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In the remote Rocky Mountains, lives depend on the Search & Rescue brotherhood. But in a place this far off the map, trust is hard to come by and secrets can be murder...

George Holloway has spent his life alone, exploring the treacherous beauty of the Colorado Rockies. He's the best survival expert Search and Rescue has, which makes him the obvious choice to lead Ellie Price through deadly terrain to find her missing father. There's just one problem-Ellie's everything George *isn't*. She's a city girl, charming, gregarious, delicate, *small*. And when she looks up at him with those big, dark eyes, he swears he would tear the world apart to keep her safe.

With a killer on the loose, he may have no choice.

Ellie's determined to find her father no matter the cost. But as she and her gorgeous mountain of a guide fight their way through an unforgiving wilderness, they find themselves in the crosshairs of a dangerous man in search of revenge. And they are now his prey...

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From Reader Review Gone Too Deep for online ebook

Irene says

4.5 stars

Gone Too Deep was such a good read.

The storyline is entertaining, well written, with wonderful characters that capture your attention and leave you feeling all kinds of emotions!

I'm loving this series and cannot wait for the next book!

Thank you to SOURCEBOOKS Casablanca via NetGalley for the advance copy.

Erika says

4.25 stars!!

George and Ellie really made this romance for me. They were both so adorable and so lovable. Their romance was slow-burn which doesn't always work for me, but it did work here because they spend almost the entire book in each other's company and there are no OW/OM machinations/ drama to distract or cause relationship angst. The steam was a bit on the lower side and in fact, the couple sometimes reminded me of young teens -- with all the blushing and feeling self-conscious about displays of affection that others might see. lol. Of course, that also made it rather sweet. :) George was so wonderful, the way he was always watching Ellie closely and trying to make sure she was safe and comfortable. He was a great hero!!

The suspense story was only so-so for me. I think I was expecting something bigger than just (MAJOR SPOILER) (view spoiler)

All-in-all, this was a very enjoyable romance for me -- however I would have liked an epilogue with a good HEA, instead of the HFN we got.

Umaiya ?A Far Off Memory? says

I knew it! I KNEW IT!!

but man! that's just wrong!!

I think I liked this book best or kinda on par with the first book...

? 3.5 ?

I loved our MCs.

I loved their chemistry, their personalities, their way of dealing with life.

And in the forever immortal words of Chelsea, I want a George!!

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

3.5 Stars

Thank you to NetGalley, Sourcebooks Casablanca and Ms. Ruggle for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

I really did like that Ellie came to her father's rescue and really cared about this man who had mostly been absent in her life. She truly seemed to understand that his situation and mental status were not altogether his fault and that he needed help. From this perspective she made a brave and courageous heroine. Of course, she didn't know going in that her mountain guide didn't talk and that they were facing two brothers (meth dealers) who were sent to kill her father. The details involved in trekking through the wilderness were very well done, although, I myself would have preferred a little more depth on the plot than the trek.

This book gave you a few more pieces to the puzzle of the ARC that crosses all the books but didn't really provide much depth to the ARC. I did like the main plot of this book with the men who were after Ellie's father. We had seen Ellie's father in the prior books as someone who was hiding from people who were out to get him, but as in this story he really seemed like he was a bit touched. It was a surprise for the rest of the characters to learn, that yes, there really were men out to get him. There were some really good scenes during the attempt to save her father and going up against the men who were trying to kill her father. George's attraction to and protective nature of Ellie was really sweet and I think readers are going to like their relationship.

Some women are going to fall head over heels for George. And although my favorite male hero is the strong silent type, there were points where I felt George seemed more like a mute giant than a taciturn hero. I think Ms. Ruggle overdid his mute status. To compensate for his lack of talking you have Ellie that has a tendency to ramble.

In addition to the lack of verbal communication between the H/h, the dialogue between Ellie and her boss seemed a little over the top. And then you also have the ramblings of a slightly crazy father. So for me, this book did suffer a little with lack of good dialogue which is something I enjoy reading.

I love Colorado so the setting for these books is a favorite of mine. I also like SAR aspect of these stories. I really can't wait until Katie gets the next book out.

? Kimberly says

"Holy moly," Chelsea breathed, no longer appearing like she was about to laugh. "I want one. I want a George. Are there more like him in the mountains? Because we can close the store, fly

to Colorado, and go George-shopping, only for me this time."- Gone to Deep

Favorite Hero ever! GONE TOO DEEP is the third audio in the Search and Rescue romantic suspense series set in Colorado by Katie Ruggle. In GONE TOO DEEP Geroge Halloway, an expert survivalists agrees to guide Ellie Price into the Colorado Rockies. It will take three days to reach her family's cabin where her mentally unstable father is hiding. Filled with suspense and a slow burning, *adorable* romance, I dare you not to fall in love with George.

Ellie receives a phone call from her estranged father who is frantic and convinced someone is trying to kill him. Picking apart his conversation, she realizes he is at their family cabin n Colorado and leaves Chicago to find her Dad. I liked Ellie from the onset, she was smart, determined and funny. Any woman who sees whining as a weakness is welcome to be my friend. Chin up and all that. She arrives in Simpson, CO a small mountain town where all of our books are set and stops at the coffee shop. Dressed as a Chicagoan she immediately falls in the parking lot and is picked up, literally off her feet by George who carries her into the cafe and leaves. Hells yes, I am all in.

Ellie ends up befriending a few characters from previous books who aid her and ultimately have George taking her on the three-day hike up to the cabin. George doesn't speak, in fact, he kind of grunts. I wasn't sure how I would handle a man like George..but oh gods I want one. (sorry hubs) I absolutely loved their interaction and the slow building romance that develops. Ellie is this outgoing, confident and sometimes awkward character who gets George. I melted, laughed until I saw tears and swooned over this sensitive, shy, intelligent man.

While the romance was enough to keep me listening and happy, we had the added bonus of a suspenseful mystery concerning Ellie's Dad and a couple of dark villains. Ruggle picked up on the previous suspense thread left opened in FAN THE FLAMES and gave our hero and heroine quite the adventure. I loved how this seamlessly tied into the overall series and while the romance wrapped up and left me happy, the suspense thread had me yelling out loud and begging for the next audio. The twists and turns not to mention the need for more answers despite getting more tidbits have left me pushing the next audio to the front of my TBR pile.

GONE TOO DEEP is my favorite installment of the Search and Rescue series to date. I loved George!

This review was originally posted at Caffeinated Book Reviewer

Shari Kay says

3.5 ★

Holy cow...did i love George. Loved. Him. I mean...you could not have a better guy and I'm with El's friend Chelsea and wanna know where I can get one of my own?

Enough gushing over George...

I liked Ellie. She was sweet. I really liked she recognized George's loneliness/shyness and pushed herself

beyond her own comfort zone to reach out to him. I loved how George pushed past his insecurities and went after what he wanted...now that was a surprise with his personality! There were quite a few swoon worthy George moments in this book. Sorry, gushing again.

The overall arc is coming to an end. In book 2 I started suspecting the main antagonist, but hoped I was wrong. Throughout this book it got clearer and clearer that I was doomed to be disappointed. I was surprised though that KR decided to let us in on the mystery at the very end. With one book left to go, I thought she might try to keep us guessing. Of course, we still need to learn the *why*.

Though I enjoyed this couple a lot, again the 'happenings' are just a bit too OTT. The small town gossip, the blatant sexual talk (would people really say that stuff out loud?) the mustache twirling villain and the resident smarmy guy to hit on heroine were present. I like that both H and h save the other at some point, though the likelihood of all that badassness on the heroine's part was fairly out of the blue.

Some awkward dialogue and coincidences that were just too...coincidental. I also felt like this one ended more abruptly (couple-wise) than the others. I don't know why, they are HFN which is how all the other books ended, so I can't put my finger on why this one seemed 'unfinished' for me.

But overall, I liked this book a lot. The author is good at couple characterization and I will definitely be picking up the next/last book in the series.

The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says

Link to full review below! I so, so, love this series! I was concerned that a book about hiking through the snowy mountains would be...boring. But its NOT! And, now we know who the killer is but we have to wait to see what will happen next! This review was originally posted on The Book Disciple

♥Rachel♥ says

Gone Too Deep is the third *exciting* installment in the Search and Rescue series. The murder mystery presented in book one is still unfolding, with the dangers intensifying! George and Ellie's sweet romance added in made for a wonderful balance of romance, suspense and mystery! I'm loving the series a little more with each book released!

This installment centers on George Holloway, a Search and Rescue member, guide, and tracker, and Ellie Price a Chicago city girl, in search of her mentally unstable father who went missing.

Ellie Price receives a troubling phone call from her estranged father that sends her straight to Simpson Colorado in order to find and help him. Searching for her father in the vast wilderness of the Colorado Rockies is well beyond her experience, so she hires George to help track him. Backpacking through the wilderness can be perilous enough without danger following them in, but they're determined to find Ellie's father and survive.

George is the quiet and taciturn Search and Rescue team member who proved very useful in the last book! He's the perfect example of a large mountain man, made even more intimidating, because he hardly ever

talks or smiles. The reason behind his quiet disposition was kind of surprising and sweet, IMO. George and Ellie's romance felt like it developed gradually, because of the hours/days they spent together hiking. The situation forced close quarters, and a reliance that built trust and an intense connection quickly. Even though Ellie was a city girl and George was country boy, I felt they matched quite well as far as relationships go. They both were pretty tentative and not very experienced in the ways of love so it was lovely watching them fall for each other.

There's something about survival-type stories that always grab my attention. Maybe it's the inherent danger that I find thrilling, I'm not sure, but I loved the whole backpacking plot! While reading, I was happily reminded of several trips I've taken, and understood the amount of work it takes to survive without modern conveniences. From obtaining clean water for drinking and cooking to making sure your food is not a bear attraction, there's a lot to do, but the untouched beauty you see and experience is well worth the effort. Of course, I didn't have crazed men following me at the time! At least I don't *think* I did... *shudders*

I have to say my jaw dropped at the concluding revelation! I can't wait to read the next book and find out what happens! I'm still stunned, and I wonder if Katie Ruggle planned this from the beginning or the idea came to her as she wrote the series? Whatever the case, consider me bowled over! I love it when a mystery shocks me!

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This review is also posted at The Readers Den.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 I want one. I want a George Stars

Some spoilers

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OMG I LOVED THIS BOOK! Gone Too Deep, the 3rd book in the Search and Rescue series was amazing! I don't even know where to start on all the awesome things about this book. While this book was easy to read as a standalone Katie Ruggle created such an exciting world that I am not done living it. So I will be going right to Amazon after I finish this review, buying all the other books in this series and starting from the beginning. And although I loved this book so much that I'm sure I will really enjoy the others as well, I doubt any of the other heroes will hold a candle to George.

George, George, George God but that man was a wet dream! George was this super tall, yummy, bearded, all alpha, non-talking, grunting, sexy mountain man. I spent the entire time I was reading this book swooning, awing, and yelling out "God he's so damn sexy". I loved every single thing about George there was nothing I

would have changed. Nothing. He was perfect. Oh and he was a virgin. Never been kissed, never nothing. There was such a sweet and sexy innocent vulnerability to him that was so appealing and in no way took away from his manly alphaness(is that a word???). George is for sure being added to the top of my book boyfriend list.

Ellie was very sweet. She had a playfulness that was cute and goofy. I loved that she was smart. I hate stupid heroines that put themselves in danger, but Ellie was anything but. She had common sense but was still vulnerable and needed George. I also loved how loyal she was to her father. She didn't just dismiss him as crazy even though he had a mental illness. She loved and fought to help her father. It was too funny the way Ellie would interpret George's grunts and looks. She really got him and around her he was able to just be himself.

He grunted, and Ellie chose to interpret that as "Good morning, Ellie. Isn't it a lovely day?"-Ellie

Ellie and George's relationship was sweet and had an intensity that had me hanging on to every grunt and half smile. But them being together felt natural, like they were meant to be. Ellie only had eyes for George and he only had eyes for her. Experiencing all George's first with Ellie was beautiful. I was like a huge sap melting as he kissed and made love for the first time. His embarrassment, nervousness, growing confidence, and then smug satisfaction was damn sexy. I enjoyed watching George and Ellie fall in love. I enjoyed every single grunt, word, smile, and laugh that Ellie pulled out of George. It was cute the way George would pick her up all the time and carry her around like a little rag doll. I loved Lou, and Callum and Ellie's friend Chelsea. I also really liked Ellie's dad. My heart melted at Ellie at her father's relationship and his mental issues. I loved all the action and that ending. OMG that ending..... I was jumping up and down yelling OMG no way. Talk about a freakin "drive me crazy" cliffhanger. Thank God the cliffhanger was just about the plot and not the couple or I might have lost it, but now I have to wait to find out what happens next. While I wait I'm going back and reading the other books in this series. I would recommend this book to all my friends that love a little action with their love story, and sexy, alpha mountain men that only have eyes for one woman!

<http://jessicasoverthetopbookobsessio...>

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

This whole series is worth a read, if you haven't already checked them out. I love the author's style of writing and the way she builds on her characters. There is something so wholesome and charming about this close knit group of friends that pulls me in every time. The inside look into the search and rescue is also something I found myself completely captivated by. Gone Too Deep has humor, first love romance and the action and suspense is kicked up a notch.

Ellie is searching for her father after getting a disturbing phone call from him about bad people coming after him. With a history of mental illness, Ellie fears that his episodes are getting worse and being on a mountain

in the winter could end badly for him.

Being a city girl, Ellie doesn't know the first thing about hiking and the cabin where her father is headed is a three day journey on foot. Lucky for her, she meets Lou, who recommends the gentle giant that is George, as her guide. When George meets Ellie it's pretty much love at first sight for him. I loved this hero so much! I loved that he was a genuine mountain man, I loved that he was a man of few words (actions speaking louder than words was practically his life motto), I loved how he treated Ellie and how he was committed to taking care of her and keeping her safe, no matter what. He was a real life gentleman and he charmed me right along side Ellie.

This is another spectacular book in the series and I love being able to see the ongoing mystery play out. The author drops little hints and nuggets of information along the way and definitely kept me guessing. The only gripe I had with this was Ellie's WFT moment towards the end regarding Joseph.

Full disclosure here (aka ranting!), I'm being biased since I love Chris and didn't like that his relationship is still strained between George and Ellie in the last book. Supposedly both George and Ellie hold Chris responsible for Ellie getting ambushed at the cabin. I don't agree with their attitude and felt that Chris deserved less of the blame here. Yes, he messed up by taking the call when he should have been keeping an eye on Ellie but what was up with Ellie blindly trusting Joseph? This is the same guy who snuck into her room, almost sexually assaulted her and was always giving her bad vibes. Yet somehow, this guy that every one in town has at one time or another voiced warnings about, somehow, he warrants more trust and a second chance from her? Come on! Just because the guy is part of the search and rescue does not mean he isn't a skivvy jerk! When he shows up, I hate to admit it but Ellie has a TSTL moment by opting to trust this dirt bag. In my opinion, she messed up just as bad, if not worse, than Chris, by choosing to overlook the glaring warning signs about Joseph.

That right there kept me from completely loving Ellie. I liked her, she was a good character and she was perfect for George, but it rubbed me the wrong way that they both would still acted so reserved and never really addressed the issue with Chris. It just felt unresolved and reading the scene didn't really clarify or justify their attitude.

That being said, it was still a great read. George was really my favorite part of this :)

Memorable Moments:

Because George couldn't get any better right? The dude can play the guitar like a pro *swoons*

Also loved seeing Ian & Rory and Lou & Cal again (even if it was just a little bit here and there), and of course, Chris *sigh* missed Daisy, which might explain why I have the urge to re-read In Safe Hands again, Lol!

Would I recommend?

100% YES!

SAFETY INFO: (view spoiler)

Jo says

[especially with him being a virgin. And I'm very glad that he's such a fast learner ;-)) (hide spoiler)]

Cyndi says

This book is awesome! George is one of the best heroes ever!!! Ellie is a great heroine too! There is a suspense storyline too which is well written. I prefer more romance and less suspense, but I still loved it! The couple gets their HEA, but I wanted more. The suspense wasn't wrapped up so I hope to see more Ellie and George in future books!

Marta Cox says

If you enjoy suspense that keeps you guessing then this series is a must read. Add in the romance angle that pulls the stories together and it's easy to see why this author is gaining popularity, although I'm sure the hunks on her covers please many an eye!

This series vividly paints a picture of small town life in the often inhospitable Colorado Rocky mountains but it's the question of just who murdered the poor soul whose body was discovered in book one that titillates this readers interest but frankly the death seemed more like an execution! So I along with others whilst enjoying the romantic aspects keep a watchful eye out for clues.

Yes each book features a different couple so as a reader I thinking boy meets girl but this time it's more mountain picks up woman , literally! George has been a character quietly hugging the side lines but this time this taciturn seemingly grumpy male steps forward and it's about time if you ask me. If honest I wanted a tiny bit more about his background but can't fault the author on the delicious build up to the relationship. Ellie is without a doubt the polar opposite of gorgeous George. A city girl through and through and yet so full of gumption if a little lacking in practical knowledge . She is determined to find her father but doesn't think it through and arrives woefully unprepared but that's when the fun really begins. Persuading George to guide her proves surprisingly easy but their hike through rough terrain is anything but. I loved the adventure and how well it was described but best of all the interactions between our couple as Ellie interprets Georges way of grunting just had me smiling. In fact the whole opening up of George as Ellie both charmed and impressed him was truly a beautiful thing.

Now it is a suspense so there's always going to be danger and it is found in the most unexpected places. We know there's a killer on the loose but the ending just left me thinking how could it end like that? Whilst not the usual cliffhanger as there's a huge reveal there's not really an explanation , sigh. A sweet romance with captivating scenes of action and adventure as those mountains are brutal! Yes I'm hooked and so looking forward to the next book it's not real!

I was gifted a copy of this from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Dianne says

One demure city girl is ill-prepared for the mission she is determined to undertake to rescue her mentally disturbed father who is positive someone is out to kill him. In a remote Rocky Mountain town, Ellie sticks out like a sore thumb as she attempts to find a guide willing to take her into the snow covered wilderness. Only one man can do it, a silent giant of a man who rarely uses his words to get his point across. George is a true mountain man, a loner, a gentle soul in the body of a Goliath who is none too happy to take Ellie, but without him, she will surely die within six steps into the woods.

Two people as different as night and day, will face the deadly cold, deadly killers and the flames of hell together only to find the only common ground they need, love.

Katie Ruggles **Gone Too Deep** stars two completely adorable characters with hearts as big as the Rockies. The gregarious and feisty Ellie and the big teddy bear, George will leave smiles on your face and a sigh in your heart, while the evil they must live through will have you grinding your teeth. And Ellie's Dad? Guess you'll need to read it to find out what happened to him!

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