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"With insight, pathos, and deep understanding, the author, in her graceful, dignified way, dares to expose Hana as a long?suffering, independent, assertive woman who is frustrated and stifled as she struggles to adjust to a hostile culture that is blind to her sense of values."?-*Western American Literature*

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"Yoshiko Uchida is the foremost Japanese American woman writer of our time. *Picture Bride* is a tender, painful, exquisitely written novel..a very serious and important book."?Barry Gifford

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