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Detective Crescent Dietrich vowed never to return to Watkins Ridge. A bullet and her grandmother's cancer diagnosis changed that. Now she's back, touching a past she spurned long ago.

Alex Westmore appreciates God's humor, but when hard-nosed Cress Dietrich is plunked into the middle of the family farm controversy—and his part in the sale of a centennial farm—he's not laughing. He promised her grandmother secrecy, and Alex always keeps his word. But this time, his pledge might break Cress's heart.

He wants her trust and love. He knows you can't have one without the other. But can Cress escape the shadows of the past in time to embrace the simple light of her future? With God's grace, she can... in Watkins Ridge.

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Laura Van Nice says

Cress Dietrich had come home, both to help her Gram and to recover after being shot on the job. But she was recovering from more than just a bullet wound and she wasn't going to let her hometown or anyone in it keep her there for too long. Alex Westmore was a local boy who had shaken off the past and done well for himself. He wasn't looking for a prickly detective with the wrong idea to complicate his life. Both found more than they were expecting.

Ruth Logan Herne is gifted at pulling readers into her stories and this particular novel was no exception. It was so easy to feel for Cress, to understand what it's like to make a mistake you never thought you'd make and then question your judgment about everything else in the light of that. And what a great hero in Alex - a man who had risen above a difficult past and done the right thing, but wouldn't break a confidence to defend himself.

There's some fun back and forth between Cress and Alex and some moments that were touching – a wonderful combination that makes for a great read! The secondary characters in the book – Alex's brother and friend, Cress' sisters and Gram – were all well developed and intriguing, leaving me eagerly waiting for the next book in the series.

April says

2.75 Stars-

This is the first book that I have read by Herne, where I struggled to get into it. All of the previous novels had no trouble pulling me into the story and I really enjoyed them. I felt like this book had a lot of potential, but it just fell short for me. I ended up skim reading sections that did not have important storyline parts in it. Yes, there are good aspects to the story and it is not horrible, it just was not captivating for me.

Holly says

I enjoyed this story. It started out a little slower than I prefer but the author wisely led with a little bit about a young boy and I had to find out what his story was. Once I settled into the pace of the story, it flowed nicely with good character development.

Marilyn says

Good

this is a book about how families deal with older people who have serious diseases.the pride people have can

cause many hurtful feelings

Parker Cole says

This is my third book by Ruth Herne Logan I've read and I must say I enjoyed it. Her heroine made you want to slap her a few times but she was a realistic, Christian-version of Olivia Benson. I liked her grittiness, her toughness, and her indomitable will. She jumped off the pages of the book.

The hero was great and realistic although I did not connect with him as I did with her. All in all, it was a great book and I can't wait for the next one in the series.

Joyce A. Reid says

Home Is Worth the Wait

This author can weave a great Christian story with subtle references to one main character's Faith in God , and how it affects his life. Through Westmore's patience and caring ways, Cress is attracted to him. This book is definitely a Good Read!

Kelly says

Truly beautiful

This story of love, forgiveness, family, trust...and so much more...was precious, beautiful, endearing. A story of real life, real struggles, real solutions. A story with tears, laughs, fears...and ice cream. A story I highly recommend.

Peggy says

Good story

would recommend for a good read. you will like the characters and enjoy the story. I gave 4 stars, almost 5.

D.J. says

Cress Dietrich came home, because her Gram needed her . . . thankfully, it also gave her time to recover from an on-the-job injury — involving a bullet! The last person she needed in her life, or so she thought, was Alex Westmore.

Wow! Ruth Logan Herne never fails to deliver a great story! Safely Home is a great story of family, faith, and forgiveness!

Cress and Alex are intriguing characters that provide more than enough adventure for her readers. Gram and He wasn't looking for a prickly detective with the wrong idea to complicate his life. Both found more than they were expecting.

I don't want to give anything away, so I'll let you read it for yourself . . .

Happy Reading!!!

Dawn Leonard says

Cress, a big city police detective, must deal with Alex, a small town lawyer, as she helps her grandmother with her cancer treatment. Along with all that, she is recovering from a line of duty injury and questioning her own abilities as a cop. There is another storyline involving a possibly abducted child which doesn't involve Cress until well into the story. Lots of God moments but not preachy. Good story about trust in yourself, those you love, and in God.

Cheryl Ellis says

Great story

This is a great story of love, forgiveness, hope, healing, and peace.

Cress has to heal from a gunshot wound and an abusive relationship so she comes home to the family farm to heal and help go through things because Gran has sold the farm.

Alex is the neighbor boy (grown up) who loves Gran and has helped her make some tough decisions to sell and keep her late husband's name from being tarnished. Alex shows great character in not telling Gran's secrets, even if it costs him losing Cress.

Cress and Alex have a great story of trust, healing, and love!

Ali (Our Book Boyfriends) Flores says

3.5 Stars!

This story took me a little while to get into. I'm not sure what it was lacking, but it just didn't capture my interest until I was almost done. It was hard in the beginning to tell who the speaker was. Even when I could tell, it seemed as if Cress was speaking of herself in the 3rd person making it more confusing. Then there were two separate stories going on, but no clue as to how they related until towards the end. A lot of the characters are Christian, but you won't find Christianity being "shoved" down your throat if that bothers you. There is some mild language. I also felt the relationship between Cress and Alex felt a little rushed.

On a positive note, I think there was a lot of potential to the story, just that it needed some polishing. I loved

the heart behind the main characters.

LadyCalico says

Although this novel had potential, I thought it was rather poorly written and developed. It dragged on and on, at least 60% of the book seems to be repetitious wheel-spinning, for no good reason that I could discern. Seriously, how many times does the author have to repeat herself--most of your readers are probably not imbeciles. I also could not enjoy the book because the unlikable heroine was such a rude, selfish, entitlement-minded harpie. So her grandmother sold the farm, get over it, Ms. Greedy, put on your big girl panties, and make your own way, like most normal people do. Nobody owes you flowers, grow them yourself! She also refused to let her stupid grudge with Alex drop, long after anybody with two brain cells might have realized that she was being immature, spoiled, and stupid, and kept harping on it at the most ridiculous and inappropriate times, eeyuck. I can see why her former boyfriend would lose it and slug her...I really wanted to! Surely Mr. Unrealistically Perfect could have done better than that termagant. My big unanswered question about this book: why is it portrayed as good for the heroine to leave a nasty controlling abusive guy who treats her like dirt, and yet also considered good for the hero to stick with this nasty controlling abusive scrunt who treats him like dirt?

Stewart A. Nutter says

Cactus with marshmallow centers - prickly and delicious

I love stories. I really love when a story is told well, when the tale grips my heart and stretches it. This book is all the above. Thank you, Ruth, for doing justice to the story. I have a short list of favorite authors that is now one longer.

PATRICIA M KARCHER says

Loved it!!

I couldn't put this one down. Surprised when I didn't expect to be and smiling at different times. A really good book filled with love, struggles and God's gifts. Please read this one and come away feeling renewed.
