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## Deb says

This book started out a little slow. The main character, Emma, was very shallow. What I would describe as a Southern Belle in Colorado. As she travels to Portland via stagecoach, chaperoned by an elderly couple (him a Reverend). She had just gotten engaged because it was what her dad, uncle & aunt wanted. While crossing the Rockies, the stage is held up. In the short run, she is left behind. After being rescued by a widower sheep rancher, that is when her life becomes SO very different. She must take a hard look at her self and her way of life. I won't give away any more of the story but it is a very gripping tale. The other characters are very compelling. Stayed up most of the night to finish it. But hated to see it come to an end.

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## Victor Gentile says

Ginny Aiken in her new book, "She Shall Be Praised" Book Three in the A Women of Hope series published by FaithWords brings us into the life of Emma Crowell.

From the back cover: She Shall Be Praised.

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Emma is pampered, protected and very shallow. That does not make her a Proverbs 31 woman. However after being deserted in Oregon and then kidnapped she is rescued by Peter and taken back to his ranch. However before the outside world can learn that she is alright she will have to endure not only the Oregon winter but have to work every day. Emma never had anyone to need her or her help. Because the need is great she slowly abandons the person that she was and blossoms into a new maturity. She becomes reliable and dependable, aspects of the Proverbs 31 woman. I think Ginny Aiken did a wonderful job bringing a concept to real life. Ms. Aiken has also done a marvelous job of bringing the Biblical ideal to a Western setting and to the lives of her characters so that we see it played out in their lives. Then we can see how it can play out in our lives as well. Emma, Peter and the other characters play out so well on the pages you would think you had known them all your life. "She Shall Be Praised" is a great read that I was sorry to see come to an end. I am so looking forward to more in this series from Ms. Aiken.

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### **Joelle says**

This was my favorite book cover in the series, and my least favorite book in the series.

As always, it was well written and the story flowed nicely, but it was an extremely frustrating book to read.

The "hero" of the story was completely unlikable, and not a hero at all in my view. He treated the main character in a very disrespectful manner, and then they ended up together.

Furthermore, after treating her a horrible way, the author would write the main character to pardon the way he treated her a few paragraphs later. And in the end, she never got justice or at least an apology for some of the things he did.

I found it ridiculous that this happened at all; since the author tackled the very difficult subject of spousal abuse in the second book in the series.

The overall sense you get from reading this book is a great deal of frustration, unresolved injustices, and what feels like a case of stockholm syndrome.

(Okay, and additionally: the fact that Emma was lucky enough to be born into a life of privilege where she could have done a great deal of good by serving others and by doing charity work, and then gives it all up to marry a man who very nearly mentally/verbally abuses her, is RIDICULOUS.)

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### **Bluerose's Heart says**

I'm always drawn to anything in relation to the Proverbs 31 woman. I saw that this story was somewhat based on her, so it went on my reading list.

Honestly, though, the story just kind of rubbed me the wrong way. Emma starts out clueless on how to run a home. I still liked her, though. It was a sweet, innocent kind of clueless. I'm not a feminist at all! (If you are, I really don't think you'll like it at all.) Still, though, Peter's attitude in pushing Emma to be a homemaker just made me mad. I didn't like him at all, and that really hurt my liking of the book, in general.

Otherwise, it's a cute story.

\*I was provided a review copy in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **&#x1f4da;Beth&#x1f431; says**

It was a real struggle for me to finish this book. I had to force myself to read it to the end. The whole plot and all the situations the characters got into seemed kind of ridiculous.

I didn't really like any of the characters except Robby and Colley. The worst was Peter. He annoyed me and

I never could come to care about him. His treatment of Emma was deplorable. I never understood their attraction to each other in the end. Their “romance” and sudden feelings for the other made absolutely no sense.

There was very little good in this book, in my opinion, and was also a little offensive. Like other reviewers have said, there is more to a person’s worth than cooking and raising a kid. Emma was not worthless before her experiences and worth more after. I will not read this book again.

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### **Rebecca says**

Witty, humorous, and at the same time very thoughtfully written; I simply wished that the story could have been twice as long. Emma and Peter were characters that any reader would want to know better; their opposing styles very evident and yet perfectly matched. I absolutely expect that this talented author's books will only get better. A very enjoyable read.

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### **Teresa Griffis says**

Christian fiction, 1883. Can be read as a stand-alone. Emma is a socialite, not well liked by the other young ladies and their mothers. She sets off on a return trip home to Portland and inadvertently gets stranded and taken captive by not-too-bright outlaws. Widowed Peter is searching for the outlaws who rustled his sheep, and subsequently has to take them and Emma back to his summer camp. Emma doesn't know a thing about cooking or housekeeping, but she is given those tasks as well as watching Peter's young son, Robby. Emma and Robby bond almost instantly. Lots of humor as Emma tries to prepare meals using only a cookbook for instruction. There was a murder added to the plot. A nice read as Emma begins to see herself as others do and truly puts forth an effort to be a better person. Of course love finds its way into the story.

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### **Susan says**

I received this book through goodreads first-reads.

A cute story. I liked it but it did need to be longer and to have more progression of the actual romance. Though it is obvious the 2 characters would fall in, which I did like to see happen, it just seemed rushed and without enough situations to see this love developing. Over all it is an enjoyable story with some good faith lessons.

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### **Victoria says**

[ which she does instantly when she returns.

She could very easily use her influence and position in society to do good, helping many in need. But no, she fits into Peter's expectations of a proper woman and takes care of the cooking, cleaning and child rearing. I see. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Bookista says**

Infuriating book! This was probably the most sexist romance I've read in a long time. The heroine Emma is the pretty daughter of a wealthy merchant and her stagecoach gets held up in the middle of nowhere, so a sheep rancher rescues her and takes her back to his place. He is "too busy" to take her back to town so she can go home, so he says she can stay for the next few months and help out, along with his ranch manager, young son, and other workers.

So the "hero" of the book is unlikable and unsympathetic. He complains because Enna doesn't know how to do things like cook and has the temerity to want to bathe every once in a while. So he passive-aggressively reads verses aloud from the Bible about what a real woman is supposed to be like. Instead of thinking that this jerk is a judgmental hayseed, she determines she is going to learn all about how to run a sheep rancher's household so she can prove herself to him. UGH.

Other stupid scene: \*SPOILERS\* one time the "hero" insults her cooking, so in the middle of the night Emma runs straight out into the woods and keeps running for miles, so a wandering rapist tries to assault her and she has to be rescued.

Also, the entire book her "frivolous" previous life in the city is seen as something useless, but whose money and expertise do they use at the end of the book to spring the ranch manager who killed the rapist and a stagecoach robber they like from jail?! It isn't the sheep rancher's money, but her dear old soft, city-living pappy's.

DISLIKE.

On the plus side, the book was entertaining.

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### **Michelle says**

Look at this cover. Amazing! This is one of my all time favorite book covers, I wanted to jump into the picture. Now for the story line. This book is unique in a few ways. The main character Emma has been raised as a wealthy young lady. When she heads out west in a carriage things do not go as planned. Traveling with a puppy in a carriage is one thing but getting lost in the woods because of this puppy causes some problems. This part of the story was a bit unrealistic to me as she is kidnapped by thieves, and then rescued by a rancher, Peter. In any case it's about her struggles to survive in the woods for the entire summer. Her attitude really grated on my nerves until the end of the book where she finally didn't act like a snob. I know this was the point of the author but her constant, "that's impossible" drove me nuts. I loved the setting and I actually liked Peter throughout the book. Overall the story line was a tad slow but still entertaining.

I rate 3 1/2 stars.

I will say you don't need to read the previous books in the series to enjoy this book.

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### **Kathleen (Kat) Smith says**

All Emma Cromwell hoped for when she set out on her journey to Portland, Oregon was to learn to rely on herself and not the men in her life. After spending time in the social circles in Denver and finding little in the way of friendships with women and nothing but the attention of suitable gentlemen, Emma wanted to see if she could handle life without someone making all the decisions for her. So when her father agreed to send her by coach along with the pastor and his wife, he felt he had done the right thing. After all he finally got Emma to agree to marry Joshua Hamilton, a suitable match in both business and for making sure he could provide for his daughter. Now she only has to get from Denver to Oregon in one piece.

But like all great novels, there is a twist of fate when Emma has to stop the coach to allow the dog she was gifted from Mr. Hamilton as an engagement present to do her constitutionals. Little did she imagine that the coach would be held up and the driver leave her behind in an effort to avoid being robbed. Now she is left in the care of two bumbling thieves who know they can't abandon her in the middle of the forest. One of the men, Ned, wants to be the true gentleman while Sawyer sees her like an object of desire and one that she can't trust. When she is taken back to their camp, she learns that they are more than just thieves, they have also stolen sheep from the local rancher and they are hoping to stay long enough to make some money off them.

Peter Lowery knows that the size of his sheep herd is dwindling and believes that someone is stealing from him. Instead of getting the sheriff involved since he lives so far from town, he opts to do the investigation on his own. He soon stumbles upon Ned and Sawyer in a hidden canyon, and with his ranch foreman, Colley, they are able to capture them. What he didn't expect was to find a beautiful woman being held hostage along with a dog. Knowing he can't leave her behind, he takes Emma back to the ranch with the thieves. Unfortunately for all of them, he can't risk taking Emma back to town until the fall. Being short-handed on the ranch at a critical time for his sheep herd, he can't spare anyone to take Emma to town even though he knows her father must be concerned to know if she is OK. Will a socialite be able to earn her keep living on a sheep ranch even though none of the skills she possesses will help out? Will Emma find a way to return home to her father on her own?

I received *She Shall Be Praised* by Ginny Aiken compliments of Faith Words, a division of Hachette Book Group for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation for a favorable review and the opinions expressed here are strictly my own. This is the third book in the Women of Hope Series and I have LOVED this novel. Set in the late 1800's this is a story of how Emma learns to dig deep and find the knowledge and determination to fit in despite what Peter thinks of her. She also learns that Peter has lost his wife has also left behind a young son who finds much more in Emma than a friend. This one is worth every single one of the 5 out of 5 stars and I can't wait for more from Ginny Aiken in the future.

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## **Lynnae says**

Picked this one up as a little breather from life. Cheesy but did appreciate it. Ended up reading it on a road trip through the beautiful west which is where it took place. Appreciated the questions at the back of the book about working through hardships and analyzing how you deal with hard situations you may find yourself in. Tons of religious snippets inserted in there, if not received in the right light I could see how someone might call it a churchy read. Loved the twist of the injured Little Robby towards the end, the flavors of Peter saving her and she saving him. Cute little breather story. Made me grateful for hard work, solitude, and pleasures of the simple things in life.

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## **Shauna says**

Emma's existence so far has been pampered, protected and very shallow. She hardly has concerns past what to wear to the next party and other selfish interests. Her bubble of happy ignorant bliss is popped very suddenly when she is left behind in the middle of nowhere and is taken hostage by two bumbling crooks. The next few months of her life are like nothing she's ever had to go through. However, near the end of the book Emma's character comes to the realization that without all of the discomfort and difficulties she experienced during her failed trip and winter on the ranch, she would never have experienced such deep joy either.

It reminded me of the verses in Romans 5:3b-4 "we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;4 perseverance, character; and character, hope." Emma has a choice to make: be a simpering, pampered, spoiled brat and make everyone miserable, or step up and decide to focus on the others around her.

This book is an enjoyable read with adventure and humour, and packs a punch in the lesson learned.

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## **Lisa says**

The best thing about this book was the main character, Emma. Her positivity was the thing that pulled you through the story. Other than her, the boy Robbie and Colley everyone else was rather disagreeable. Her nearest and dearest relatives pushed her into an engagement. The robbers were ridiculous. The romantic interest is a ball of negative grumpiness. He redeems himself somewhat, but never completely. The plot was contrived and riddled with cliches. I'm sorry to say it, but I'm just happy that I'm finally done with this book.

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