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Jamie says

My first experience with Henderson was with one of her more recent novels (from 2012) and then a couple other recent ones. I have to admit, I haven't been a fan. But. So many people have mentioned the O'Malley series and that they are her best. A friend from book club let me borrow her copies, so I thought I would give it a try, but y'all, I'm thinking Dee's books are just not be for me. This one had too many unbelievable pieces to make it believable, many things that happened were a bit much and while I do enjoy a faith thread, this wasn't natural to me.

Since this is the sequel, I'm still going to give #1 in the series a try.

Andrea Cox says

by Andrea Renee Cox

Fear. It's a driving force that freezes us in our tracks. I've experienced it in several different ways in my life, and I'm guessing you have too. But what would it be like to live in constant fear for your life?

Danger in the Shadows tells the story of a woman who was held captive for years by the fear that her sister's killer would come back for her. Sara longs for freedom, but her past demands tight security surround her at all times. When she finds herself stuck in an elevator with a high-profile former football player, her world gets rocked in more than one way. She expected the increase in her protective detail, as stifling as it is, but she didn't expect love to come knocking on her door. The only problem is this love comes with the limelight and media attention she's skirted around her entire life. Will she be willing to risk her safety to pursue a future she had given up hope of having?

This book is the prequel (one of two prequels now; Jennifer is the second) to Dee Henderson's O'Malley Chronicles, my favorite book series. This is the third time I've read this one, and it never gets old. Oh sure, writing has changed over the years. The book is dated by its style and word choices. But a story about a woman trying to overcome fear is pretty timeless, if you ask me. Almost every woman in every generation faces it at one point or another. I love Sara's journey to finding peace and learning to trust in God. It's not an easy one, given what her past is (and you'll have to read the book to learn all the details). But it just goes to show you how much God cares about all the intricacies of our lives and how He's with us especially in our darkest days. I love that. And I long to grow closer and closer to Him each day He blesses me with.

If you haven't yet read the O'Malley Chronicles, I highly recommend them, and you should begin with Danger in the Shadows. Come fall in love with some of my favorite literary characters.

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Review of the audio book

Dee Henderson has been one of my daughter's favorite authors for a very long time, but I had never had any

interest in reading her stories. A few days ago I noticed I had this book on my audible shelves and decided to give it a listen.

I'm glad I did!

Ms. Henderson is a popular Christian Romantic Suspense author whose stories are part thriller, part mystery, part romance, and always inspirational. She takes the readers deep inside the minds of the "victim" and/or the lead characters, allowing us to watch them rely on their faith in God to help them through whatever it is they're facing.

Danger in the Shadows is a poignant tale of one woman's life in hiding, running from a deranged man who killed her twin sister when they were just little girls. The memories of that time, the survivors' guilt, and putting her trust in God to see her through is a huge part of the story, along with her fighting her growing feelings for Adam, a man who refuses to let her battle her demons alone.

All in all this is a great story! The narrator's voice is rich, deep, and captivating. I'm often thrown off kilter by a male giving voice to a female character. Even though Tom Stechschulte's deep voice did take a bit of time getting used to, I'll definitely be looking for more audio books by this talented narrator, as well as more stories by Dee Henderson.

Emily Wiebe says

"If you read this book," he said, "you have to list it on Goodreads. Think long and hard about that."

So JD, here I am being transparent. But golly! I just needed something brainless that wasn't the television.

~Megan~ says

I loved the O'Malley series by Dee Henderson so very much, but I never read the prequel about Sara (Dave's sister) and Adam. I'm so glad I chose this one for one of my challenges this month.

Sometimes it's nice to read a story where I don't have to substitute words in my head for every bad word I read, and when people say God, they are actually talking to GOD. I love Dee Henderson's books because she takes Christian principles and places them so perfectly within really great stories about regular people going through intense situations. Faith is a big theme in her books and a big theme in every Christian's walk.

Sara was tortured and hunted, and never believed she would have a normal life. Adam was a dream come true, and so wonderfully willing to do whatever he could to help Sara. He was unselfish enough to put her first, which can be a hard thing to do.

A must-read for anyone who enjoys Christian romance.

Sarah says

It has been to long since I read a Deen Henderson book. I picked this one up last night, telling myself I

would only read the first couple of chapters...

I finished the book and 12:30 a.m. if you were wondering.

Kelly Aley says

Well, this book was fairly painful to read. I don't know what it is about "Christian" books that make them synonymous with "poor writing," but this book does nothing to break the stereotype. Here are some examples p 73 "The reception area was a profusion of flowers and fauna." Did the author not know that fauna refer to wildlife of which there was none in this particular office area? Or what about the tedious types of sentences like this one on page 170 "The oven timer went off. Sara helped set the table. The pizza was delicious." Really? Did her high school English teacher never talk to her about sentence length variation? What about the lessons where each sentence moves the story forward in some way? Ugh. This book could have used much tighter editing. There was so much repetition with no movement. Bleh. The romance was strange too. What about this character was attractive? She was crying for over half of the book. I get that she suffered trauma, etc, but the general premise that an entire team of FBI agents would be assigned to keep one citizen alive was silly. She should have been paying for private body guards or something. I hope my tax dollars aren't being wasted like this. Well, I read this because a co-worker suggested it, she is now off of my list of people who I trust for book recommendations.

Notbagels says

I really liked this book, but I have one SERIOUS qualm with it. The author must have done a lot of research about childhood trauma and PTSD, because Sara's response to her situation seems relatively realistic. BUT! Near the beginning of the book, Adam--a man she just met a day or two ago--tries to comfort her with a hug, she recoils, and he HOLDS ON. When she says, "I don't want this," he says, "Tough. You need this," and holds her until she relaxes. THIS IS NOT OKAY. Maybe it's the hyper-awareness of PTSD and trauma victims these days (Henderson is writing in the late 90s and cultural attitudes have changed quite a bit since then). But. No. It's not okay to touch a trauma victim without permission. It's not okay to disregard her verbal expression of discomfort. It's not okay with any woman, but it was especially glaring in that situation. Henderson wanted us to see Adam as chivalrous and breaking down her walls and all of that, but all I saw was a well-intentioned but heavy-handed jerk. The rest of the book is fine, and he's a good guy otherwise--very attentive and considerate. So I'm thinking this is the author's misunderstanding of trauma, not an actual character flaw.

Other than that very small scene, the book was excellent and I enjoyed it a lot.

Lydia says

It was simply boring and ridiculous. I think the protagonist is supposed to be Sara, but Dave and Adam make all the decisions about her life, and we get very little insight from Sara herself. It seems like the novel inadvertently perpetuated stereotypes about men and women relationships, and about men and women in general, stereotypes that are not close to reality or empowering. Sara's relationship with God seemed completely forced - it wasn't until 4/5 of the way through the book that it even gets mentioned in any depth. The relationship between Adam and Sarah also seems skimpy - he met her in an elevator and basically stalks

her just like the creepy guy does, pursuing her until she gives in. Nothing about the relationship between Sarah and Adam show any depth - they watched movies on a couch? they put their head on each other's shoulders? It is not long before they jump to assumptions about marriage and having babies. This novel lacks the dialogue to make these exchanges believable; the reader gets a lot of "this character is thinking this" and plot narration, but no real believable interaction between the characters at the most important and crucial parts.

I don't usually write reviews, but this novel was just that bad - I've read over 400, and only about 5 earn a score of 1 star. I really hope this was a starter novel for this writer.

CarolynB says

I've been aware of the O'Malley series for years—I even own the books, but I have never felt compelled to read them. So, I decided to read the prequel. It's good, intense, and believable. I enjoyed the characters and the plot. However, I have yet to figure out how this book relates to the seven O'Malleys. I guess I'll have to read more to find out...

Lorraine says

SUMMARY: Sara is terrified. She's doing the one thing she cannot afford to do: fall in love with former pro-football player Adam Black, a man everyone knows. Sara's been hidden away in the witness protection program, her safety dependent on staying invisible—and loving Adam could get her killed!

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REVIEW: Dee Henderson always manages to keep you riveted to her suspense novels, and she has once again done this with *Danger in the Shadows*. Her suspense starts with page 1 and doesn't finish until the end of the book. The terror is subtle but you can feel it through every situation. Her characters are well developed with both strengths, weaknesses and individual personalities. You can't help but sympathize with Sara's terrifying situation and root for Adam as he deals with all the complications of Sara's past. Dave is such a support as her brother and their relationship is so sweet. The theological theme of trusting God versus overwhelming "real" fear is well done. Once again Henderson pens a great suspense novel.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "The man who still stalked her would probably be surprised to learn his victim now pitied him more than hated him. God had been good to her in that respect. What hatred had festered, God had lanced early."

"I want vengeance, Lord. I'll have to settle for justice."

"That's how I have to live my life. One day at a time. I can cope, as long as I never let the big picture overwhelm me."

Amanda Nemec says

This book was painful to get through. The characters were completely unbelievable (a totally chaste former NFL superstar? a woman with a stalker who gets the highest of FBI security her whole life, including her brother who is the head of her detail? as if the FBI would do that.), and so are their interactions with each other, which were a snooze fest. The book is one long whine by the main character about how restricted her life is, and it's full of repeated conversations between her and her love interest about how they shouldn't be together. The book is so full of awkward religious references that are in no way seamlessly integrated into the story. I believe this is my fault, though, as I didn't realize it was labeled as Christian Fiction or I would have expected it. That said, I think the references should have been integrated much more skillfully for them to work.

By halfway through I was skipping whole pages just to get to the end. And then the end was ridiculous. If a friend of mine completely hijacked the wedding that I dreamed about and planned so that she could get married at the SAME TIME, I would be LIVID. That's not a happy ending in my book. Also, the main character seems to find it charming that her love interest is completely pushing her to have kids, when she has a perfectly good, well thought-out reason for not having them. Ridiculous, the whole thing. I'm pissed it cost me \$10 on my Kindle. Wish I could return it.

Mrs. Badass says

2.75-3 Stars. I didn't love it, I didn't hate it. I'm not a religious person persay. I believe in something higher, but at this point in my life I am not sure what it is. I question why we are here. What is the point of the human race. What happens when you die. Questions like that, but I have a hard time with one person being the "be all, end all". Now that that is out of the way, Sara and Adam were likable enough. I would have liked to know a bit more about what Sara endured during her captivity, and it the story felt off in a way of Suspense. We never see the Villain. The readers only here about him. We hear what he did in the past, how he has sent her things to torment her in the 25 years since his kidnapping of her and her twin sister Kim. It didn't feel suspensful to me. I enjoyed Adam, but at times I didn't feel the love between them, mostly because all I saw were a few touches, a few stolen kisses, over months. Now, that may make me weird, needing more romance in my stories, and maybe I should have faith that they really do love each other, despite them not ever having alone time.

One question I ask myself, and this comes from reading many romance and suspense books, not christian books, is are they both virgins? I hope the wedding night is good :P

It felt like something was missing from the story. For me.

It did pick up towards the end, and we finally meet the nasty, vile Villain. But it was a page. A Page!

I'm glad it was a free book. I wouldn't have read it otherwise. Altho I will pass the book along to my mom and aunt. Who are both more religious that I am at current.

Joleen says

Love Dee Henderson!

That was my entire review for the first time I read this book in 2010. But I have no recollection of the story nor the review. "Rereading" it now, August 2018 and it is like a new book to me! I'm loving it! So far this is my favorite of this series. It's a prequel, but I haven't seen any of the O'Malley clan...all different characters.

Review in a couple days when I've finished it.

Just finished it and it still didn't sound familiar to me. Complete blank. I finally did see some characters from another book. Dave in this book, Sara's brother, was the love interest for Kate in *The Negotiator*, but none of the O'Malley's (for which the series is named) are mentioned, which I thought was interesting, since it's a prequel to the O'Malley's. Ah well...

So, now I see why it was a 5-star review for me. This was terrific.

At six years old, Sara and her twin sister were kidnapped for an extremely high ransom. The experience was so horrific for this little girl that she didn't speak for over 2 years after her return. Only one of her captors was caught but for 25 years the other abductor, still on the loose, has been taunting her with packages sent to her father, an ambassador in England, making her life very hard, with armed guards around her all the time.

Sara meets Adam Black, an ex-football star, in an elevator during a storm. Because of her abduction years before, she has a melt down when the electricity goes out, the elevator stops, and they are both in the dark. He helps her through her the panic attack, later realizing this is a woman he wants to get to know. But she can't be in the lime light, which he always is. She can't be seen in any publication since she must be anonymous to keep the abductor from finding her. Adam doesn't know anything about her, the fact that she has a famous father, an FBI agent brother who has been protecting her for over two decades, and that he can never have a normal life with her if he were to pursue it.

As in all Dee Henderson's mystery and suspense books, this has plenty of action mixed in with romance. Very good book. This is my favorite of the series, but I still have two more to go.

Linda says

How has this author written so many books and I have never heard of her???? A friend lent me this book (as well as the whole O'Malley series) and I could NOT put it down. I read the whole book in a day. My friend characterized it as a Thriller/Romance book. I would call it Thriller for sure, but it was so much more---mystery and crime and living a life of faith applied. As for romance, it's true romance without the steamy scenes (which I appreciated!) So, here's the ridiculously brief synopsis.....A young woman with a very mysterious past meets a handsome retired athlete in an elevator. There is attraction, but due to her mysterious past--something dramatic and traumatic--she is unable/unwilling to even give him a chance to get to know her. He persists---natch! We gradually find out what the mysterious past involved, why she continues to live with constant FBI protection and eventually, the mystery stalker resurfaces. Great read! I'm looking forward to continuing reading the rest of the series.

Diane U says

Sara lived in a world with constant security around her. She was being protected from the kidnapper who took

her and her twin sister Kim 25 years ago. This man has been in contact with her and invades her privacy causing her to relocate frequently. One day, she meets Adam Black, a handsome retired football player, in an elevator where they get stuck together and alone. Their lives crossed paths for a reason and things will never be the same. Sara is selective at revealing the secrets of her past to Adam as she does not want him to get caught up in the troubles of her life. Thankfully Adam is persistent and slowly moves his way into her life and eventually her heart.

This was a great story that was recommended to me by a friend at work. It just happened to be a Kindle freebie in December so it was worth a try. I feel in love with the characters immediately and I felt connected to them. I have already purchased the first book of The O'Malley series by Dee Henderson called The Negotiator. I am happy that I discovered this Christian fiction author and I am looking forward to reading more from her soon!

Pauline says

My mom told me years ago that her friend's daughter wrote books and gave me one to read. Her friend's daughter was Dee Henderson. Over the years, I've read most of Dee's books and have decided to start rereading them. Her novels aren't the squeaky clean, perfect characterized, sugary, romance novels some Christian women authors write that I just can't stomach. They are in depth novels you want read almost in one sitting, and yes, even reread. I like the fact that the romance thread is there but isn't the front line story, usually it comes in as the undercurrent to an intense story. In *Danger in the Shadows*, she takes the themes of a child's kidnapping & living in a life of fear and weaves in trusting the Lord and what it really means to do this when times are not smooth. I found heart-pounding moments, tearful moments, and joyful moments while walking through the lives of Sara, Dave and Adam. I wish I could sit down with Dee and ask about her motivation and interest in writing novels about people in law enforcement. I bet there is a good story there, as well. If you haven't read Henderson's books--start today. You'll thank me for the recommendation, won't want to put them down, and will keep reading until all her books are on your shelf.

TC says

This was a recommendation from a good friend. The protagonist is basically in constant hiding as in a sort of witness protection because she and her twin were abducted as children and held for ransom. Her sister died. The man who took them has hunted her since childhood, leaving notes and presents on holidays and birthdays. Her brother works for the FBI or something, so they have a ton of secret service men at their disposal all the time. A little into the book you learn that she is an ambassador's daughter, which explains all the special attention. She is also a gifted artist, a children's book author and illustrator, and a believer in Jesus. Of course, she's also wealthy if not rich. She gets stuck on the elevator with an ex-pro football player whose office is in the same downtown Chicago building hers are in and the stage is set for romance because she has a very bad panic attack/flashback to her days of being held hostage by her abductor.

I read this book while in the hospital and enjoyed having something else to think about, but I can't say it was a life-changer. This is a Christian Romance, and everything went well for everyone: 1. Private jets when needed. 2. Instant, fresh, change of clothes on demand. 3. Fancy surprise wedding at the end of the book.

It was hard to believe, but I do appreciate that it didn't trash talk and wasn't violent.

Amanda says

This is my kind of Christian Fiction. I love that this book has flawed characters who can own their mistakes and occasionally struggle with their faith in a very realistic way. The mystery/suspense elements are pretty good too. It was every bit as good on a second read through as it was the first.

Sherry Fundin says

Are you afraid of the dark?

Sara is terrified!

The suspense is high from the opening pages of Dangers in the Shadow by Dee Henderson. Romance is budding...and the mystery of her stalker hangs over her head.

Imagine...security, changing your routines every time you walk out the door, constantly looking over your shoulder, wondering if today would be the day...

Dee Henderson's writing makes me able to see and feel Sara's terror. I love that she also writes lovely picture books for children and is a bestselling author for novels of murdered children. I think it shows her wonderful ability to shift focus from the good to the bad.

Dangers in the Shadows is an inspirational suspense novel that did it's job well. I kept waiting for IT to happen. I know it has to!

The romance was slow to develop, just like most real life instances. This read as if it could be a true story and if you are a suspense/thriller lover, like me, you won't want to miss Danger in the Shadows by Dee Henderson.

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