NOVELS by JOAN JOHNSTON (each series in the order you should read them)

BITTER CREEK

My Bitter Creek novels span many generations, are both contemporary and historical, and feature several families, most notably: The Blackthornes, the Creeds, the Coburns, the Grayhawks, the Flynns, and the Benedicts. I’ve also connected my BITTER CREEK series to my HAWK’S WAY contemporary novels, which are listed below.

Contemporary Bitter Creek Novels

1. The Cowboy – February 2000 Mass Market, Dell Island; Reissued August 2013
2. The Texan – March 2001 Mass Market, Dell Island, Reissued June 2017
3. The Loner – April 2002 Mass Market, Reissued January 2015
4. The Price – March 2003 (hardcover), Mass Market February 2004
5. The Rivals – September 2004 Mass Market

Additional Bitter Creek Novels (by series)

Sisters of the Lone Star Series (Historical)

PREQUEL to THE BITTER CREEK SERIES! These books cover the history of the Republic of Texas from 1836-1846 and introduce the Creeds and Coburns. The three women featured in this series, Sloan, Bayleigh, and Creighton Stewart, were raised by their father as though they were sons, which complicates their efforts to find happiness with a man. The hero in the first book is Texas Ranger Jarrett Creed; in the second, the hero is a half-breed Comanche, Walker Coburn; and in the third, the hero is Don Cruz Guerrero, a Castilian Spaniard.

1. Frontier Woman – August 7, 2001, Dell (Reprint)
2. Comanche Woman – November 26, 2002, Dell (Reprint)
3. Texas Woman – October 2003, Dell (Reprint)

Captive Hearts Series (Historical)

These four books, set in Regency England and Scotland, introduce the Blackthornes. In CAPTIVE the American ward of an English nobleman turns the tables on him and captures his heart. AFTER THE KISS is a beauty and the beast story featuring the younger brother of the hero in THE BODYGUARD. In THE BODYGUARD (no, it’s not connected to the Whitney Houston-Kevin Costner movie) the hero is the Duke of Blackthorne, who gets amnesia and, as a commoner, agrees to become the bodyguard of a woman who has every reason to hate him. In THE BRIDEGROOM, the grown-up twin daughters of the Duke of Blackthorne (who are only ten years old in AFTER THE KISS) find true love in Scotland.

2. After the Kiss – 1997, Dell
3. The Bodyguard – 1998, Dell; Reissued March 2008
4. The Bridegroom – 1999, Dell; Reissued March 2008
Benedict Brothers Series (Contemporary)

These novels contain more suspense and feature the Blackthornes and Benedicts.
2. Invincible – November 2010 Mass Market Original
3. Unforgettable – November 2014 for Ebook and POD

Mail-Order Bride Series (Historical)

These novels feature the Blackthornes, Creeds, and Grayhawks. Six orphans from the same family must become mail-order brides to survive.
1. Texas Bride – April 2012 Mass Market

King’s Brats Series (Contemporary)

This series features two squabbling families—the Grayhawks and the Flynns—but they’re both rich and powerful.
1. Sinful – May 2015 Mass Market
2. Shameless – December 2015 Mass Market
3. Surrender – Coming February 28, 2018
4. Sullivan’s Promise – Scheduled for Publication 1/29/19

OTHER SINGLE TITLES

Contemporary Novels (Not Connected Books)

These were my first two full-length contemporary novels, and while they are romances, they deal with very dark subjects. Read if you dare…

Historical Novels (Not Connected Books)

You can see that I’ve always wanted to write about families if you read NO LONGER A STRANGER, my very first novel. The characters in COLTER’S WIFE, my second book ever, reappear in my Mail-Order Brides series, which I just finished writing. If you’re looking for a laugh, read SWEETWATER SEDUCTION, in which the ranchers’ and farmers’ wives gang up to withhold sex from their husbands until they end a range war. And KID CALHOUN is my “female outlaw disguised as a man” heroine, something I always wanted to read, and finally decided to write.

4. Kid Calhoun – 1993, Dell
**Historical Novels (Connected Books)**

THE BAREFOOT BRIDE is a Western mail-order bride story in which each party neglects to tell the other about their children, who aren’t at all happy to become part of a blended family. Patch, a spoiled brat who’s only 12 years old in THE BAREFOOT BRIDE, finally wins Ethan Hawke’s love as a grown-up lady in OUTLAW’S BRIDE.

2. Outlaw’s Bride—Nov. 1993, Dell

Minor British characters in THE INHERITANCE, which features a Texas bounty hunter who becomes a Duke and meets his match in Daisy (a duchess), appear as the major hero and heroine in MAVERICK HEART where a British nobleman has to survive and find love in the rugged American West.

1. The Inheritance—1995, Dell
2. Maverick Heart—1995, Dell, reissued by Dell December 2017

**SHORT CONTEMPORARY NOVELS**

These twelve Hawk’s Way novels cover several generations of the Whitelaw Family.

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Hawk’s Way

10. The Virgin Groom – August 1997, Silhouette Desire- reissued as Hawk’s Way: Mac, 2017

Other

5. A Little Time in Texas – 1992, Silhouette Desire

SHORT CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIONS

Hawk’s Way

1. Texas Brides – October 2005, HQN, Hardcover
   (The Rancher and the Runaway Bride/The Bluest Eyes in Texas)
   (The Unforgiving Bride/The Headstrong Bride/ The Disobedient Bride)
   (The Virgin Groom /The Substitute Groom)
   (Honey and the Hired Hand / The Cowboy Takes a Wife / The Temporary Groom)
   (The Cowboy and the Princess / The Wrangler and the Rich Girl)
Market (The Cowboy Takes a Wife/The Unforgiving Bride)

Other
   (Never Tease a Wolf / A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing)

ANTHOLOGIES

Historical
1. Untamed: Maverick Hearts—“One Simple Wish,” 1993 Harlequin
2. To Have and To Hold—“The Man from Wolf Creek,” 1994, Avon
   (“The Man from Wolf Creek/The Christmas Baby”—Novella Reprints)
5. Second Chances (Two Novellas) – “One Simple Wish” & “A Bitter Creek Christmas,” 2015 (eBook and POD)

Contemporary
1. Abduction and Seduction (Diana Palmer, Joan Johnston, Rebecca Brandewyne),
   and “The Rancher & the Runaway Bride,” 1999, Silhouette
4. “Taming the Lone Wolf” (Joan Johnston with Vicki Lewis Thompson), 2001, Harlequin
5. “The Bluest Eyes in Texas” (Joan Johnston with Carolyn Zane), 2002, Harlequin
7. A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing (Joan Johnston with Cara Summers), 2011, Harlequin
10. Premiere, “Coming Home” (Joan Johnston with Sylvia Day, Allison Brennan, Cindy Gerard Sabrina Jeffries, Laura Kaye, Courtney Milan, Monica Murphy, Vicki Lewis Thompson, and more), Feb. 2015 Romance Writers of America

Hardcover Contemporary

E-BOOK ONLY
2. A Bitter Creek Christmas (A Bitter Creek Novella), 2013
3. One Simple Wish, 2015
RECORDED BOOKS

1. Never Tease a Wolf, 2001, DH Audio
2. The Price, 2003, Simon and Schuster Audio
3. The Next Mrs. Blackthorne, 2005, Recorded Books (Cassette)
7. I Promise, 2014, Recorded Books
8. Sinful, 2015, Recorded Books
11. The Cowboy, 2017, Audible (read by the author)
12. The Texan, 2017, Audible (read by the author)
13. The Loner, 2017, Audible (read by the author)
14. Maverick Heart, 2017, Audible (read by the author)
15. Surrender, 2018, Recorded Books
16. Hawk’s Way Mac, 2018, Audible (read by the author)
17. Hawk’s Way Colt, 2018, Audible (read by the author)