

BOOK REVIEW

Jake's Run Is Fun

By Sabrina Matteson

Jake's Run made me laugh right out loud. It seems that Jerome R. Mahoney is writing about MY New Hampshire neighbors! Mr. Mahoney writes about Vermonters from the fictional town of Woodbine, but these characters populate every town across New England.

Jake is Bingo Reilly's prized Hereford bull. The story of Jake's escape (caused by teen-aged human error) and adventures (caused by wild animals and much more human error) is both funny and accurate. Jake doesn't much care whose property he runs through or how much the rich suburbanites have paid for the perfect environment for their country event. The old phrase of "a bull in a China closet" does not do justice to this bovine on the run.

Not only do we get to know Bingo Reilly well, but we meet his friends and enemies, learn about dart tournaments, follow detailed plans for a rich-folks' wedding, hear about tricky land transactions and suffer the visit of the Woodbine delegation of the Worldwide Organization of Women to the town's Zoning Board meeting. We also get to know Jake and his slow bull-brain and what he makes of the chaotic events which surround his days on the lam.

I recommend Jake's Run to folks that want to read about their own crusty neighbors, whether they happen to be the yuppies or the old coots.

Jerome Mahoney lives in Enfield. If you want to buy local, he will sign books that sell through his own website and will dedicate and mail them as directed. The website is: www.jeromemahoney.com and the cost of book and shipping to your door is \$18.95. The book is also available at local bookstores and at amazon.com.

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