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Outspoken, direct, and ambitious Kat Robinson isn't thrilled to have a new boss—after all, if the timing had been different, she'd have been a shoe-in for Flynn's job. But a single mom of a ten-year-old son knows where her priorities lay—with Brady, the light of her life. No way is she looking for a relationship and co-workers are always off limits. Too bad Flynn's so darn hot, gorgeous, kind and authentic.

Will Flynn be the hero Kat needs to help her find the courage to fall in love again?

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Sue says

I really liked the believability of the plot and characters that Debra Salonen writes about in Montana Hero.

For different reasons, Flynn and Kat both come to Marietta, Montana for a fresh start. Despite being co-workers, and Flynn the boss, they are both intrigued and attracted. Flynn is fighting demons from his past and Kat is looking to quiet the past to move to the future. Neither is looking for a relationship, but sometimes love happens when you least expect it. With unexpected happenings and all the issues they are facing, a future together might not be in the cards for them, no matter how hot the chemistry or strong the connection they have.

Both of these characters are cautious regarding relationships, and they are both facing issues that can happen in real life too. Kat has a lot going with her own history and her sons needs. I really liked her and how she dealt with things. Debra brings a great perspective on what Kat and her son are going through, and I really liked the glimpses of him and his thoughts she gave in Montana Hero. I really liked Flynn too. Reading from both of their perspectives really strengthened my understanding of them. I liked the back story that is presented through Montana Hero, I felt like it really helped define the characters.

There is a lot going on in Montana Hero, just like in real life, and I felt this gave the plot extra depth. I liked how everything was woven together. Debra manages to evoke a variety of emotions that really brought all of the characters to life and they went through a lot of growth in this story. I liked the unknowns that are part of the plot and the work up to the conclusion...which I really enjoyed!

Montana Hero has a good pace to it that kept me interested and wanting to know more. All about all kinds of relationship, trust, and how the burden of the past impacts the future, I'd recommend Montana Hero to any romance reader!

Bonnie Gonzales says

This book is part of the Big Sky Mavericks series, they are all real good but yet can be read as stand alone. I love Flynn as the hero, he was so caring and conscientious. Katherine's character was so easy to get to know and care about but her son Brady was the one that really stole my heart, he is a ten year old boy with Asperger's and we get to hear how he thinks and feel how he feels first person, I love how the author wrote from his point of view and let us into his world.

It was one of those books I hated to put down, I would have loved to have locked out the real world and just kept reading. But alas I had to fix supper clean up etc and all the while the book was just calling to me. They really should have half star ratings so this could be four and a half. I loved it , so close to a full out five star.

Shari says

What a great addition to the Big Sky Mavericks. The story of Flynn and Kat, both fighting their own demons but trying to make a fresh start in Marietta, Montana. Flynn has taken on the new job as the head of Crawford County Search and Rescue where Kat has worked for the last few years. Kat is a single mom, raising Brady who has Asperger's. They both have trust issues from previous relationships, but the chemistry between these two are hot. Kat is also concerned with the history of Alzheimers in her family, and does not want to burden anyone else with the illness. A great saying, Us. As in the two of us creating memories that will last a lifetime.

This is a well written book, with topics that affect many families. Plenty of drama in the story, love how it was all handled. I love this series, excited for more to come.

I received this book from netgalley for an honest review.

Elaine says

It is lovely to meet up with familiar characters in this series again! The story is well written, with plenty of action, drama and turmoil as well as emotional upheaval to keep the reader entertained throughout. The characters both need to learn to move forward despite their fears for the future and their journey to reach their HEA is a fantastic read and a great addition to the series. It also leaves more characters to find their own HEA in future novels and I'll certainly be looking out for them being published, too!

After the death of her Mom who suffered from early onset Alzheimers and a series of traumatic events, Katherine (Kat) Robinson took a chance by moving to Marietta, Montana with her much loved ten year old son, Brady, who has Aspergers. This is the place Kat's Mom had very happy memories of and where Kat was conceived. She doesn't know who her father is, her Mom wouldn't tell her anything except he was already married. She's been working as part of the Crawford County Search and Rescue team for a year and is delighted that her old boss has gone but is wary of the new guy because she knows, if the timing had been different, it is a job she'd have gone for.

Flynn Bensen is moving to Marietta after his last wildfire rescue attempt failed to save an elderly women. He's been having recurrent nightmares about it ever since and feels guilty though everyone else says his efforts were heroic. Now he's taken the new job and takes in donuts on his first day with the team, bumping into one of them and nearly dropping the donuts in the process! What an introduction for Flynn and Kat. The attraction between them is instantaneous and highly volatile but he's determined never to have a relationship with a co-worker and she's focussed on looking after Brady. Will they be able to keep resisting? When Brady decides to confront his possible grandfather and do a disappearing act, life is going to get hectic for the two adults. Will she recognise Flynn as the hero she needs and loves or will her head rule her heart?

Thanks to the authors, publisher and NetGalley, too for letting me read an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Christa says

When Flynn Bensen moves to Marietta, Montana to be in charge of the county Search and Rescue unit, he is

immediately attracted to his new employee, Kat Robinson. Flynn has already barely suffered the aftermath of becoming involved with someone he works with, and he is also struggling to deal with a rescue gone wrong in his last job. He is determined not to become involved with Kat, but he can't get her off of his mind. Kat has her own baggage, and she is no more ready for a relationship with Flynn than he is with her. Kat is the single mother of 10 year old Brady, and when he drops a bombshell on some residents of Marietta, it jeopardizes the place of mother and son in the community. Thinking she'll be leaving soon, Kat embarks on a passionate evening with Flynn. As feelings develop for one another, Flynn and Kat have to determine whether they can move beyond their pasts in order to have a future together.

I thoroughly enjoyed this contemporary romance. Flynn and Kat were both very likable and their story was touching. I thought that Kat's son, Brady, added a great deal to the story. The setting and background were colorful and interesting, and I enjoyed the return of characters from the author's previous books. I look forward to reading more in this series. Thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for providing a copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Monique says

This book was received free via Netgalley for an honest review. My review is below.

I'm going to lead off with my biggest issue with this book. Odd, I know, but it still annoys me and it colored both my expectations of the book and my reactions to it. The Big Sky Mavericks series is about the Zabrinski kids. Only one (non-Tule published) novella at the end of the series didn't fit the mold. The Big Sky Mavericks are a construct of the Zabrinski kids - a moniker they gave themselves (minus Paul, poor kid). Now, the series is opened up (this is Ryker's brother's book) and with more non-related characters coming in, it feels like we really ought to have a new series name, not just use this one. Reasoning for it is given as part of the book itself, but I just struggle with it.

Flynn Benson is Ryker's brother (Ryker from Montana Darling, the novelette in this series that was ok). He's got some serious issues - primarily PTSD-like symptoms from his last firefighting mission. Thank goodness for his best buds who manage to get him out of his mess enough to switch jobs and move - right into Marietta. And right into the arms of Kat Robinson, single mother, employee, and secret-hider.

Kat is in Marietta for a couple reasons, but primarily to find her birth father. But, having met the family, she doesn't want to mess things up with them, so she doesn't say anything. Besides, she's got a lot on her plate. Work hasn't been that great, her son is on the autism spectrum, and now Flynn is driving her wild.

It's a match made in heaven because erotic dreams of Kat have replaced Flynn's PTSD nightmares and Flynn's kindness and sexuality are getting Kat all hot and bothered. At least, that is, until Brady spills the beans about Kat's parentage and opens a whole town of worms. The book goes a little off the rails at that point, but it does showcase some of Flynn's skills and does telegraph the next book in the series and it helps explain why the Big Sky Mavericks series is being expanded.

An aside, I do like how this book ties in with and follows up on events in Montana Maverick.

Wendy's Thoughts says

4 Understanding Everything Stars

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Another HUGE HIT by Debra Salonen! She brings a new series to life. We meet Firefighters/ Search and Rescue Manly Men who relocate to Marietta Montana. There we have a wonderful story of heart, devotion, understanding of sacrifice and family. Coupled with all the beloved characters of past books, this shows how two people can support each other during the most difficult of times.

Ms. Salonen has created a scenario of a mother devoted to her son; a son with Asperger's, an autism spectrum disorder. He is an amazing, smart young boy and we are privileged to have chapters in his POV. It is one thing to have authors talk about children... to frame them so we see what they do or think... but to handle a sensitive subject such as this... giving us the ability to understand and experience how he feels about the things we are seeing from our own perspective and those of the characters around him... that is important and should be acknowledged. Thank you.

The blurb gives the premise... our gal, divorced has come back to Marietta for a number of reasons... and although she may have decided not to pursue her original intentions... things happen which have huge ramifications. She loves it in Marietta; has a small circle of friends and now with a new boss, a hope for a better workplace. She is more than capable at her job... and was asked to apply for the head position....but she knew her son would always come first.

Our new fella at the Search and Rescue has his own reasons for being there. His brother found his life and love in Marietta. Their father would bring them to the land he owned every summer causing the brothers to have deeply treasured memories of those times. It is the need for a new and different environment which causes him to come to Marietta... he is still tortured with nightmares from the last fire and rescue attempt. All of his friends and family think a change of venue will be the remedy he needs.

These two people meet and an undercurrent happens right away... much to the chagrin of both; he, because the last time he fell for a coworker it was a huge disaster...she because she would never be with her boss and she needs to focus on her son.

We watch and enjoy the plotting of this finely crafted story... there is chemistry, caring, and concern with these characters. We also are introduced to upcoming players for us to ponder... a firefighter who was also sexy troop dancer...and another fella... more of a lone wolf type...We also have past characters from the Marietta Montana series to catch up with.

A very enjoyable read.

A gifted copy was provided by Tule Publishing via NetGalley for an honest review.

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Irene says

4 stars

Montana Hero was a sweet and heartwarming read.

This book had the perfect amount of drama and it wasn't overly done. It was just enough to keep you interested in both main characters.

Overall a good afternoon read.

Thank you Tule Publishing via Netgalley for the advance copy.

Jonel Boyko says

What a vivid & vibrant story! Salonen captured me heart and soul with this heartfelt and emotional tale of love in many forms. I love the way that she brought Montana to life, the beauty and the danger of it apparent in every scene. The way in which SAR worked in action was amazing. It was so real and life like, I could feel the intensity of the situations.

The variety of different situations that these characters had to deal with on a daily basis, bet they medical or familial or both, added a sense of poignancy and realism to the entire tale. Salonen brought each of them to life in a realistic and apparent way that also brought forth her sensitivity for the subject. I like the way that Brady was developed. His personal POV really let me see how he thinks and feels, as well as how he stands apart from what most consider 'normal'. Surrounded by his loving mother and the ever present Flynn, who's budding romance can't be missed, this is an atypical familial unit that definitely drew me in.

Salonen never fails to capture me with the emotions conveyed through her novels. MONTANA HERO is no exception. If anything, this well plotted, exciting, and romantic novel stands above the rest. It's definitely a novel that I wouldn't hesitate to recommend to those who enjoy romance.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Marissa says

Kindle Copy for Review

Kat Robinson moved to Marietta, Montana with her ten year old after the death of her mom who was suffering for Alzheimer. Her priority is her son as she has no time for distractions even though she found a possible clue that her dad that she never met lived in the same town but was married at the time.

Flynn Bensen still suffers from a nightmare where an elderly he rescued from a wildfire died. He comes to Marietta looking for a fresh chance and his brother is getting married to a local girl. Flynn finds himself instantly attracted to his new co-worker Kat but he is weary of a work place relationship since his last relationship was one and it did not end up well since she used him until a richer guy came along.

Along the way, they try to keep their distance but forces keep throwing them together as Flynn starts to

worm his way into Kat and her son's lives. Can these two people who been hurt find love together and become a family even as Kat fears she'll end up like her mother and grandmother who both suffered from Alzheimer.

Nice story of learning to move forward despite the fears of the future

Book Gannet says

Ah, it's so nice to be back in Marietta again, but especially back with the *Big Sky Mavericks* bunch. Although this book isn't technically about the Zabriskis, they're certainly around and making themselves known – not least because Flynn's younger brother, Ryker (Montana Darling), is about to marry into the family.

I like Flynn. He's friendly and hard working and haunted by the rescue that went wrong. He's also carrying a few emotional wounds from the failure of his marriage. He's come to Marietta to make a fresh start and hopefully find peace from his nightmares. What he finds instead is Kat, a woman he can't help being drawn to even though he's sworn off workplace relationships. I really liked the way he sees Kat, how he calls her Katherine and makes time for her son as well as her, even when he's trying to fight his attraction. I also really loved his relationship with his two best friends. They're quite the dynamic trio, heroes at heart, but with very different outlooks on life.

As for Kat, she's great. She and Flynn click right from the start, having similar goals at work and ideas for the future. I absolutely loved her relationship with Brady, her young son who is borderline autistic. She's positive and understanding and Brady's own portrayal is wonderfully done. He's super smart, but at ten doesn't always think things through – and not only because he's not great at interacting with other people. I loved how Kat helps him to manage that, without taking over. Added to all of this are secrets from Kat's past and her own family history of Alzheimer's, both of which only add to the strength and struggle of her history and future.

However, I can't help feeling that with so much going on in this book some other things were quietly pushed aside or ignored altogether. Flynn's nightmares, for example, didn't play as large a part as I expected, while the shady doings of his predecessor at Search and Rescue faded into the background. I also expected more to come of Janet's antagonist approach. I can see why these things were quietly pushed aside, because everything else definitely takes over and there wouldn't have been room for them, but there was so much early effort put into building them up that I felt they weren't given the resolutions they maybe deserved.

So the plot does feel a little mixed at times, but the romance is lovely right from the start. These two make such a great team and I loved how they drew each other into their worlds, sharing friends on one side and family experiences on the other. This book also neatly sets up where the Big Sky Maverick series is headed next, now that the Zabriskis are all paired off, leaving plenty of fodder for the future. Enjoyable and easy with a bit of excitement and a touch of emotional turmoil, I really enjoyed reading this and can't wait to see which of Flynn's friends is up next.

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

Kerry Croucier says

In Montana Hero, Debra Salonen has found a way to bring the reader back to Marietta and bring back the Big Sky Mavericks. Flynn Bensen needed a change of scenery after, and, when his brother Ryker convinced him to take a job in Marietta, he had the perfect opportunity to make the move and try something little different.

Single Mom Kat Robinson brought her son to Marietta hoping to find out why it was where her Mom was happiest and see if it was the place for her.

The attraction between the two is instantaneous, but since Flynn is Kat's boss, they both have reasons for resisting. As things heat up, secrets come out, and Kat has to decide if Marietta is someplace she can stay and if Flynn is the man for her.

These two were such fun characters. These were two realistic characters searching for their place. Salonen did a wonderful job of developing them and their story, making the reader feel that they were people that could be found anywhere. Throw in Kat's son Brady, and the Zabrinski clan, and you have an amazing cast of characters. I love that she was able to bring us back into her Big Sky Mavericks series, introducing new characters that fit right in. Even if you haven't read any of the other stories, you won't be lost reading this one.

I really enjoyed the story and was excited at the chance to revisit past characters. Salonen has a style that pulls you in and keeps you so involved in the story that you don't realize you aren't actually a part of the story until you hit the last word.

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Janine says

Flynn Benson had no idea moving to Montana would change his life so much. All he wanted was a change of scenery and a chance to forget the woman he couldn't save from a wildfire. Heading Crawford County Search & Rescue would be the perfect position for him. He could still be involved with what he loves, but with a change of scenery.

Flynn had given up on women after his last marriage. He just didn't trust them anymore. That was until he met one of his employees, Katherine "Kat" Robinson. She would be worth taking a chance on. But he knew not to get involved with an employee.

Kat is a single mother raising her son Brady on her own. Kat decided to move to Marietta because before her mother died, she said it was the only place where she was happy. Maybe Kat would be happy there too. Plus it might give her a chance to figure out who her father is.

Kat is instantly attracted to Flynn, but knows workplace romances don't work out. Will Kat and Flynn be able to keep it business only or will they give into their feelings?

There is a lot more to this story than I can tell without giving it all away. One part had me biting my nails in anticipation of what would happen. The chemistry was really strong between the lead characters too. I also enjoyed catching up with some of the characters from previous Big Sky Mavericks Books.

Emma says

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how did Flynn and Kat meet ?

who is your favorite character in this story?

And why?

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will Flynn and Kat be more than friends?

how many books in the Big Sky Mavericks series?

what are Flynn's pals names?

why did Flynn come to Marietta?

Was finding a daddy to replace her dead mother the underlying reason for Kat's move to Marietta?

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Montana Hero by Debra Salonen is a 4 stars book.

I highly recommend reading Montana Hero by Debra Salonen.

I got a free advanced reading copy in exchange for an honest review.

I am looking forward to reading more books by Debra Salonen.

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Big Marietta Fair

Big Sky Mavericks

Montana Cowboy

Big Sky Mavericks

Montana Darling

Big Sky Mavericks

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Sarah says

Kat has been in Montana a year she is "reconnecting" with a place her mom fell in love with before Kat was even born. Her son is once again struggling and Kat is not sure if this is really the place for him and her to stay. She also has questions as to if this new boss of hers is fit to work with especially since her last boss was such a "winner" to work with. She is starting to wonder if she made the right choice not taking the job as the boss. Flynn is a fire hot shot who has been dealing with a loss of a victim he can not seem to get the nightmares to stop. He knows things that need to change and he is ready for the change when he takes the job as a SAR commander in Montana. He is surprised to see that his new team is not so happy for the change and he's ready to deal with some hard heads, head on. When both Flynn and Kat are forced together to help someone they start to see that maybe things are as bad as it seems or they?

I had a blast reading this book, it was such a sweet love story. I love books that seem like the story could be taken from real life and not just a blown out story that seems so unrealistic, this book is just that a story that you feel you're just catching up with friends. The chemistry in the book is there but it's not what makes the book, the storyline is well written and has you drawn in and you find yourself having a hard time putting the book down. I can not wait for more from this author or more about the Montana Maverick group. This book is easily a 4 1/2 stars. You really can not go wrong with buying this book or the others in the series.

Disclosure: I received this book free of charge from the publisher, but this review consists of my honest opinions, not influenced in any way by the author or publisher
