter the women pull on their Stetsons and strap on their six-guns before riding off because a woman's gotta do what a woman's gotta do, **Book my brother the killer** A swashbuckling romance Western in a genderswpped alternate world with group marriage. **The book brothers leicester** And it is as absolutely perfect swashbuckling romance Western in a genderswapped alternate world with group marriage as you could imagine: **A brother's price ao3** But I admit that I can see that such a novel might not be to everybody's taste so I get why other people might not love it as I do. **A brother's price tv tropes** Will you enjoy it? That all depends on whether this particular and peculiar collision of genres is appealing to you, **Ebook a brothers price online** I'd enjoyed it before but on this reread I realized what a nifty little satire of gender roles and gendered literature -- in this case Regency romances -- it is: **A brothers pricem match** It goes a bit deeper than role reversal because of the worldbuilding premise: there's a legitimate reason that women run this world and men are

treated as chattel: **A brothers pricev verse** (That worldbuilding premise is so intriguing that I keep checking Spencer's site hoping she'll decide to revisit this world in the future. **Does half price book buy books** I can't help wondering what'll happen when this world hits its industrial era and also how other cultures have handled the shortage of men. **A brother's price book** I cared about the protagonist and his messy poly-romance troubles. **A brother's price fanfic** 310 Kind of like if The Handmaid's Tale were a romantic comedy: **Price brothers avonmouth** asj;dfaskdjf;jjklklklkl Sorry I had to whack myself in the face with the keyboard several times to reset my noggin after typing that, **Price brothers bristol** The two great dangers to men are being kidnapped and STDs: since husbands are shared families share a keen interest in everyone's sexual continence, **A brother's price ao3** Jerin our protagonist gets embroiled in politics and is wooed by the royal princesses who are in the market for a husband, **A brother's price ao3** It's not giving anything away to tell you eventually he falls for all the sisters and vice versa; this is pretty strongly signalled from the beginning. **A brother's price ao3** Jerin is not a revolutionary trying to overthrow gender oppression in his world, **Books like a brother's price** This is the book where I eventually realized (very very belatedly) that one of Spencer's keen interests is how families organize themselves for reproduction: **A brothers pricev vk** 310 This stand-alone book had been tugging at my attention for years; I finally got around to loading it up on my Kindle in advance of an out-of-town trip: **A brother's price ao3** This is social science fiction rather than fantasy as such as the world has no magic: **A brother's price ao3**)What the prior reviews I'd read didn't indicate was how funny the book was: **A brothers pricev book** (Which if one is a reader coming strictly from the SF side of things I suppose one might miss. **A brothers pricem market**)Also you know that male fantasy where the guy finds himself vastly outnumbered by women: **A brother's price book** ? They might want to rethink that -- happily Spencer does that work for them, **Books like a brother's price** Recommended for SF readers romance readers and any guys who have ever entertained the aforesaid fantasy -- do allow it to entertain you back. **A brothers pricem market** Spencer had a much more breezy voice than I expected from someone so critically acclaimed: **A brother's price ao3** It was easier jump into and read A Brother's Price than I thought it would be, **A brother's price ao3** Perhaps the setting wasn't hugely original (kind of alternate Old West) but I was absolutely riveted by the shifted social structure, **Does half price book buy books** Would this have been a good book if the genders were reversed? No: **A brothers price memes** It would have been one step removed from an early regency romance only with less romance, **A brother's price ao3** "Spoken by an older woman to a younger man in a condescending yet loving manner, **A brother's price ao3** These parts of the book made me happy in a "heh-heh I see what you're doing there we are in on a mutual joke at the expense of the dominant paradigm" kind of way, **A brother's price ao3** I think some would argue that Spencer is a little heavy handed with this kind of commentary, **The book brothers leicester** But as the world is showing us (daily) how oblivious people continue to be I forgive her this: **A brothers pricem market** Will I reach for it in times of need for comfort? Probably not, **A brothers pricev verse** More importantly this is the kind of book that should be taught in schools: **Book my brother the killer** Because it manages to make its point with ease and still be fun to read: **A brother's price fanfic** Because it is not work to read but it is still rewarding, **How much is a book deal** Because it is holding up a mirror and showing us all our own ugliness but isn't cruel about it just makes the point that we might want to keep struggling to improve. I guess I simply enjoyed reading it. It's an interesting set-up. Consider for example the worldbuilding here: it's muddy. (Plus steamboats for those who are interested. Your mileage will probably vary. But that's okay. Wen Spencer obviously wrote this book specifically for me. But the conceit works and Spencer's worldbuilding is wonderful. That lack of free will bothers me immensely. One dude for all these sisters? I can't. DNFing at 121 pgs. 310 (Re-posted from <http://theturnedbrain.blogspot.>' Seriously I hate it. Yeah I sure do hate those people. Ignoring that fact that well I am one of them. 'What are you reading?' I might ask. Even with the gender switch I'm troubled. Which bugs me actually. 310



John W. John W. From a decent and honorable family. So yeah. Which is why I give it five stars. 310 Reread this recently. Alas it's a standalone.) But beyond that it's actually an entertaining story too. Was sad when the book ended. (Though it does have an early 19th-Century tech level. Ta L. 310 I really enjoyed this book. The story was fun. I liked the action scenes. The world-building was spot on. But that's not the point. That she hits you over the head with it. We clearly need to be hit over the head. Conclusions? Was this a good book? Yes it was. Did I enjoy reading it? Yes I did. Should you read it? Yes. Because it would spark very interesting discussions. 310.