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New York City Lawyer Garret Ryder takes the law into his own hands when a vicious killer gets away with murdering his family. Nothing will stop him from delivering the justice denied him by the law he vowed to uphold. But when the killer kidnaps a judge's daughter, his childhood sweetheart, he must decide if any price is too high to exact revenge.

San Antonio socialite Sophia Maria Osbourne doesn't trust easily. With a dirty politician and a blackmailing judge for a father, she learned not to rely on anyone but herself. But when her father's shady dealings lead to her kidnapping, she must place her faith in the man who stole her heart long ago, if she hopes to survive.

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Carrie says

The historical romance series *Devil Ryder* begins with *The Devil's Daughter* and continues in *The Devil's Defiance*.

In *The Devil's Daughter*, Blaze Marie Austin is an outlaw with a past. She is working on the Broken Circle, the ranch owned by James Ryder and his sons. The relationship between Ryder and his sons is strained at best, but Blaze feels that she owes James her life and stays on, hiding her past and trying to help him catch the rustlers that are plaguing his cattle herds. Warren, the eldest, suspects Blaze of being part of the problem, but Blaze's real fight is with Gade. A bounty hunter and the second son, his history with his family sent him running, and he's come back for what he swears is the last time to help save the ranch. Sparks fly rather predictably between Gade and Blaze.

In *The Devil's Defiance* we focus on the youngest Ryder brother, Garrett and his romance with Sophia Maria Osbourne, daughter of a corrupt judge. We pick up where the first book left off, with the villain in custody and Garrett in charge of both delivering him to San Antonio to stand trial and acting as the prosecuting lawyer. But when the villain escapes, and takes the judge's daughter with him, Garrett gives chase, determined to bring him to justice and save his childhood sweetheart. If by childhood sweetheart you mean that girl he kissed one time when he was 12.

While *The Devil's Daughter* is slightly better than *Devil's Defiance*, both of them suffer from the same problems. There are original ideas, but they are difficult to find in the mess that makes up the bulk of the story. The heroines even share their middle name.

The books could definitely use some editing. They are weighed down by the tropes that plague many romance authors. The characters act in ways that make no sense – including going on

pointless side trips that take you away from the action. There are interesting moments, but they are lost in the mess of poorly thought out motivations. Attempts to prolong the tension between characters leave you floundering as you feel like you've missed a major plot point. Even the love scenes are awkward and poorly timed, or perhaps I simply don't understand the romance of sexing it up in a stream where someone may try to shoot me at an..ahem...vulnerable moment.

There were glimmers of potential here. The books are not a slog – they go down easy and are fast paced. While I did not especially enjoy these two books, I feel like I would give the author another shot. Better editing, both in terms of streamlining the plot and watching for typos would go a long ways towards setting these books on the right track.

Teresa Jones says

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After just adoring the first book of this series “The Devil’s Daughter”, I couldn't wait to follow the Ryder family into another adventure to see what else the author would bring to the table. In this book we follow Garrett the middle son featured in The Devil’s Daughter on his journey for revenge and the people that come into his life along the way. There is so much going on in this book it had my attention from the start!

Garrett is as comfortable in the big city as he is in the saddle and must take all his knowledge along with him on this adventure. He must choose between following the law that had been his life, or taking matters into his own hands to accomplish his goal.

In addition to Garrett’s struggle, throw in the love of his life for a beautiful dash of romance along with the continuation of the incredibly dysfunctional Ryder brothers, who completely loathe each other, but always have each other’s backs when the chips are on the table.

From New York to the old west, wrong and right, friend or foe and love or hate, the Ryder family is off on another adventure that I think you all will enjoy immensely! I am looking forward to the next book in this series, as well as reading many more books by this author
