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Sometimes love is right on your doorstep...

Eliza Shaw has never met a crisis she couldn't manage. If her father thinks she's going to take his attempt at selling the family home out from underneath her, then he clearly doesn't know her at all. She'll chain herself to the banister if she has to...

Kyle Kendrick doesn't have time for the hassle of an eviction. He definitely doesn't have time for Eliza Shaw's drama – even if she does look distractingly gorgeous when she's furious. His sister is arriving in Good Hope and he needs a home. Now.

Neither Kyle nor Eliza is thrilled at the idea of sharing the house, but it's the only sensible solution. Now if they could each just stop fantasizing about their new roommate this crazy plan might just work. And if they're lucky, what started out as playing house could end up giving them the home and family they've both desperately yearned for.

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## Susan says

I went back to see where it was I had my first, “Wait...what?!?” thoughts about Eliza and it was book two. And I haven’t cared for her throughout the series. She has been harsh and just not a nice person. Now we finally have her story. I wasn’t sure when we’d make it to her and it took me a while to get around to mustering the energy to read this book. However, in true Good Hope fashion, it went fairly quickly and I liked it.

Kyle moves to Good Hope and buys a house from Eliza’s father that she has been living in and thought was going to be hers as it was promised to her by her grandmother before she died. Kyle allows Eliza to remain living in the house and throughout the book we see her layers begin to peel back and her character is developed, as is their relationship. Kyle’s sister, Lolo, added a little awkwardness to it for me, but it ended up working.

There were some secondary characters thrown in you have to keep up with and you need to remember relationships to keep the dynamic straight... Katherine, Eliza’s Brother (Ethan). They are important to fill in a few gaps but also for moving forward.

What I didn’t care for was the relationship of Lindsay and Dan with a side of Owen. My, “Wait...what?!?” has shifted to Lindsay. I didn’t care for her at all. Maybe there will be more later about them.

This book touches on love, family, community, grief just like the others...the whole range of emotions and it may just get you right in the feels.

I don’t think it’s a solid 4 stars, but I think it’s more than 3 ... it’s a good series and definitely worth reading, but read them in order.

I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it and the opinions are my own.

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## Annette says

Eliza was promised that her late grandmother's house would be hers. When her father sells the house without any notice she is devastated.

Kyle is temporarily working in Good Hope and because his 12 year old sister, Lolo is coming to stay with him for a time, he wants a real home for her. Lolo was being bullied in school in Kentucky. And her best friend, who was also being bullied even attempted to take her own life. It is decided that Lolo needs a new start at least for a time. Kyle has just purchased a wonderful Victorian home.

Kyle did not realize the home was a part of a family situation. When he finds out that Eliza's heart is broken, he and Eliza work out a solution. They will temporarily share the house until there is an answer for everyone. So, the large house has Eliza, Kyle, Lolo and Katherine, an elderly cousin of Eliza's. Katherine has returned to Good Hope because after moving away, she missed her friends and family.

The four people become like a family. Katherine and Lolo become very close. And as time passes, Eliza and Kyle become comfortable with one another. In fact, they begin to like one another.

Eliza is a private person who does not want the entire town to know what her father has done to her. Kyle is willing to go along with keeping her secret. People in town begin to believe the two of them may be an item.

Eliza and Kyle believe the two of them may be an item.

Good Hope is a small town populated by people who care for one another. When there is a need, nearly everyone in town comes together to provide whatever is needed.

In the previous books in this series, the main characters have been the Bloom sisters. Eliza was on the edges of the stories. But, she appeared to be a cold and unfeeling woman when in fact she was simply used to being self sufficient.

Her life is devoted to Good Hope and she is responsible for many events running smoothly. In reality, her history has created a person who is afraid to show emotion or feel much in her heart. Her father has held her at a distance. It has colored her feeling of self worth.

Kyle has come to Good Hope because he needs to determine whether the father who raised him is actually his biological father. He was raised in a family where love is easily given and he is open and easy with the world. He has hired a crew and they are restoring a theater which has played a big part in the history of the town.

Kyle's warmth and humor begin to thaw Eliza and help her find out who she truly is. She sees things she can do to help Lolo find confidence in herself. And a small baby named Sarah Rose falls in love with Eliza. Slowly, Eliza falls in love with Sarah Rose. Eliza even learns that Katherine is not the woman she had always believed she knew.

Life can be interesting and fun if you are willing to share it with others.

Ms Kirk has created another story filled with warmth and humor. Although this is part of a series, it works as a stand alone. The story includes explanations of relationships and histories which make things easy to follow.

I have liked every one of the books in this series. The characters are wonderful people who would make good friends. The plots end with a happily ever after. But, before we arrive at that HEA, there are actual problems with actual pain which can intrude on the happiness.

Just as in life, things do not always go smoothly. And at times the sorrows can be wrenching.

I received this book from the author. I am voluntarily writing this review and all opinions are my own.

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## **Mary says**

I received a copy of this book as an ARC reader for a honest review.

Wow, the story of Eliza and Kyle had me wanting to swipe the pages faster than I could. This was a great open and reveal regarding both characters. The addition of a sibling to the story to bring out Eliza to the more human side was a great addition as well. All of the other little side stories helped round the book out as it does take a village to make things tick. Books 1-4 have all been terrific but I think for me, this book jumps to the front of the list! Thanks!! Can't wait for the next Good Hope book!

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## **Anitajt says**

After reading the brilliant previous 4 books in the series about the Bloom sisters I can honestly say I wasn't holding out much hope for Eliza's story as she was a character whom I disliked, she was domineering, overbearing & bossy. Yet, when I started to read her story it totally pulled me in and I got to understand why she is like she is. The love of a good man certainly helps Eliza find her happiness. I really did enjoy this story and couldn't put it down.

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## **Monica Christie says**

"Before you judge a person, walk a mile in their shoes."

When I read this book this saying came to mind.

I read all the books in the series and I feel you need to read the other stories to get a good understanding of Eliza.

While you might think she unforgiven, cold and she thinks she is better than everybody else, you start to understand what she shows on the outside is not what she is on the inside.

Finding somebody who can see past how she acts Kyle knows exactly the type of person Eliza really is.

I liked watching them work together to help Kyle's sister.

This was a great read and I can't wait to read more from Good Hope.

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## **Marcia says**

I really enjoyed Eliza and Kyle's story. In previous Good Hope books Eliza was a character I didn't really like. She came off as brusque and judgmental, sometimes just plain mean. Meeting and getting to know Kyle brought Eliza the acceptance and love that she had previously only felt from her grandmother and brother. A softer, but still strong Eliza was such fun to meet.

I received an advance copy in exchange for an honest review. Can't wait for the next Good Hope book!!

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## Susan Gorman says

Sometimes a secondary character creates a spark in the storyline and catches the reader's attention. The character might resonate with readers or be the one character that readers dislike with a passion. Eliza Shaw is the character many readers disliked in the Good Hope series. Her feisty, take charge attitude, community spirit, sense of style and her rivalry with Bloom sisters caught my interest—and I began to look forward to reading about her. I felt sorry for her when her “more than friends” relationship with Jeremy Rakes ended. Although Eliza was originally cast as the antagonist to the Bloom sisters, her character developed beyond that one dimensional role in the last two Good Hope books.

Cindy Kirk took a huge risk in pairing the determined Eliza with easy going Kyle Kendrick in this well-paced story. Eliza Shaw is devastated when she learns that her father has sold her home to Kyle and she has no intentions of moving! Her grandmother promised that Eliza would inherit the beautiful Victorian home. The fun begins when Kyle and Eliza compromise and agree to share the house until the legal paperwork is resolved.

The couple begins to bond when Kyle's sister Lolo comes for an extended visit. Lolo has been through a tough time and needs a change of scenery. Eliza remembers that she felt alone was teased in junior high. Loved when Eliza saw Lolo's first fashion faux pas and transformed her outfit for church in 10 minutes. I liked how Eliza and Kyle worked together to make sure Lolo felt secure in Good Hope.

Family is important to both Eliza and Kyle. Cindy Kirk provides Eliza's backstory through conversations with Eliza's cousin Katharine and several heart to heart conversations between Eliza and Kyle. Eliza's relationship with her father explains her determination to succeed. Kyle's situation is different from Eliza's. His parents have been supportive but, much to his surprise he has learned that he may have a sibling in Good Hope. I loved the speed dating questions when Eliza and Kyle talked about honesty and trust in a relationship—it was a turning point in their relationship.

Say I Do in Good Hope has all the small town warmth and charm that I adore in this series. Cindy Kirk's descriptive voice shines in this novel. She includes so many details that make this novel relatable; birth, death, weddings and new beginnings. This is my favorite story in the series. I feel the friends to lovers romance between the strong willed Eliza and easy going Kyle was perfectly written. The last few chapters had a few surprises for the couple—and the ending - -especially the grand gesture made me cry!

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## Beth says

I just love Cindy Kirk's writing style ... I so wanna move to Good Hope, or at least visit for a while. take a vacation there? It is just a happy place, gorgeous views, or at least I can see it in my mind when Cindy gives her writing skills a whirl. I love it. My favorite in the series was the one set in fall ... book 4 "Forever in Good Hope", 'cause you gotta say why you love a series, and for me I wanna break it up and give you a reason ...there are so many reason why I love this series, but the season FALL is my downfall ...any thing fall related I am immediately hooked ...but please don't get me wrong ... they are all such fun reads. 2nd fave was "Christmas in Good Hope" because any good series as a Christmas addition and any quaint little town in 10 times better in Christmastime, right??! I love love her cover selections, I hope and pray it is okay that authors are compared, they should take all respect that I am trying to give ...for me there are so many books to read out there, and 2 authors so far are in that section for me ...when I have been reading books and I need a get

away from those heavy weight down topics I run to Debbie Macomber and now I have added Cindy Kirk to that party, She is just a gem. I appreciate all details. I love these characters, I like 2 picture who would play them all ... or at least in my Good Hope they would. wink wink. I would not call these standalones, I guess you could read them separately, for me personally I would so say please read from the beginning and find your fave. Can't wait for another read from Cindy. Check her out! (:

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### **Anita says**

Eliza Shaw is stunned when the house she has been promised is sold from under her by her father. Kyle Kendrick, a builder, buys the house for his sister to stay while visiting Good Hope. They both decide to share the house and find out they can fulfill each other's dreams of a life filled with love and family. Some authors are gifted. They can draw a reader into a story, whereby the reader forgets about the world around them. They become friends with the characters, and find themselves 'living' the events of the story. Ms. Kirk has that gift! This story was about strength, and the knowledge that you can open your heart and still maintain that power. But, I was saddened by the demise of one of my favorite characters in the book. Every time I read this author it ends up being a five-star experience. I can't wait for the next one! I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it.

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### **Julie Eichelberger-Ford says**

Cindy Kirk has created a wonderful town and stories to fill it. This is the 5th in the Good Hope series and in my opinion, the best so far. I recommend that if you are going to read this book that you have plenty of tissues handy because I can guarantee that you will cry while reading it. This is Eliza and Kyle's story. In previous books, Eliza has come off as a mean, standoffish person but as the story unfolds readers learn what has created her hard shell and also see the softer side of her. Kyle is coming to terms with the fact that he just learned that his father is not his biological father and is now dealing with his 12 year old sister who was a victim of bullying back home. When Eliza and Kyle agree to share a house until the legal system can determine ownership, it is the beginning of their journey into their happily ever after. A great story.

I received an advance copy of this book from the author however the thoughts and ideas presented in this review are my own.

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### **Lisa Huggins says**

"I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it." In previous Good Hope books I didn't care fire Eliza's character. But in Say I do, Eliza became more likeable and endearing. The romance between her and Kyle was pure that ROMANCE. Cindy Kirk has done it again. can't wait for the next Good Hope book.

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## **Shannon says**

I was excited to receive an advanced copy of Say I Do In Good Hope to provide this voluntarily review. It is the fifth book in the great Good Hope series, and it is the first one that does not focus on a Bloom sister. I will admit that in the four preceding books, I did not care for the character of Eliza Shaw, the protagonist in this novel, so I was not sure I would enjoy this book as much as the others. Surprisingly the author was able to turn a very unlikable character into someone a little less edgy and cold. The scenario in this story is a little less believable than others, but it is definitely a good read to help you escape your own day-to-day responsibilities.

Eliza is a very strong-willed woman who is blindsided by her own father and feels betrayed. Kyle Kendrick was introduced to us in a previous novel when he came to town with an ulterior motive. As the story unfolds it develops these characters into likable people trying to stand up for themselves and the ones they love. They are thrust into an unconventional arrangement, but allow themselves to be sympathetic to the other person's plight. It is always easy to imagine the close-knit community of Good Hope and enjoy following the lives of it's inhabitants. The author has a wonderful way of focusing on two main characters in each book, but still give us a glimpse of how life is going for all of the other people we have been introduced to in previous novels. The book includes just enough drama, intertwined with lightheartedness that makes you want to keep reading. It makes me want to re-read the first four books just to see if I feel differently about Eliza now that I understand her motivations a little bit more.

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## **Bette Hansen says**

Fantastic small town romance!! Excellent writing, intriguing characters, and a great storyline made Eliza and Kyle's story fun to read. I highly recommend this one.

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## **Cheryl says**

Great read. Enjoyed Kyle & Eliza's story. Glad they got their HEA. Love the small town charm and the way they come together.

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## **Suzanne says**

Eliza Shaw was kind an antagonist in previous books in the series, so I was worried I wouldn't like her in this one. But I shouldn't have been concerned - I really enjoyed reading her story. Eliza's father sold her beloved home, and between coping with that, heading up a wedding competition, and dealing with normal life in Good Hope, Eliza has a lot on her plate. Her relationship with Kyle was excellent - I loved the ways they communicated with and supported each other! And I like how all of our beloved town characters are progressing. There were some really touching parts of this book too - I won't say more because of potential spoilers - but it was not a shallow story. My thanks to the author for giving me an advance copy to read and review!



