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Of the lot, this man was still her best bet. He not only looked the most inebriated, but the most disreputable – lean and hungry and totally without principle. Once he was sober, he would no doubt be easy to buy.

“Sister” Kerry Bishop got more than she bargained for when she entered the seedy bar seeking the services of a man, more particularly a mercenary. Linc O’Neal wasn’t the soldier of fortune Kerry mistook him for...but he proved to be just as dangerous and twice as unscrupulous.

Linc agrees to help Kerry rescue a group of children from a ruthless dictator, but his motivation is far from noble. If they survive what appears to be a suicide mission, he plans to take Kerry’s promised fifty thousand dollars—in addition to her body—which she provocatively advertised in order to trick him, then withheld.

With innocent lives at stake, malevolence and distrust all around, and forbidden desire simmering between them, the steamy atmosphere surrounding Kerry and Linc has little to do with the jungle they must penetrate. Struggling against all odds to stay alive, they discover that their real challenge is to fight the devil within.

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Cheri says

I never read the Led Astray because it did not really interest me. You don't actually have to read #1 to understand this book. I liked it but did not love it. An older release for SB and not much mystery to it. I liked the H&h together after all was said and done. Linc was brash and rude but he grew on me. I always enjoy a HEA :)

Saly says

The Devil's Own started out really well, set in Montenegro where Kerry Bishop walks into a bar having stolen a truck, to find the most down on luck guy and then pay him to help her, she finds one drinking away merrily and his bags convince her he is a mercenary, so despite his refusal, she makes use of her dress and in the role of a prostitute convinces him to come with her. Then she takes away his weapons so that he doesn't attack her once he is awake.

Linc O'Neal gets up to find that he has missed his flight from the hell-hole that he worked hard to get out of and that the woman he came with is no whore and instead thinks he's a mercenary. He quickly sets her straight, he's an award winning photojournalist but no humanitarian. Kerry destroys his reels, she's desperate, she works for the Hendren foundation and needs to escort nine orphans through a terrain filled with rebels and onto US soil.

After this the book went down-hill for me, Kerry acted all haughty despite forcing Linc to help her, she even pretends to be a nun so that he doesn't try and get her into bed. They have some harrowing times but get back to US.

I just didn't care for both of them. Kerry grew up privileged with a father who turned out to be corrupt. Then of course there is a forced seduction once Linc found out the truth, there were never any loving or tender feeling between them and I had a hard time buying the HEA.

The best part was seeing Cage and Jenny again.

MBR says

4 Stars Romantic Suspense

Wow!!! That was exactly what I was looking for when I chose to re-read this oldie goody from Sandra Brown wrote under her pseudonym Erin St. Claire. Sandra Brown's earlier books deliver in spades on what I look for when I read romances. She gives me exactly what I need with her larger than life, tortured and hot as sin heroes and delivers on all fronts with the right kind of heroine to bring down the hero to his knees. I just love her older books and get my fix now and then to balance things along in my world of romancelandia.

The Devil's Own is book 2 in the Hell Raisers series book 1 of which is Led Astray which I re-read and

reviewed earlier last year. 35 year old Lincoln O'Neal, one of the most renowned and prolific photojournalists of the world is celebrating his departure from the war torn Montenegro when he is waylaid by the woman who walks into the cantina and promises him a good time. Linc has earned his reputation as a photojournalist during the evacuation of Vietnam and has recorded 35 mm of film every war and catastrophe since then. On top of how much he has had to drink combined with the red hot desire that flashes through him when the wickedly sensual woman proposes to him, Linc who wants nothing more than to escape the war torn hell he has been living in for the past six weeks finds himself at the mercy of do-gooder Kerry Bishop who wants his help in rescuing 9 orphans from war ridden country to give them a better life in the US.

Kerry Bishop is the coveted daughter of rich parents who has led a sheltered life with her diplomat of a father until scandal had rocked her entire world leaving her with a bitter taste of reality. Wanting to make amends for her father's atrocities, Kerry has been living in Montenegro for the past 9 months or so, teaching the 9 orphans enlisted in her care, getting them ready for their new lives back in the US. However knowing that she alone would not be able to fulfill the task of getting the children safely to the point where they are supposed to take-off, Kerry does the next best thing and scouts the local cantina for the most disreputable mercenary soldier she can find.

What she finds is Lincoln, who has always looked out for his hide when push comes to shove, and what she mistakes for his weapons turns out to be his coveted camera equipment. However knowing that she is running out of time, Kerry forces him to work with her, knowing that resentment and anger would rule Linc's utmost emotions throughout the 3 day trek through the jungle. However that doesn't stop her from wanting what his blatantly sensual touch and kisses evoke and doesn't stop her from craving Linc with every fiber of her being. Respite from making a fool of herself comes when Linc mistakes her for a nun which puts an additional strain on Linc to keep his hands off of the woman who heats up his blood in a way that has never happened before.

I just flat-out loved everything about this novel. Linc turns out to be one of those heroes you cannot forget because he demands nothing less when he steps into the picture. Handsome, cynical and lethally attractive, Linc doesn't know what hits him when he starts coveting Ms. Goody-Two-Shoes who lands him in trouble in the first place. Knowing that she is a woman he can never have doesn't stop him from craving her and neither does it stop the sexual tension that lingers between them that can be cut through with a knife. One of the best parts of the book for me was the explosive tension between the two which comes to its heady conclusion delivering fireworks of all kinds towards the end! *Sigh!!*

The romance and heady attraction between the two doesn't detract from the adventure aspect of the novel. The danger that surrounds them in a country that has been stripped bare by the civil war that has raged in it continues to hound them through their trek to reach safety. The last moments right before they board the plane are edge-of-the-seat variety moments that makes this story a well-balanced romantic suspense on all aspects.

It was an additional plus point to revisit Cage and Jenny from *Led Astray* and experience their happily ever after in this novel. A tale of opposites attract with Linc being the proverbial bad boy hero who was brought up by a drunken lout of a father and never had any sort of formal education after high school meets his match in the society school bred Kerry and gives them both a love that leaves the reader breathless on all accounts.

A very highly satisfying romantic suspense, which makes me wonder why authors today do not write classics such as this one where heroes do not turn into wimpy puddles just because the woman of their dreams walks into the picture.

Recommended for fans of Sandra Brown and fans of romantic suspense that delivers on all counts.

Louise Cable says

My first book I have won for the chance to read and review and I was very pleasantly surprised.

It only took a few pages before I became absorbed in the story and I really enjoyed reading this.

A young lady risks her life to save 9 children from almost certain death mainly to prove a point to society that she is nothing like her corrupt father. She tricks a man she thinks is a mercenary into helping her but he isn't what he appears to be.

A lot of drama and heated scenes between them and the situations they are facing to save the children.

The end is predictable but it makes for the happy ending you want to read.

This book is well written and definitely a good easy read that makes you smile.

I haven't read a Sandra Brown book before but I will most definitely be seeking out more of her books.

Natalija says

This is the second book in Ms Brown's "Hellraisers" series & it's more suspenseful than the first book. All in all I enjoyed it & the book kept my attention till the last page. The reason behind 3 star rating is angry sex. I really dislike when hero decides to punish heroine for something she did or didn't do or tell and acts like a jerk. Anyway, give this book a try!

Jane Davis says

There is unrest in a Latin American country. She has nine children she wants to get to freedom and needs a mercenary to protect them. She spots one in a cantina. He is sitting at the bar, dirty, disreputable and drunk {Tell me if you've heard this before}, his heavy bags of equipment at his feet. She sidles up to him, "A drink, senor?" Eventually she gets him in a truck and off they go.

Once he sobers, she finds he is not a mercenary but the equally surly, profane award-winning photojournalist Lincoln O'Neal who was in the cantina waiting for his plane out. The bags contained photographic equipment and photos from the last assignment.

She is Kerry Bishop and she destroys his work. If he wants to publish, he'll have to help them and photograph as he goes. The children call her Sister which keeps her safe for the time being.

The sister/rescuer and the mercenary/photojournalist fight the jungle, each other, and evade the authorities.

This novel is not a great book but I found it highly entertaining and re-readable. It is a sequel to *Led Astray*,

and in the last half of the book you meet Cage and Jenny.

One thing I noticed this time around, either Ms. Brown forgot what she named the Latin American country or her editor slipped up. The country is Monterico in *Led Astray* and Montenegro in *Devil's Own*. A bit jarring because there is a real Montenegro---in the Balkans.

Sandy (WI girl at heart) says

Finished Sandra Brown's book *THE DEVIL'S OWN*. New author for me and really not my "cup of tea".

Sloppy writing and too predictable from start to finish.

Would I recommend it to others: no Would I read it again: no.

Kathy says

This is the first book by Sandra Brown that I've tried. It was a huge disappointment. Kerry acts ridiculous and very unbelievable. I actually wanted Linc to just leave her when she destroyed all his film. Then she tells him she's a nun to keep him from seducing her? Pleeeeze...I just wanted to shove her off a bridge and shout "Run, Linc, Run!" ;-)

I couldn't even finish this book. Maybe I need to try one of SB's more recent books. Considering her popularity, surely all her books aren't this bad.

Nancy says

I used to find Sandra Brown a reliable source for snack reading--romantic thrillers, great stuff for a long car ride or on the beach. This book doesn't match up to Brown's better work.

Much of the plotline is just unbelievable, beginning with the fact that Brown uses a made-up country (perfectly fine) in Central America that already exists in Eastern Europe. There is so little subtlety in the way the characters are drawn, and midway through the book, after a big adventure shootout, the action moves to Texas, and becomes a couple hundred pages of ridiculous romantic tease: phony arguments, will-she-or-won't-she, pathos around adopting adorable orphans and even a pregnant lady. Will she go into labor at a crucial moment? What do you think?

Forgettable, and frequently annoying.

Judy says

This was a great book of romantic suspense. Kerry Bishop coerces Linc O'Neal, a famous photographer, into

helping her rescue some orphans from a Central American country where a revolution is occurring. Lots of action occurs during the course of the story as they make their way through the jungle to freedom.

Dita L. says

I wasn't expecting this book to be so good.

I have to admit that I was expecting silly story with awkward sexual scenes with no plot.

But it was excellent written heart warming passionate story about steadiness, self-denial and real love. First book where I was enjoying even the sexual scenes, there were no awkward moments.

Really great relaxation choice.

Jennifer Brown says

Have I ever mentioned how much I love Sandra Brown's books?? Even her older romances are wonderful. I liked the adventure in the jungle and the saving of the kids in this one. I'm curious though if Cage and Jenny have a story out there somewhere. The only problem with older books is that they are hard to find now.

***TANYA* says**

Yay!! We have a winner!!! Very adorable, classic Sandra Brown!!! The story was endearing and not at all cheesy like her older books. Very entertaining.

Mandy says

This book was way too cliché, not to mention cheesy. Sandra Brown's books always seem to have the same theme: rugged, handsome, bad boy falls in love with the typical damsel in distress. The whole premise is getting pretty tired. I was sorely disappointed in this book, because I have enjoyed many of her other books. This one was just a little too unrealistic.

Judy Churchill says

This was short and sweet without much depth to the plot. The potential was there - escaping from a war torn third world nation with nine orphans offered many opportunities for plot development that just didn't happen. Still, it was an enjoyable book.
