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Editorial Review

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(Katherine Todd *The K-Force* 20110201)

Hake begins her new series with her trademark wit and style in this lively story. Since the characters are setting up shop and solving a mystery, the romance takes a bit of a backseat.

(Chandra McNeil *RT Book Reviews* 20110211)

This is a great period fiction book. It is very unconventional displaying strong women who take things into their own hands at a time when most women were subordinate wives and not often much more. I love the character and spunk of each of the women.

I look forward to the next book in the series, I am so interested to find out what happens to these women and if they all settle down happily married in Hope Falls.

(Camille Buffenmeyer *A Book A Day* 20110221)

I have to say I found *Rugged & Relentless* very entertaining. The characters are all well done.

(Barbara Hightower *Babs World of Books* 20110227)

This book was delightful. I loved the banter that went on between the woman and the men. Also the dialogue

between the four woman kept me giggling. This is a twist on the mail order brides, with the woman advertising for men. When the men see the advertisement they are expecting ugly woman, but these girls are far from that. Can you imagine going where there 5 men for each woman? The book has murder, romance, and the Wild West thrown in. Can't wait for the next books in this series and finish the romance of the other 3 woman!

(Maureen Timerman *Musings by Maureen* 20110303)

This was the first book by this author that I have had the chance to read. I am so glad that I did too. This book was wonderfully written.

I absolutely loved the characters. This author definitely has a great wit to her writing. The plot was great. This is the first book in a series and it promises to be a great series.

I highly suggest this fun read.

(Norma Wills *Wakela Runen's World* 20110307)

Let me just say from the start, I was surprised by this book. I wasn't anticipating a great read, but I found one. I loved the whit between the two main characters, Evie and Jacob. The rest of the characters have humor as well, but the focus in this book was Evie and Jacob. I will now be adding a new author as one of my favorites. I read this as a galley from netgalley and will be purchasing a hard copy. I will be eagerly anticipating the next book in the series.

(Lisa Faber *Lisa is a Bookworm* 20110316)

I loved the overall premise of the book and it flowed very well. This is a great first novel in a series and readers will definitely tune in to see who the other women choose and what happens to them. Four headstrong and resourceful women is a bigdraw for those of us who don't want to be considered 'fragile' and unable to do things because of our gender. I thought the author did an excellent job of showing the strength of these four women, while also allowing them to be vulnerable. Evie's comments about being self conscious of her curves and going on a diet will allow readers to identify with her character, as well as her ability to cook.

(Debbie Lester *Debbie's Book Bag* 20110316)

In short, I loved this book. It was absolutely delightful and I flew through it, putting off homework in order to read just a few more pages. While the basic premise seems to be a romance, it's actually more about friendship especially among the four ladies.

Overall: Delightful-highly recommended!

(Stephanie Fleischer *Bookworm 1858* 20110301)

One of my favorite things about Kelly Eileen Hake is that her writing is full of humor and creativity. So many books have similar story lines and if you read as much as I do, you often hear echos of past tales in each new book you encounter. Rugged and Relentless is entirely fresh and new. Who ever heard of Mail Order Husbands? What a creative idea for a series!

In this fun and unexpected story the dialogue moved at a rapid pace. Sometimes I was sure I heard the characters talking over each other, the varied conversations swirling around the room. The Hake trademark humor filled the story, but don't let the laughs fool you, this tale isn't just bits of humorous fluff. Themes of honor, acceptance and persevering love underscored the lessons learned in Hope Falls.

I would recommend ***Rugged and Relentless***. I found it thoroughly enjoyable.

(Rachelle Sperling *Sojourner's Journey* 20110407)

Rugged and Relentless is a great beginning to a new series by Kelly Eileen Hake; it shows the difference strengths and personalities in four friends and the faith it takes them to achieve their dreams.

(Kelsey Shade *CBA Retailers* 20110427)

A wonderful, fast paced read with delightful dialogue and characters.

(Tammy Griffin *Tammy Book Parlor* 20110524)

I have to say I enjoyed the way Ms Hake's characters were less than perfect. It was easy to relate to the self-doubts, the struggles with faith and forgiveness yet heart-warming to see that love can blossom in spite of human faults.

Rugged & Relentless has a good mix of mystery, subtle inspiration, love and forgiveness; a story that will keep your thoughts racing long after the last page is read. (Trudy *Once Upon a Romance* 20110630)

"Rugged and Relentless" by Kelly Eileen Hake is a wonderful adventure about a group of women who, due to tragic circumstances and courageous character, travel to Hope Falls to begin a lumber business. This sweet and rugged romance is set against a dynamic backdrop of rugged beauty. When the ladies place an advertisement in the local paper for husbands, men begin flocking to their door to fill the bill. Novels like these serve as reminders of the strength and character and pioneering spirit that build this nation into the great country that it is. It makes me wonder if anything remotely like this ever took place in reality.

(Stacey Dale *Word Up!*)

A must read for all and any historical romance readers along with Western readers, and a new concept "mail order Husbands".

(April Renn *My Book Addiction Reviews*)

About the Author

Kelly Eileen Hake received her first writing contract at the tender age of seventeen and arranged to wait three months until she was able to legally sign it. Since that first contract a decade ago, she's fulfilled twenty contracts ranging from short stories to novels. In her spare time, she's attained her BA in English Literature and Composition, earned her credential to teach English in secondary schools, and went on to complete her MA in Writing Popular Fiction. Writing for Barbour combines two of Kelly's great loves history and reading. A CBA bestselling author and member of American Christian Fiction Writers, she's been privileged to earn numerous HeartSong Presents Reader's Choice Awards and is known for her witty, heartwarming historical romances. A newlywed, she and her gourmet-chef husband live in Southern California with their golden lab mix, Midas!

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Carol Reck:

A lot of people always spent their own free time to vacation or go to the outside with them family members or their friend. Do you realize? Many a lot of people spent they will free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. If you wish to try to find a new activity honestly, that is look different you can read some sort of book. It is really fun for you personally. If you enjoy the book you read you can spent the entire day to reading a book. The book *Rugged and Relentless (Husbands for Hire Book 1)* it is quite good to read. There are a lot of folks that recommended this book. These were enjoying reading this book. In case you did not have enough space to bring this book you can buy the e-book. You can m0ore very easily to read this book through your smart phone. The price is not to fund but this book possesses high quality.

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