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A Fresh Start

After the loss of his family in a tragic accident, Ryan Malloy has been given one last chance to change his life. His boss sends him to Flagman's Folly, New Mexico, to run his ranch, but unfortunately, Ryan's troubled attitude lands him in hot water with the locals, especially the ranch's manager, Lianne Ward.

Deaf since birth, Lianne has never let her disability define who she is. But, she's yet to meet a man who treats her as an equal. Ryan seems different...that is, when they're not butting heads over the ranch's new school for disadvantaged boys.

Forced to work together, Lianne and Ryan discover an unexpected attraction beneath their quarreling. But will Ryan's painful past drive them apart...permanently?

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Peggy Clayton says

I really liked it this was about a rancher who had some luggage that he was taking to Flagman's Folly and on the way had a almost when he about to hit a girl with a disability and then he gets to the ranch. Low and behold Lianne the ranch's manager also has the same disability and the 2 of them try to work out his past and her problem.

Judy Evenson says

A fluffy story and nice story for vacation or a boring evening at home.

Sarah says

There was too much going on here, the narrative was disjointed, and the characters were 2-dimensional. At times, the rancher (of the title) was distraught by losing his wife & child in an accident, but then on the next page, he was thinking about his attraction to his co-worker. It was a touch bizarre.

Stephanie (Once Upon a Chapter) says

Really a 2.5.

I have read all of Barbara White Daille's previous Flagman Folly books and enjoyed each and every one of them. Naturally I jumped at the chance to read the newest addition when I was contacted about it. Both leads have their own issues to work through; Ryan has lost his wife and young child in a car accident and Lianne has been deaf since the day she was born. Read the rest at Once Upon a Chapter.

Chastity says

Loved this book.

Bonnie says

Rancher At Risk was a very good book. Ryan had lost his son and wife a year ago in a car accident. He hasn't recovered from it. He is mad at everybody. His boss sends him from his Montana Ranch to one he owns in New Mexico. Lianne is in charge of running the set up for a boys camp. the construction and all. Ryan is in charge of the horses and that type ranch business. Lianne is deaf and a independent woman. Ryan

tries to be in control. They end up falling in love. A very good story line.

Kym McNabney says

As an aspiring author and Christian, it is my goal to not lash out at authors. Today's world screams the opposite of what I was taught as a child, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." For too many, they don't seem to realize there's a human behind the words that lay on the pages of a book. However, I do believe that constructive criticism, with a careful choice of words, can be helpful. I also realize writing is subjective. I review because I like to share with others my thoughts and feelings so they may enjoy something as much as I may have, or steer them away from what might not appeal to them as well.

The RANCHER AT RISK by BARBARA WHITE DAILLE did exactly what it was suppose to do. It caught my attention on the shelf at the store. I mean, what cowboy-loving girl could resist the cover, let alone the title? After reading the back cover and the first page, I was convinced I needed yet another book, and headed to the checkout.

As I sat in the waiting room for an appointment and read, I jolted. What? A swear word! Oh, yeah, I'm not reading Christian fiction. It's been a long time since I've read a book from "Harlequin" that wasn't Inspirational, so long I'd forgotten the familiar size paperback in my hand was secular, which could be in part why I wasn't able to fully engage in the story.

At page 80 I made the difficult decision to stop reading. Not that the writing wasn't good, because it was fine. Not even because there was too much foul language, but rather because I wasn't able to connect with the characters.

I really loved the concept/storyline (The final decision maker to purchase the book.), but there just seemed to be something missing. For me it was the deep point of view. What there was of it, seemed to be surface and repetitive. I admit when I got to the part where the hero was eyeing up and down the heroine, I started to wonder what I got myself into. I'm not a prude, yet being a Christian fiction fan, I've grown to love a great story/romance without the need for explicit scenes and bad language. To be fair, the swearing was kept to a minimal and a better choice of words then the author could have gone with. I appreciated her selection in words and that the cowboy used them, and thus far, the heroine had not, identifying their character traits. I had not read far enough to see how far MS WHITE DAILLE had taken the romance aspect.

I think for the most part, I will stick with my Christian fiction.

Spinneretta says

A well written romance.

Susan says

Very good book. Ryan has been living on the edge for the past year, ever since the deaths of his wife and son in an accident. He has been getting angrier and angrier over their loss and the fact that there were no answers as to how it had happened. It created a need in him to control everything and this bled over into his work. His boss has sent him to Flagman's Folly to run the ranch there, getting him away from his memories and giving him a chance for a fresh start. But on the way into town he has a confrontation with a woman about a child that ran into the road. This gets him off on the wrong foot with several locals including Lianne, the woman in question. It turns out that she's the manager in charge of getting the school for disadvantaged boys set up. What he doesn't know until after they've worked together for awhile is that Lianne is deaf. While he's sure that she knows her job, he looks on his new position as a test by his boss to see if Ryan can handle the job. Therefore, Ryan plans to oversee every little thing to make sure that nothing goes wrong on his watch. At first, all the interactions between him and Lianne end in quarrels. But it's not long before that heat has taken a different direction. There's so much about Lianne that appeals to him and being around her is easing his pain, but he's not sure he can open himself up to more loss. Plus, his need to control everything runs up against Lianne's need for independence. I felt so bad for Ryan's pain and the trouble he was having dealing with it. He was so worried about making sure that everything went perfectly that he couldn't see what his attitude was doing to Lianne. I loved seeing the way that he finally saw what he was doing and moved to fix it. I really liked his explanation of his feelings and his attitude.

Lianne had recently ended a long relationship with a man she thought was the one. Until she discovered that he had no confidence in her abilities to care for herself or exist without his help. This caused her to doubt her own judgment when it came to relationships, and even worked on her self confidence in her work. She has never allowed her deafness to slow her down, finding ways to adapt her activities if she needed to. She is very happy to have the opportunity to supervise the establishment of the new school. Everything is going great until Ryan shows up. She can see the doubts that he has and it does nothing for her confidence. She hates having to report every little thing to him. The attraction between them isn't doing her any good either. But the more time they have to spend together, the easier it gets. Lianne starts feeling that maybe he's finally coming to accept that she doesn't need to be protected all the time and that there might be hope for a future together. She's heartbroken when she finds him doing something that she sees as just another indication of a man who doesn't think she can handle her job. I loved Lianne's independence and determination to live her life to the fullest. She tries not to let anything stop her from doing what she wants to do. There were times that she may have been too independent, when it would have hurt to let Ryan help her, but I could see that she was still trying to recover from being hurt before. I liked the way that she was able to explain her feelings to Ryan.

Harlequin Books says

"As the hero learns to accept not only the heroine's limitations, but her ability to cope, their story beautifully illustrates the difficulty of being deaf in a hearing world". (RT Book Reviews, rated 4 stars)

Yazmin says

In *Rancher at Risk* by Barbara White Daille, Ryan Malloy has been having a tough time since he loss of his wife and son. After he took things too far one last time his boss has decided to send him to Flagman's Folly,

New Mexico. Unfortunately, his bad attitude lands him in hot water as soon as he arrives in town with one of the locals.

Lianne Ward has been deaf since birth, but she has not let her disability define her. Now she is back in her hometown to rebuild her life and prove to her ex that she can definitely make it on her own. When her niece runs into the street chasing after her dog and is almost run over by a car, Lianne has to explain to her why she should not run into the street again. What she cannot stand is the attitude of the cowboy who decides to start judging them and calls her a drunk. [Read More...](#)

Kate says

Good book, kinda wished it was longer so that things could develop more slowly.

Summer says

Anyone with narrow-minded stereotypical ideas of Harlequin romance novels would probably think a deaf heroine means she's some helpless damsel in distress in need of a man to save her, but Lianne isn't anything like that, she's the kind of woman we should all hope to be, capable of anything she puts her mind to, while demanding respect and equality from her guy.

Lianne, with her strong will, and even stronger heart, is just who rancher Ryan needs to challenge him to move on from a terrible tragedy, to get him to accept that he can't control everything and everyone around him.

There's a genuinely sweet vibe to this couple's chemistry even when they're at odds with one another, and a lovely sense of small town warmth from the supporting characters; though easily my favorite aspect of *Rancher at Risk* was how the author handled Lianne's deafness with such care, always mindful of things like whether Lianne would be able to read another character's lips in a given moment. Lianne was brought to life so thoughtfully, seemingly no detail overlooked, with every obstacle big or small that she would face in day to day life, but never ever presenting her as someone to be pitied.

I loved how this story gave insight into a deaf person's world, while at the same time conveying that where it matters - at heart - she's just like anyone else.

Connie Brown says

Barbara White Daille has written an unusual book. I knew it was a romance to begin with so I figured it would end in a couple getting together. This book has several unusual elements in it that you sometime wonder who will come out together. I loved the characters of Lianne and Ryan. Lianne's disability causes some problems but her caring about the boys and her strengths show she is a woman to be reckoned with. I loved the conflict written in and the resolution of the story. The support characters were a wonderful addition and not a distraction. The back of the book says *A fresh start and this is a fresh book. Look for the twists and turns as they are able to keep you on your toes.*

