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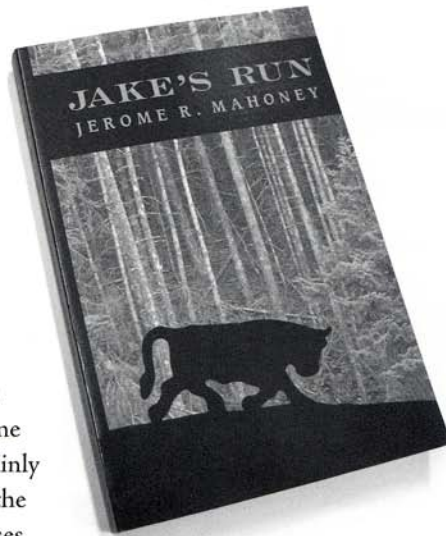
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Quick Looks

Jake's Run

Some people like change. But Bingo Reilly, a Woodbine, Vt., resident in Jerome R. Mahoney's new book *Jake's Run*, certainly does not like change. He likes Vermont the way it used to be: Farming on big expanses of land, drinking in the local pub with your friends, bumpy dirt roads that turn to mud in the spring. He can do without the trophy homes, the subdivisions, the increasing property taxes and all the other evils that flatlanders have brought to his hometown.

"Change is the subject of the book," says Mahoney, a 25-year resident of Woodstock, Vt., and a current resident of Enfield, N.H. "This could be any town, and that is what I am hearing from people who read the book. I love their reactions."

Mahoney, through Bingo Reilly and a cast of colorful characters, has captured the way change has come to many Vermont (and New Hampshire) towns. It's inevitable, and mostly ignorable, until a big bull named Jake gets loose and creates havoc across Woodbine, a town full of stereotypes from old-timer Bingo to activist Starlight Spotsworth to flatlander Frank Hickham. Then the differences become very real — especially to Bingo.

Mahoney self-published *Jake's Run*, and it is an outstanding novel for a first-time author. He doesn't come without writing experience — he was an editor and reporter for the English language newspaper *The San Juan Star* and worked in advertising and marketing — but it is his attention to the details of everyday life that make *Jake's Run* a great read. His characters are extremely likeable and, in many cases, you laugh out loud because that is something you've heard your neighbor or father-in-law say.

Jake's Run is \$14.95, and available at Borders in West Lebanon, N.H.; Dartmouth Bookstore in Hanover, N.H.; Norwich Bookstore in Norwich, Vt.; Booked Solid in Bradford, Vt.; and Shiretown Books in Woodstock, Vt. You can also order it online at www.jeromemahoney.com