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When Matt Cavanaugh returns to his Allegany County hometown, he's not as rough around the edges as he used to be. The former marine is a successful contractor, a man who now believes in the Lord and old-fashioned hard work. But when he buys a bankrupt subdivision, he discovers he's stepped on single mother Callie Burdick's dreams for her family. And when Matt learns about Callie's troubled past, he's determined to rebuild her trust--plus an entire community--in time for Christmas.

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Wilani Wahl says

Absolutely loved this story. I fell in love with Callie. Whats not to love about a precious kid like Jake. Loved absolutely everything about this book.

Mande Garrett says

Such a great story. Hard ships, coming to truths on things and taking risks to falling in love. Can't ask for anything better.

Kav says

Herne is a maestro of words! And she's created a symphony of them in this compelling Christmas read. I'm not quite sure how to describe her writing style -- she definitely measures her words, but each one counts and together they create an explosion of emotions that carry me away every time. I ended up reading this in one sitting because it was impossible to put down. She hooked me and reeled me in chapter after chapter and before I knew it I'd read the morning away. (My poor dog was not happy about the missed walk!)

There's a wealth of incredible characters that give such depth to this Christmas story. Her supporting cast provide humour, counsel and a good kick in the pants when required. Love that! Herene really excels at writing relationships -- the give and take, the warmth, angst, humour -- the whole gamut of emotions that come with the territory of a developing romance. I love how it builds between Callie and Matt -- the attraction hits them between the eyes, but Herne takes them on a slow and cautious journey that makes for an incredibly satisfying read. This is one Christmas story you don't want to miss!

Marilyn says

Ruth Logan Herne has created another great book with Yuletide Hearts. I was immersed in the book from the beginning. Mark Cavanaugh buys a bankrupt subdivision when he returned to his hometown. The Marek family's daughter, Callie, heart was broken when her family lost the subdivision. Mark and Callie are attracted to one another but fiction is present when they are together. How will Mark be able to get the work completed on the homes before winter sets in? Will Callie be able to agree with her dad that his construction crew will join forces with Mark to complete the home? There are twists and turns throughout the story with a surprise ending. Ruth has an amazing way to draw readers into the lives of the characters that are being challenged, but their faith in God will keep them strong. Readers you'll not be disappointed in reading Yuletide Hearts.

Ausjenny says

I have to say I really like Callie, she isn't a gal thats scared to get her hands dirty, she can work on a building

site with the best of them. Callie is however a single mom who along with her family are struggling to make ends meet after there subdivistion was bankrupted. Matt who we met in the previous book has bought this subdivision and needs Callie's families help. Both Matt and Callie carry wounds from the past one from things he did that he isn't proud of and the other by a selfish ex husband. I can identify with Callie in some ways, she isn't a girly girl, she is happy to work with power tooks and wear flannel shirts and not wear makeup or the pretty clothes. I maynot work in construction or wear flannel shirts but I also dont wear makeup and dont spent hours on hair and clothes. In saying this both Callie and I do like to have some nice clothes to wear etc. Also because of the lack of funds it means her son sometimes has to go without but we see he has learnt not to ask cos of the money. He is 8 but I too remember times when I knew we couldn't afford something so rather than ask I would just not mention it. I learnt early the value of money and that you can still have a good time without spending alot of money. I really likes how Ruth shows this. We see both Matt and Callie face issues from there past and see them deal with them in different ways. We also see again how we perceive an issue may not be how it is to others. I am eagerly awaiting the next book due out in a month. I actually have it on preorder.

D.J. says

Wow! Matt Cavanaugh invests in a bankrupt subdivision -- only to find himself in a mess!

After Matt discovers he has no crew to help him, does he dare ask the Marek family to help out?

Callie and Matt draw sparks pretty much from the get-go . . . and if I say much more, I might give away too much. One thing I don't want to do is spoil this book for you. So read it -- matter of fact, if you're looking for it, just pick up the whole series. It promises to be a real winner!

Ruth Logan Herne is a true-to-life hero to me . . . she's conquered mountains I only dream of climbing. Her books are full of inspiring, likeable characters, who grab hold of you -- and don't let go until the end. I've read several of her books (and will be reading many more this month) and I have been impressed with each and every one. I'm honored to share her books with my readers.

Blessings!

Julie Surface says

Ruth Logan Herne has a new fan--me! I thoroughly enjoyed Yuletide Hearts, especially Ruthy's characterization of Matt Cavanaugh and Callie Burdick as the love interests. Both former military personnel, Matt and Callie's strengths are skillfully portrayed as well as their more sensitive sides which they both try to hide. Loved the surprise ending and the way all the pieces fit together!

Kathleen L. Maher says

I received this book as part of a gift basket from Seekerville.com. It was the large print edition, and the first thing that caught my attention was the lovely cover image. But what made me jump right in and read is the

fact that it is set in upstate NY towns I have known well, such as Houghton, Wellsville, and Olean. Ms Herne's writing is a departure from my typical read of historical romance, and her style is straightforward and yet artful, easy and yet containing more depth than meets the eye.

When a stoic Iraqi war veteran and single mom meets the man who has taken over the development her father has lost to foreclosure, she promises her heart to keep a safe distance. The contractor, a young marine with a past that needs the same finishing work as the housing development he seeks to complete, has anything but love on his mind. When Matt Cavanaugh meets Callie Burdick, even his tough marine training hasn't prepared him for the siege she stages on his heart.

With themes of redemption, forgiveness, commitment, and determination, this sweet contemporary romance packs a big story in a small package. Besides a lovely glimpse at charming small town life in upstate NY, the Christmas story plays out in modern terms as mother and child find shelter under the covering of an adoptive father, and love conquers sin and debt.

Lovely on so many levels, this book makes me want to read more from this talented and insightful author.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Men of Allegany County
