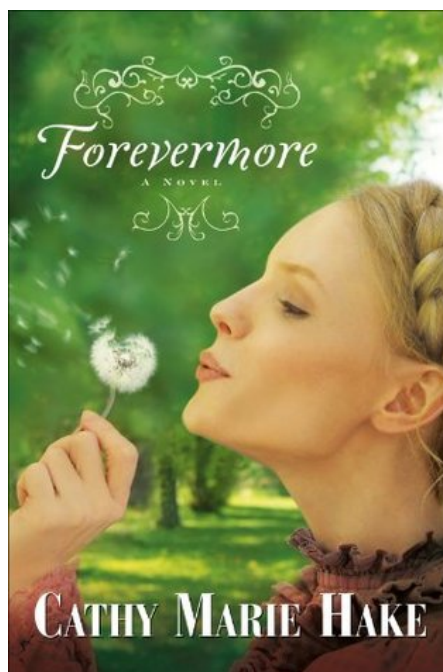




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Another unforgettable heroine!

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Monkeyface says

Listened to Forevermore by Cathy Marie Hake. I fell in love with Hope Ladley she is a woman after Gods own heart. The story is about her Like a dandelion in the wind, Hope Ladley blows from one farm to the next, helping cook for the field hands during the harvest. Illiterate and often twisting cliches and Bible verses into mind-boggling observations, Hope leaves widower Jakob Stauffer baffled by her unconventional ways. But her sunny disposition and unstinting love make changes of a different kind around the place. His little daughter and the pregnant sister he's shielding from an abusive husband adore Hope, and things are getting accomplished even if Hope's methods are unique. Then Jakob's brother-in-law shows up and threatens the newfound peace and happiness of the farm. With Jakob's future uncertain and his heart tangled, can the farmer convince Hope to take root and remain as his wife? I give this book 5 stars and a 10. A most wonderful book with a lot of faith and scripture.

Sophie says

This is the first of Cathy Marie Hake's books I read. It made me a true fan of her writing. Hope who goes where God sends her to those in need is unable to read due most likely due to dyslexia, is a loving giving young woman. Talented in housekeeping skills she arrives at Jakob's house looking for work. Her goal is to stay as long as she is needed.

Jakob, a Texas farmer and widow, has his doubts about Hope, but his abused pregnant sister needs help and his toddler daughter needs more attention than either can give her.

All these have well developed characters who struggle with the issues effecting their lives. They grow in faith and gain victory over their fears, and Hope's continual mangling of cliché is delightful and makes you think of the truth of the cliché and how she says it.

Delightfully humorous.

J. says

Absolutely charming and uplifting. It reminds me of Amelia Bedelia for adults. The clever turns of phrase were thought provoking in a way that didn't feel forced or preachy. Greatly enjoyed this one.

Mary says

Cathy Marie Hake's novel Forevermore, title perfectly describes Hope Ladley, the hardworking itinerant farm-worker whose numerous former employers always wanted more of her forever, instead of as a temporary cook for the field workers during the harvest season. But, no, Hope felt led by the spirit and gladly moved on after the harvest to the next farm she believed needed her help. That is until she arrives at the farm of widower Jakob Stauffer.

Gruff, distant, and still mourning the death of his wife, Jakob initially does not care for Hope's odd methods of accomplishing tasks. However, he needed her help to care for his young daughter and his pregnant sister hiding at the farm from her abusive husband. Although illiterate with a tendency to mangle old-sayings, Hope's perceptive handling of various problems that arise on the farm made her an invaluable asset to Jakob. Kind and patient Hope, overflowing with a positive attitude, softens the tough exterior of Jakob.

The entry of Jakob's abusive brother-in-law into the story introduces a dark, evil character, which adds an intriguing element and deeper drama to the novel. Hake expertly constructs love interests in the novel gradually, almost secretly, which makes the story all the more enjoyable. The homespun, down-home quality of the book: neighbors taking care of neighbors, preparation of comfort foods, canning, and sewing—slows one down and draws the reader into the scenes.

Readers that enjoy a rustic, easygoing, family-focused story sprinkled with romance, will love Cathy Marie Hake's Forevermore.

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Carrie Daws says

Oh. My. Goodness! I've never read a Cathy Marie Hake book I didn't like. I've always giggled through them, loving the characters and the predicaments so very much. I love the town of Gooding and all the fun people who live there--but Hope has stolen my heart! She is now my hands-down favorite character EVER. From her messed-up sayings to her sweet heart that somehow soothes over the worst situations, she is a woman that I would love to know. When I have a fiction book on my Kindle, I rarely make sure I have a paper copy on my shelves. This one ... it's a must buy for me.

yojharobed || I have no sword. I don't need a sword. Because I am the Doctor and this is my spoon. En garde! says

I thought I had read all of Cathy Marie Hake's books, but then I found this one at the library and was excited that there was another one so I got it. I liked this one a lot. I like that all the books are woven together and you can read one of them and it has little bits of other characters lives. I thought this one was very well done and had a good story line.

One thing that I don't like about Hake's writing is that for like, the first 2/3 of the story the two main characters don't like each other and then bang!, all of the sudden the guy realizes that he likes the girl and suddenly is madly in love with her, when two chapters before he didn't like her at all.

But overall I thought this was a good story. I like the way the Emmy Lou accepts Hope completely from the beginning, so when Hope and Jakob get married in the end, there is none of the tense "evil stepmother syndrome" thing.

I loved the way that Hope messed up all the sayings but they still made sense. Very good Christian romance novel.

Pathway says

I thought for sure I had read all of Hake's books, but when riffling through my bookshelf I stumbled upon Forevermore and was pleasantly surprised. I love Hake's writing and was getting antsy for her next release, so finding one I hadn't read was a treat. As all of Hake's books I give it a 10 out of 10. She does a great job of tying in a little suspense to her historical romance books, that keep you turning the pages even faster. I read this book in 2 sittings, and although could predict how the love story would pan out, she always throws in some twists to make you second guess your predictions. I also like Hake's sense of humor and found myself giggling aloud more than once! This book also seemed to have a more profound theme of faith than some of the other Christian Historical Fiction authors I have read. It is not in your face, so this book would be a great book to share with your Christian and non-Christian friends alike.

Reviewed by: Jeanette Blackson

Kimberly says

I picked up "Forevermore" and "Fancy Pants," both by Cathy Marie Hake, at the library and read "Fancy Pants" first. After finishing that one I wasn't sure if I wanted to try "Forevermore," but I'm glad that I did. "Forevermore" was a thousand times better than "Fancy Pants."

I found the character of Hope to be quite humorous and I really liked her. She reminded me of Amelia Bedelia, only Hope actually gets things accomplished, in more of a Mary Poppins kind of way. I can see how some readers would be turned off of Hope's folksy way of speaking and her quirks, but I found them to be endearing.

"Forevermore" has some of the same characters as "Fancy Pants," but it is (thankfully) not necessary to have read "Fancy Pants" in order to enjoy "Forevermore."

SheLove2Read says

Part of the "only in Gooding" series. I loved the heroine Hope. She's illiterate and doesn't speak well but she's the kind of woman who you instantly take to and wish she was your friend. I loved this book!

Melissa says

This was a sweet Christian fiction. It had great characters and a good setting. The bad guy was taken care of too easily tho and I just could not get over the main character Hopes accent. Oh well.

Katrina Roets says

Last night I decided to go back and see what the oldest book on my Kindle was that I hadn't read. It turns out that it was Forevermore by Cathy Marie Hake. It looked interesting so I settle in....and read until 4 am. Oops!

The Good:

I adored the characters in this book. Hope and her mixed up cliches but tender heart drew me in and I found a new favorite heroine to add to my list. Each of the characters felt as if they were people that I had come to know and love before I clicked close on the file. I loved the realism depicted in the book. It didn't feel made up, but had those little details that told me that the author had done her research.

The Bad:

If I had to find a bad, it would be that I was a bit confused at one point as to what the family's first language was. Early in the book, they ask Hope if she speaks Dutch but later in the book, Hope mentions the siblings conversing in German. I'm sure there's a logical explanation for this but I haven't taken the time to research it.

The Summary:

A sweet Christian book that kept me engaged from beginning to end. The book wasn't so much a romance but a telling of people's lives and I really enjoyed that. This book is about 8 years old now but if you enjoy sweet Christian stories, I'd see if I couldn't find a copy of this one.

Bobby says

This novel has potential. Like the novels of Nicolas Sparks, this would be a better movie than book. My biggest complaint was the author's difficulty in allowing her story to "unfold." Indeed, she was often redundant, almost seeming to want to assure the reader did not miss a single point she intended. Also, her use of dialogue to build her characters detracted rather than added to the story and at times, created inconsistent cartoons, rather than the charming people intended. I liked the positive attempt to create a main character with Learning Disabilities and an Attention Deficit as dimensions of her character, without overcoming disability as the focus of the story. "Forevermore" is as it's title implies, a simple love story. Despite my governors with the author's style, I enjoyed the story.

Willowy Whisper says

This book was excellent!!! The characters were so dear---and quick to fall in love with. The novel was very well written, and by the time I neared the end of the book, I couldn't stop thinking about what was going to happen next!!!

Delia says

Hope Ladley drifts about the Texas farmlands like a dandelion "wishie"--helping out wherever she's needed, then moving on to the next place God sends her. But when she and her mule, Hattie, stop at the Stauffer farm, Hope's life takes on a drastic change. This time her heart gets tangled up as hopelessly as does her tongue on the endless string of quips she constantly misquotes (with strangely accurate results).

Jakob Stauffer farms his land while sheltering an abused sister, raising an adorable little girl with a big fear of the dark, and grieving his deceased wife. Hope's arrival creates seemingly chaotic changes in his lifestyle, while somehow smoothing out the rough spots and righting all the wrongs in his world. By the time she fulfills her "pact" with him, he's far from ready to let her drift out of his life.

It's been a long while since I so thoroughly enjoyed a book. Cathy Marie Hake paints characters so real they nearly walk off the page. Hope Ladley, with her uneducated speech and wise heart, is genuinely funny, relentlessly loveable, and completely unforgettable. Forevermore is one of those wonderful stories you hate to see come to an end.

Definitely one for the keeper shelf!

Sarah Gai says

This book has officially become my all time favorite book. I did not want this to ever end. The characters worked so well together and well..... Hope is amazing. The cliches were my favourite part and I found myself laughing a lot. The book left me feeling really good and looking at life the best possible way. Thankyou so much cathy
