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## From Reader Review The Maverick's Holiday Surprise for online ebook

### Rosemary K says

Bella Stockton left college to help her widowed brother with his triplets. She doesn't have happy memories of Rust Creek. The death of her parents and the separation from her siblings was traumatic. Now she's back and managing a day care. When Hudson Jones comes to help with a problem, he finds himself drawn to Bella and wants to spend time with her, but she's wary of his attentions. She doesn't want to risk rejection. Will she let her guard down and take a chance on love? Bella is a gentle, compassionate woman. She has struggled in the past with betrayal and loss. I wish she wouldn't let her pain control her chance of future happiness. Hudson is a charmer. He enjoys his travels and has no desire to stay in one place. That changes when he gets to know Bella. Their attraction is powerful. I was pulled into the their romance from the first page. I could tell that they belonged together. As I read *The Maverick's Holiday Surprise* I enjoyed seeing Bella and Hudson's love grow and deepen. Their tenderness and caring was apparent. It was heartwarming to see how the baby chain helped Jamie with his little ones. Karen Rose Smith wrote a feel good holiday story that left me smiling. She did a wonderful job. The characters were likeable and the setting made me wish I was there at Short Hills Ranch surrounded by loving people.

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### Jeanie says

'The Maverick's Holiday Surprise' is an appealing, very well-written romance. The author captivates the reader with delightful characters. Dialog is true to life, and the descriptions of Montana in the early winter make me want to head north from the desert. The romance is sweetly tender with a bit of spice, and the plot is interesting, keeping one's attention from the beginning through to the last page.

Bella left her college classes behind to help her brother Jamie with infant triplets after the sudden death of his wife. They lived on his ranch; Bella manages 'Just Us Kids' day care, then went home to help with dinner, cleanup, and getting the tiny boys and girl off to bed. Life in Rust Creek Falls was busy, but Bella wouldn't have it any other way when her brother needed her. The local women had put together a baby chain that helped out with meals, cleaning, and caring for the adorable little threesome so Jamie could work the ranch and Bella could manage 'Just Us Kids'.

Hudson Jones, wealthy brother to the franchise owner Walker, was overseeing daily operations and working to improve the PR after an outbreak of RSV and a parent's subsequent lawsuit had reduced the number of children cared for. He watched Bella during his stay and was curious about her, but she had no illusions, having already been warned that he was a love-'em-and-leave-'em guy. Her family and saving to return to college were her priorities, not a fling with her boss, no matter how good-looking and personable he was. Just what exactly was she supposed to do with his attention and concern, though, when his boundaries began to encroach into her life?

Bella and Hudson are very well characterized. We learn the most about Bella, yet we do get to know some of Hudson's heart changes and concerns. I like Bella very well; she has secrets that she is afraid to share with Hudson and heartaches of the past that may affect her future. She is the kind of heroine who pulls at one's heartstrings and definitely had me rooting for her, hoping that something better will happen – and soon! Using Bella's photography skills to benefit the day care is a wise move on Hudson's part, and an interesting

plus to the story – I wish I could accomplish all this young woman does in a day!

One can tell that the author cares about her characters and plots; that is a sign of a talented author when as a reader I am invested in the characters, as well. Bella and children simply seem to go hand-in-hand, and I couldn't imagine her doing anything else but managing the daycare and caring for her niece and nephews – other than having her own children and taking many, many photos of them. The novel, including the ending, is satisfying. I highly recommend 'The Maverick's Holiday Surprise' to romance lovers and those who are fans of this author. With this delightful guy and gal and the magical setting of Christmas snow falling in Montana, this novel exemplifies why we enjoy reading romances so much.

With a grateful heart, I received a complimentary copy of this book; as a courtesy, I am posting my honest review for which no compensation was received.

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### **Elizabeth says**

I really enjoyed the book. It was interesting how two different two different people who had different upbringing and Background come together even though they had a working relationship within the Just for Kids Daycare. Here we have Hudson Jones who come from a wealthy family background and Bella Stockton came from a family of abandonment and bad beginnings as child and she helps her brother Jamie to take care the triplets and works at the day care. These two people have a work and a personal relationship with each despite Bella past of Miscarriage and past history . Hudson had a choice to stay or leave to work at Big Timber. He has decided to stay to ask Bella to be his wife

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### **Taryn says**

Lovely Romance

The Maverick's Holiday Surprise is a lovely romance that will tug at your heart strings. With a pinch of sadness, a touch of laughter and a whole lot of love Karen helps you to believe in passion. She also enlightens us to the fact that problems can always be overcome if we communicate. Bella and Hudson were a treat to get to know and were a lesson when it comes to actions speaking louder than words. Step inside with them and grasp what romance is all about!

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### **Emma says**

The Maverick's Holiday Surprise by Karen Rose Smith  
(Montana Mavericks: The Baby Bonanza)

Rust Creek Ramblings

A WEDDING IN THE WORKS?

We here at the Gazette are amazed to report that trust-fund cowboy Hudson Jones may soon be off the market. The boyish billionaire has been spending more time than ever with Bella Stockton, who manages his day-care center. It seems impossible that quiet, reserved Bella would have captured the fancy of such an alluring specimen of manhood.

Bella finds it hard to believe herself, and she keeps pushing Hudson away. What are the odds the footloose cowboy will stick around once he finds out she can't have kids? Don't tell Bella, but our sources report Hudson has his heart set on a Christmas proposal. When he finds out the truth, will it still be a holiday to remember?

This is Hudson Jones and Bella Stockton's story.

Bella Stockton manages Hudson day-care center.

We here at the Gazette are amazed to report that trust-fund cowboy Hudson Jones may soon be off the market.

Will Hudson the footloose cowboy stick around once he finds out she can't have kids? read this book to find out.

I recommend this book!

The Maverick's Holiday Surprise by Karen Rose Smith is a wonderful well written 5 star book.

I am looking forward to reading more books by Karen Rose Smith.

Search For Love

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2. Jake's Bride

3. Always Devoted

4. Always Her Cowboy

5. Heartfire

6. Cassidy's Cowboy

7. Her Sister

8. The Wedding Promise

9. Forever In Her Eyes

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### **Shelly Itkin says**

Hudson Jones is a handsome, thirty year old single, rich and very independent person. He has no real goals but yet he goes out of his way to help others.. Hudson is helping to run his brother, Walker's franchise of Just Us Kids in Rust Creek Falls.

Bella Stockton is a very attractive women who is much younger then Hudson. She is twenty three years old and has a lot of issues that she has to deal with. She works and is very well liked at Just Us Kids and lives with her brother Jamie, and his three triplets. Bella had been at college when Jamie's' wife died and she returned to help him with the babies and to find work. Her life is nothing like Hudson's as she worries about money, Jamie and the triplets. Will she ever be able to return to college to get her degree.?

On many occasions she has noticed and found Hudson to be extremely attractive and was afraid to show any interest for fear of losing her job.

Hudson who has always been carefree with no ties seems to have also noticed Bella and is attracted to her.

Can two totally different people with secrets and different backgrounds every find happiness? This is an extremely enjoyable story and would be perfect to purchase and share with friends for the holidays. It would make a wonderful holiday gift.

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### **Katrina Epperson says**

Karen Rose Smith is a favorite author of mine. Ironically enough I started reading her cozy mysteries before I ever realized she also wrote romance. I learned so much about Karen by following her on Facebook and the more I learned the more I liked her not only as an author, but also as a person.

This story is set in Rust Creek Falls, Montana and centers around bachelor Hudson Jones who has arrived in town to help his brother, Walker, out. Bella Stockton is a beautiful, young woman who has not had what any would say is an easy life considering her parents were killed when she was young. She went through her period of rebellion, but after getting her life back on track she headed off to college only to quit and return to help her brother with his triplets when his wife died. She is the director at Just Us Kids Day Care Center and resents Hudson and what she sees as his interference in her job. Hudson is a trust fund cowboy and loves to travel. He's not been very close with his family, but would like to change that. When he meets Bella there's an instant attraction, but she shoots him down readily so he has to figure out a way to get her to trust him.

I really enjoyed this story. I fell in love with the small town immediately. The plot is sweet and interlaced with a lot of romantic tension. It flows effortlessly and pulled me in immediately. This is an endearing story of trust, faith, forgiveness and romance. This entertaining story is one I would recommend to anyone who loves romance.

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### **Deanna Vrba says**

Bella Stockton found love with Hunter Jones... she was not expecting to find it because she thought he was a player.

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### **Harlequin Books says**

received 4 1/2 stars @ [harlequin.com](http://www.harlequin.com) (as of 11/23/16). To view reviews, go [HERE](#)>  
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Miniseries: Montana Mavericks: The Baby Bonanza

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### **Mem says**

SE 2510 Nov2016 Montana Mavericks: the Baby Bonanza #5. Hudson Jones is in town, after Just Us Kids Day Care Center won the law suit against it. Bella Stockton is the manager and not too happy about being watched by Hudson.

Her brother, Jamie, has triplets and the town has organized to help him with them. (His wife died) Bella has

been living with him and helping with the 2 boys and girl. They have stuck together after their parents died, their 3 older brothers found jobs and their 2 younger siblings were adopted. Their grandparents only took the two in and they did that grudgingly.

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### **Susan says**

Good book. We first met Hudson and Bella in Maverick vs. Maverick, when Hudson came to help out his brother Walker, because the day care center was in trouble. Hudson has the reputation of being a love them and leave them man, one who never stays long in any one place. Bella is the director of the center. She returned to Rust Creek Falls to help her brother when his wife died, leaving him alone with their triplets.

I loved the relationship between Hudson and Bella. It started as a good working relationship that became friendship, then evolved into more. There was also an immediate attraction between them, but Bella was determined to resist it. First she felt that someone like him wouldn't be interested in her. Second, she knew he wasn't the committing type. Third, even if he was, she was sure he wouldn't want someone who couldn't have kids. I ached for her in those moments when the loss would hit her and she could see a lonely future ahead of her. I loved how she tried to stay mostly upbeat, and how working at the center was a big part of that. I liked how Hudson also tried to resist the attraction because he knew that Bella was the kind of woman who deserved commitment and he wasn't interested in it.

The development of their relationship was sweet. In spite of Hudson's reputation, he went all protective on her. He began by encouraging her to take time for herself. I loved seeing him send her to his house for an afternoon of rest, and making sure she was fed. I also loved how he encouraged her photography efforts. It was fun to see his feelings grow and his confusion as he realized that he was changing in unexpected ways. Bella went from resisting to accepting the chemistry between them, even though she was sure her heart would get broken. I liked how she saw that there was more to him than he showed to the rest of the world, even though he didn't always see it himself. It was great to see him realize his feelings and immediately want to do something about them. The ending was quite emotional as the truth comes out and both of them have to make decisions about their future together.

I also enjoyed seeing more of Bella's brother and the babies. I ached for his loss and his desire to do the best he can for his children. I loved seeing the people of the town come together to help him. He has a little trouble with his pride getting in the way, which made for some awkward moments between him and Hudson. That awkwardness didn't stop him from trying to help Hudson in the end. I'm looking forward to reading his story.

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### **Kaylee Nizza says**

I absolutely loved it!!!! This book is emotional, heartfelt and romantic. Learning of Bella's background growing up as a teenager was very emotional. To me Hudson was this perfect knight in shining armour. The kids at the day care had me laughing over the Thanksgiving crafts they were doing. This book is a must read and perfect read for holiday season. Karen Rose Smith did an outstanding job writing this book. I'm looking forward to reading more books from her.

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**Marie Buccellato says**

Goodreads Giveaway Winner

Good story about love & the bonds of a sister & brother amid life's ups & downs

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**Robyn says**

Bella Stockton was the manager of a day care center, and Hudson Jones owned the property while his brother owned the center. Hudson was helping his brother oversee the day to day operations when he met Bella. Bella has been through some things in her past that she kept to herself, and Hudson wanted to get to know her better, wishing she would open up to him. This is a heartwarming story that makes you feel good. Karen Rose Smith is a fantastic author and I highly recommend this book.

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