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Readers loved Sarah Armstrong, the feisty and vulnerable profiler in Kathryn Casey's first mystery, *Singularity*. She's back in this second book in the series with her hands full with two cases at once: A persistent and potentially lethal stalker pursues pop mega-star Cassidy Collins, and a high-energy Houston businesswoman is found dead in her house.

Though the businesswoman's death is being called a suicide, when Sarah is shown photographs of the scene, something seems off. It looks too perfect, almost staged, and Billie Cox apparently had every reason to live. The victim's sister is convinced Billie was murdered and urges Sarah to take a closer look. During her investigation, Sarah uncovers a multimillion-dollar scam and traces a trail of greed to Billie's murderer.

Meanwhile, teenage idol Cassidy receives threatening e-mails and text messages and hears creepy whispers over her headset at performances. Cassie's next performance is at a Houston rodeo, for which her handlers request extra security. Sarah once again teams up with FBI agent David Garrity, and together they plot to outwit and capture the stalker, but at the concert the unthinkable happens. . . .

Kathryn Casey spins a tight plot with memorable characters and great action scenes, while paying close attention to Sarah's struggles as a widow and mother, to create a multilayered, exciting, and satisfying read.

Blood Lines Details

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Danie says

Not bad. And better than the first in a lot of ways I think. When a writer improves between books it is always a positive sign for the future. I look forward to more Sarah Armstrong offerings from Ms. Casey.

Dennis Fischman says

The author managed to bring back her winning character Sarah Armstrong, a profiler for the Texas Rangers, without doing another serial killer story. I appreciate that. I also appreciate that she introduces characters I think are just there to be colorful and they turn out to be integral to the plot. The mysteries she solves are not all that puzzling, however.

I'd like to see more of Sarah's mother in this series.

Susan says

Widowed Sarah Armstrong is a trained profiler and a Texas ranger who has spent the last year recuperating from a dangerous case. But even her protective teenaged daughter and her rancher mother know it's time for Sarah to go back to work. She immediately becomes involved in providing protection for a young singing star who's being stalked, but a grieving sister persuades her to look into a "suicide" that just might be murder.

Vicky says

Sarah Armstrong is recovering from the wounds she received in "Singularity." She is beginning to be anxious to be back at work as a Texas Ranger profiler. She agrees to come back part-time to work two cases: the suicide of Billie Cox, Houston oil woman and the stalking of Cassidy Collins, the new "IT" girl singer. Come to find out, Billie's suicide was actually a murder and Cassidy's stalker is getting closer and closer. Sarah's life is complicated by being a single mother. Her daughter's horse is getting ready to foal and develops a life-threatening bacterial infection. Sarah has to balance being there for Maggie and her horse, as well as the Cox family and Cassidy Collins. I enjoy this series because of its focus on Sarah's family life as well as her Ranger life. It is a good balancing act, well orchestrated.

Debbie Oxier says

I found this highly entertaining. Can I pinpoint one thing that made it that way for me? No, it was a combination of things like author's writing style, snappy dialogue, and I just plain like the main character. Sarah Armstrong is a Texas Ranger, a profiler, a mom, a daughter, and a rancher, all rolled into one. She lives on the ranch with her mother and daughter, Maggie. Sarah's husband, Bill, was killed in a car accident.

Sarah is currently working on a couple of cases. Pop mega-star, teenager, Cassie Collins, has a stalker whose threats keep escalating. When he somehow finds a way to talk to her through her headset, onstage, Cassie is freaked out to the point she demands Sarah be the one to find him and stop him. Sarah figures the best thing, for now, is to hide Cassie away on her ranch where no one will look for her, including her own manager and crew. Cassie, being a typical cocky, bratty, little teenager balks at the idea - until Sarah turns and walks away. Cassie's fear overpowering all other emotions, makes it easy to give in to Sarah's demands. It actually turns out to be a good thing for all involved.

While Cassie is well guarded at the ranch, Sarah is free to work her other case as well. Billie Cox, an oil company exec and wealthy Texas businesswoman, is found dead in what appears to be a suicide. Sarah isn't buying it. The crime scene is too neatly staged. The gun isn't where it should be if Billie pulled the trigger and the point of entry doesn't jive, again if Billie pulled the trigger. Now Sarah has to find out who murdered her and why.

Like I said, I really enjoyed this. I didn't want to put it down and look forward to reading more of this author's work.

Cactuskid says

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A Texas Ranger (she) investigates two things, a suicide that the woman's sister says was not at all possible and a bratty teenage singer that is being harrassed and stocked with threats of killing her. The Ranger has a mother & daughter and they all live on a horse ranch. A pretty good story.

SouthWestZippy says

Sarah Armstrong is back and in full action trying solve two cases. First one is about a the death of a business woman. Second is about the stalking of a teenager singer. Kathryn does a wonderful job balancing Sarah's work and home life relationships.

Judith Teggelaar says

An excellent thriller. Sarah Armstrong, Texas Ranger, is a very likeable character. She is also smart, courageous and savvy. In this story, after an over extended break, she handles 2 jobs at the same time. Both keep the reader guessing and make the book hard to put down.

Marianne Stehr says

Another enjoying installment in Sarah Armstrong's life. It was hard to remember the first book, which made it a little difficult to get into this one, but once it got going and the memories come back it is a thrilling roller coaster ride.

Pr Latta says

Casey's second in the Sarah Armstrong (Texas Ranger) mystery series would have been enhanced by a clever summary of the first title in the series. There were many references to events in that book that were never explained yet were important to this plot. Uncharacteristically for me, I spent a lot of time wondering "is this the murderer?," "have I figured it all already?" But I enjoyed the writing, Sarah/David/Maggie/Gram characters, and the Texas city/ranch sense of place and will read #3.

Edb says

A very good mystery book.

April says**Worth the read...**

Not quite as fast paced as the last book but still keeps you guessing. The two story lines crossing is sometimes difficult to keep straight but the characters are still interesting and engaging.

Kenleta Pokorski says**Great 2nd book!**

I love how it kept us on edge all thru the book.
Could hardly put it down. Yay! Will read again

Roger says

An entertaining book, second in series of lady Texas Ranger. I would recommend.

MELISSA says**Another enjoyable whodunit.**

Texas Ranger Sarah Armstrong takes on two cases: a suicide (or not) and a celebrity being stalked. A good page turner with action and some suspense. I liked working out details of both cases following along with Sarah. Not so hot on the heroine always getting hurt or her family in danger. Not necessary to the story,

really. Seems a bit over the top. Still enjoyed the read, however.
