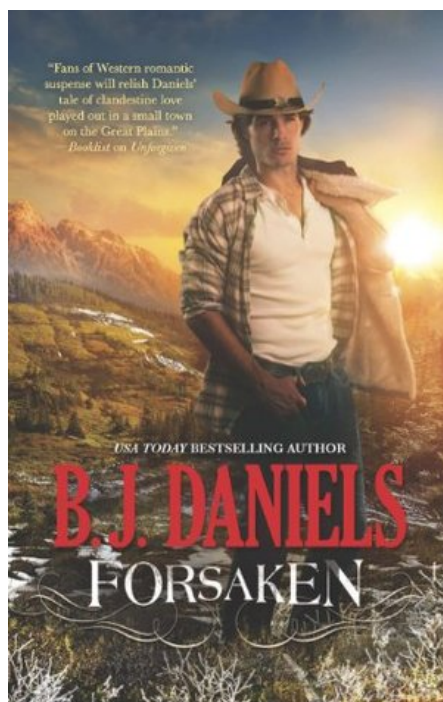




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Danger runs high and passions burn hot in Montana's wild country

Big-city detective Bentley Jamison is a long way from home in the Beartooth wilderness when one of local rancher Maddie Conner's ranch hands goes missing. Towering mountains and a small, tight community are as unfamiliar to Jamison as herding sheep, but he's never shied away from a challenge. As the new deputy sheriff, he's sworn to protect every inch of this rough terrain—starting with unraveling a mystery that has left Maddie a wide-open target.

Maddie's as beautiful—and untamable—as the land around them. Like Jamison, she won't back down from danger. But desire that flares hotter than their tempers only raises the stakes when a fierce storm traps them in the high mountains. Caught in a killer's sights, Jamison and Maddie must trust one another, because now survival...and love...are all that matter.

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Sarah Johnson says

As a native Montanan I love reading novels set in my beautiful home state that capture both the independent spirit of the inhabitants and the rugged setting. B.J. Daniels is one of my favorite authors because her books do both beautifully!

Forsaken is the third in her Beartooth series. If you haven't already read the two previous books in the series, "Unforgiven" and "Redemption", don't feel as though you absolutely have to read them before picking up "Forsaken." Daniels does an excellent job of creating series books that can be read alone (although I guarantee that once you read "Forsaken", you'll be rushing to the bookstore to pick up the other two in the series.)

"Forsaken" tells two parallel, but intertwined stories of intrigue. The characters are so beautifully drawn that you'll have a hard time putting the book down because it feels as though you've made new friends and it is unbearable waiting to find out what happens to them. The setting is rough and rugged, just like the two male protagonists, and even if you've never visited Montana, you'll be able to picture it because Daniels describes the landscape so well.

I love that this particular novel features a love story between two 40 somethings. Don't get me wrong, it's fun to read series like Twilight and 50 Shades of Grey, but quite frankly I don't identify with the characters in those series. I'm not in my teens or 20's anymore, and I loved seeing the romance unfold between people I do identify with.

The only thing that I wished could have been hinted at earlier in the book was motive behind the antagonists' actions. I love playing the guessing game of "who-dunnit" and it was difficult in this book because the plot lines didn't tie together until the very end. That is a small complaint though, given how much I loved this book!

Kimberly Rocha~ Book Obsessed Chicks says

A fan of the Beartooth, Montana series from day one I again was beyond happy to have a chance to read the third installment, FORSAKEN before its release date. FORSAKEN by the ultra gifted B.J. Daniels grabs the reader's attention from the first paragraph with her knack for suspense and keeps the reader enveloped in her mystery until the very end.

Bentley Jamison is the new kid on the block. The handsome lawyer from back East comes to the West as Deputy Sheriff for the town. Sheriff Frank Curry is away to see the daughter who was institutionalized for trying to kill her own him. While Curry is away tragedy strikes. From out of the mountains races sheep rancher, Maddie Connor's young tender Dewey, terrified out of his mind about what just happened up in the mountains, where he and sheep herder, Branch, we tending Maddie's flock. The boy appears with blood on him and says he can't recall all that happened.

Maddie Curry is the last of a dying breed of sheep ranchers Even after she loses her husband and son in an

avalanche she, continues what she believes is her legacy, but with her dear friend and sheep herder, Branch missing and possibly dead, Maddie knows her days as a rancher are numbered. When she meets Deputy Sheriff Brantley Jamison she scoffs at him, thinking that because he isn't from the area that he is completely out of his element. The two set off on a difficult trek into the mountains with a bad snowstorm nipping at their heels to find Branch and see to Maddie's flock. Maddie soon finds herself wrong about the handsome Deputy and at the same time attracted to him during their misadventure.

In the meantime, back in town, store owner Nettie Benton, who has been in love with Frank Curry for years, still finds herself being pushed away by the love of her life and she's finds it becoming tiresome. When bad boy of old, J.D. West comes back to town after a very long sabbatical, Sheriff Curry finds the need to watch his back because J.D. has eyes for Nettie. When J.D. saves Nettie's life after she is almost run down by someone from Frank's past, J.D. finds himself as savior to Nettie and possible paramour.

While Deputy Jamison and Maddie try to solve the mystery up in the snowy mountains, Sheriff Curry deals with his own issues. When the past becomes a danger to his future Frank needs to decide what is more important, settling scores or his relationship. Jamison has a similar dilemma with the refreshing yet stubborn widow. Maddie and Brantley still dwell on their pasts, but their emerging feelings for one another can overcome anything if they can just get through the storm.

I honestly don't know how this woman does it. B.J. Daniels can write several stories going on at the same time and keeps the reader enthralled with it all. There is a lot of nail-biting and gasping that goes on from cover to cover. So much more happens on in FORSAKEN that I can't even begin to tell you about because I don't want to give anything away. Just know this, FORSAKEN by B.J. Daniels, is well worth picking up. Ms. Daniels to me is a Goddess of Romantic Suspense and I tip my hat to her for giving us another well written and intriguing saga. In addition, the romance that occurs between these mostly, what are considered middle aged men and women are so refreshing, they make me smile from ear to ear. Finally, someone who understands that not just twenty somethings can have gripping romantic interludes and knows that love can be found at any age! Now if she will only give my two favorite characters their day in the sun, I will be a very content reader, until then, I guess my nails will be nubs. Pick up your copy of FORSAKEN by B.J. Daniels when it releases on September 24th and if you haven't read the first two books in the Beartooth Montana series, UNFORGIVEN and REDEMPTION, or the Prequel to the series, FALLEN, you got your work cut out for you because I recommend them all highly!

Denise Van plew says

Wow I must say as I was reading this book is just what the doctor ordered as the saying goes because this one is filled with much more than it seems when you first start it. Being a reader of her books and others like this genre I started it with anticipation because of enjoyment of suspense in a story line. Having read Unforgiven was for familiar with setting it takes place and as reading a few of the characters. Two roads in one is where this takes you as you read. Each one you travel on being filled in the setting with characters you connect with sharing their journey you encounter suspense-lots of clues as any good mystery has but a challenge to solve that makes it even better. Danger-holding your breath when faced with right along with them hoping for the best and will they defeat it in time. And of course age old romance intertwined that if pursued is the best kind that is sure to last. I greatly enjoyed the realism that this read brings to it and brings forth the enjoyment you receive when reading a well written novel and the afterglow it can leave you with and just a little sad when you reach the end and say I need to read more from this author.

Rhonda says

MY REVIEW: FORSAKEN

4 STARS

Forsaken basically has three different plot lines going. The main one is good. That has the new Deputy Bentley Jamison from New York answers a call about something is wrong at Maddie Conner's Sheep camp up in the high County.

Maddie's tender a young man has come down from the sheep camp in terror. He is covered with blood, in shock saying that her Long time Shepard is missing. No one is watching her sheep. So Bentley and Maddie head up the mountain on horseback to find what is going on. Bentley is going up as a cop.

The theme that runs through Beartooth, Montana series is the Sheriff ex-wife Pam has decided that she is going make life terrible for him. She has not seen him in decades. She has hidden the knowledge that he has a daughter and raised her to hate him and the women he loved as a teenager. The daughter has been arrested for trying to kill him is in a mental hospital. Now he finds her at his house with a baseball bat smashing his belongings and some attacks him from behind and beats him up. Pam has a Judge that is a witness that she never left his ranch and has got a restraining order against the Sheriff.

The third plot line runs into the first and could ruin story if I say anything about it.

Most of the story takes place high in the Montana mountains not to far from Yellowstone. It is a beautiful setting for the story.

The characters are likeable and you find yourself rooting for the good characters and the bad guys to be caught. Some of the characters you are not sure if they are good or bad guys till the story unfolds.

Good suspense in the story kept me from guessing a lot of the mystery in the story. I was able to guess a little bit of what has happened. The story kept moving at a good pace. I stayed up late to finish the book. Did not want to put it down.

There were a couple of love scenes that I skipped over. lots of action, drama, romance and some violence in the book.

I was given this ebook to read and asked to give honest review of the book from NetGalley and Harlequin.

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Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Forsaken is #3 in the Beartooth, Montana Saga and it is a good one.

The writing in Forsaken is crisp and clean. The two main characters (Bentley Jamison and Maddie Conner) are people you care about and their interaction adds to the story. The plot is well developed. The tension is so thick you can cut it with a knife. The book is told from several viewpoints and features several different characters. Each of the side characters have an important part and keep the plot moving. Each scene ramps up the tension and mystery in the story.

I had to put the book down and take a break several times. I was so involved in the story and so worried that something bad would happen to several of the characters that I was afraid to keep reading. At the same time I did not want to put the book down. This is not a bad thing. It is the sign of a very well thought out, well written book.

While there is a solution to part of the mystery some things are left open. There is also a recurring mystery that started in a previous book and is not solved in Forsaken.

If you like a good mystery with great characters, good writing, and a lot of tension pick up Forsaken.

I received an ARC of Forsaken from Netgalley.

AG Reads says

This is book 3 in the Beartooth, Montana series. I have not read the first two but I did not feel like I had missed anything or needed to know details from the previous books.

The main romance between sheep rancher Maddie and new deputy Bentley was refreshing to read. They are both in their mid-40s and managed to act like adults. I get tired of books with mature characters who are written like NA characters. Bentley sees Maddie's strength and iron will to take care of her people and sheep, and allows her to do it. He lends a hand when she will let him, but he doesn't get in her way and respects her responsibilities. Likewise, Maddie knows he has a job to do and helps him by being his guide despite her misgivings. And although she calls him a greenhorn in the beginning, she admits when she is wrong and acknowledges his abilities without any big drama. I liked this couple and the way they came together.

There is a secondary romance between the sheriff, Frank, and a store owner, Nettie, both in their later 50s. There was a subplot involving the sheriff's ex-wife and his newly discovered adult daughter. This couple was also fun to read, but there was a lot more drama because of their long history together and the danger from the ex. While this storyline is unresolved, we do get to see their admission of feeling for one another finally. I plan to read the next book just to find out what happens to this secondary couple.

I highly recommend this book for fans of fast paced romantic suspense. The plot was relatively complex and the characters were all likable. The descriptions of the area and of the sheep ranch were also well done. The book is told from multiple viewpoints, but never gets confusing because of it.

Linda says

Oh my, what a great romance, mystery and suspense writer B.J. Daniels is and this book goes to show her talents. Something has happened in the Beartooth Mountains where her sheep were taken for the summer and Deputy Jamison along with sheep rancher Madrid Conner are going to find out what. Jamison thinks he knows why young Dewey came running out of the mountains covered in blood and scared to death. The only

story the Deputy could get out of him was about a strange crying, a spaceship and that the sheep herder missing. A great story line and a wonderful read.

Judy says

A New York detective on horseback in Montana, chasing drug suspects in a snowstorm with a female sheep herder. Was exciting and good.

Susan says

Good book with three storylines. There is the developing romance between Jamison and Maddie, the drug runners trying to recover their drugs, and the sheriff's ongoing problems with his ex-wife. The romance was at times intense, but also believable as Jamison and Maddie have to let go of their pasts and learn to trust each other. The drug runners are determined to recover their loot but, not knowing the Montana wilderness, need to get some help without giving away their reasons. And Sheriff Frank Curry has to figure out how to stop his apparently unbalanced ex-wife from attacking him and going after the woman he cares for. There is enough going on that I couldn't put it down until I had finished it.

I liked Jamison and Maddie. Jamison is a former homicide detective from New York City who has come to Montana to get away from his memories back home. He is recently divorced from a wife who ended up not respecting what he chose to do with his career. She left him feeling like he hadn't been good enough for her. Montana is a whole different world and when he is called on to investigate the disappearance of Maddie's sheepherder he is somewhat out of his element. Maddie herself is unlike any woman he had ever known before. He is attracted to her but tries to fight it because of the circumstances. Though he knows nothing of sheep ranching, he has to go with Maddie to the high pastures to investigate. I loved the way that he constantly surprises her with his ability to adapt to his surroundings. Even though he is a "greenhorn" thanks to things in his own past (thank you Boy Scout camp!) he is able to keep up with her and be of real help. Jamison starts to think less about what is back in New York and to appreciate and enjoy the Montana wilderness. By the end he has to decide whether to return to his old life or embrace the possibilities of a new one.

Maddie is very independent and doesn't want to rely on anyone. She lost her husband and son in an avalanche four years earlier and has buried herself in her ranch work ever since, not letting anyone get close. With the disappearance of her sheepherder, she has to accept Jamison's presence as they look for him. She looks down on him quite a bit at first, thinking that there is no way he will be able to do what needs to be done to get to the high pastures where the sheep are and Branch disappeared. She is surprised at how capable he turns out to be. She is also attracted to him, which really surprises her. As they work together she discovers that there is more to him than she thought and the attraction grows stronger. I loved seeing her let go of some of her iron grip on her feelings and lean a little bit on Jamison's strength. By the end she had to decide if she was going to hold on to her grief or move on to a happier future.

The suspense portion of the story, with the disappearance of the sheepherder and its connection to the drug runners kept me turning the pages until the end. As we see more and more of them through the book the danger grows more intense to everyone who comes in contact with them. Their connection to a Beartooth native creates danger for him also as he is pulled unknowingly into their problems. It was interesting to see the interactions among them, giving new meaning to the phrase "no honor among thieves". There were a couple interesting twists at the end. I'll be interested to see if there is any continuation of the storyline in the

next book.

Sheriff Frank Curry is still trying to help his daughter, continuing his story from Redemption. When his ex-wife shows up in Beartooth and attacks him he worries about what she might do to his friend Lynette. Pam is able to avoid any charges and makes it look like she is a victim instead. Frank tries to pull away from Lynette to protect her, but doesn't tell her that's what he's doing. This creates mixed signals to her, creating tension between them. I'll be interested to see how this story progresses.

Linda says

FORSAKEN is the third book in B.J. Daniels' Beartooth Mountain series. The fact that I'd not read the previous two books did not affect my enjoyment of this book.

This book was actually a departure from my normal genres though I have read a few western romances in the past. However, this was so much more than a western romance.

It is a combination of a romantic mystery with such gripping intrigue that I couldn't sleep until I finished it. It grabbed me from the 1st few paragraphs and never let go.

It is set in the raw Montana wilderness and the author's descriptions of the setting will have you THERE. Her writing actually brought back very fond memories of a wonderful vacation in Yellowstone that we'd had many years ago when we had visited Gardiner, Montana as Gardiner figures prominently in the setting of this book.

The story centers around two characters: Maddie, a strong independent woman who is running a sheep-herding farm and Bentley, a greenhorn deputy sheriff and former city slicker detective.

There are other characters... but not too many as to confuse the reader. I got quite involved with each of the characters and their stories.

I also loved the way the author interwove lore from the region and fascinating tidbits about sheep into the book.

As soon as I finished it, I ordered the 1st two books in this series, UNFORGIVEN and REDEMPTION. I can hardly wait to read both. I'm really looking forward to future installments in this series.

I highly recommend this book to ANYONE who loves a good story, a mystery, a rollicking western romance... I bet you'll fall in love with the region too while you read it... even if you haven't been there.

5 STARS!

Pat says

My Booklist review:

Daniels' third Beartooth Mountains book entwines two concurrent stories set in Montana outside the boundary of Yellowstone Park. In one, former New York City homicide detective Bentley Jamison, now a sheriff's deputy, is called to the sheep ranch of Maddie Conner when her sheepherder's teenage assistant returns to the ranch covered with blood and babbling about aliens in the mountains. When Maddie and

Bentley ask where the sheepherder is and if the older man is hurt, the teen doesn't answer, so Maddie and Bentley saddle up to look for him. While they make their way to the upper pasture, Sheriff Frank Curry is surprised when his former wife, Pam, attacks him with a baseball bat. Then, when he files charges against her, a judge swears Pam was at home that night. Daniels delves into drug running and vendettas that will keep readers on the edge of their chairs from beginning to end, adding only a little romance to lighten the grim tales.

Jonetta says

New deputy sheriff Bentley Jamison has to tell prickly sheep rancher Maddie Connor that one of her ranch hands is missing. Unfortunately, it's her shepherd who took the entire flock into the mountains to graze. When she and Bentley go searching them, things get dicey and dangerous. Meanwhile, Sheriff Frank Curry's ex-wife takes things to a new low while Nettie Benton, growing weary of waiting on him, has her head turned when former bad boy J. D. West comes back to town.

I had a hard time putting this book down as there were three interesting storylines in play and I knew they had to converge at some point. I was baffled by Maddie and Bentley's challenge and Frank's issues were just frustrating. This was the best story to date and while I figured out most of the mystery, I wasn't able to solve it all.

Graham Winton does a great job with the narration, providing the proper regional accents expected and "telling" instead of reading the story. I'm not crazy about his female voices (they can sound a bit shrewish at times) but that didn't interfere with my level of enjoyment.

It was a nice change to have more mature main characters, making the romance just lovely. Their kind regard for each other was refreshing. I loved that part of the mystery is still open (not a cliffhanger) and I can't wait to listen to the next book.

(I received an ARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest review)

Romda Shepersky says

You cant go wrong, picking up a Bj Daniels book, she did it again.

Forsaken-her next book in the Beartooth Mountains series.

She captivates you in the beginning as she describes its beauty and you understand why Montana is known as The Big Sky!

Forsaken is one of her best novels. With each book she leaves you anxiously waiting for the next one!

Her Western Suspense romantic story's grabs you in the beginning and sweeps you off your feet.

As the story unravels, with Maddie and bentley , the deputy searching for her sheep hearder. Bentley learns Maddie has plenty of layers and the more he sees of her, the more he respects her . Maddie bewitches him and shows him how tough she is.And At the same time showing how soft she is inside.

As they search, the more they discovers something wasn't right and is determined to learn the truth. The truth puts them in danger and they are both determined to do what's right and keep each other safe.

Judy C says

Another home run!!

B.J. Can write several stories lines within a book and tie them all up like a neat bow, yet still leaving some part of the mystery uncovered. I have to say I was hooked immediately in chapter 1. We had the introduction to the new characters of Bentley Jamison and Maddie Conner, while bringing back many of the characters from the previous books in mini story lines. These all intertwine and have something to do with the main story line. If you haven't read any of the previous books you will be able to read this. B.J. always gives a nice quick summary of their past so you won't be lost. I would personally recommend reading all of them because the series is just that great and for me I'm greedy and want the full story. This book has murder, mystery, love, and deception. She also gives amazing descriptions of the scenery that Montana has to offer and I learned some history as well. The story was fast moving and so intriguing that I had to finish it in one day. I'm looking forward to the next book in this series and hope you enjoy it as much as I have!

Deb says

What I enjoy about B.J. Daniels romantic suspense is how well she captures the contemporary West. As someone who lives in Montana, part of why I return to her books is that the Montana landscape -- the mountains, the rivers, the wildlife -- becomes another character in the storytelling and it feels so familiar. The story cannot be told the same way without it. In Forsaken, the heroine Maddie Connor is a ranch woman who presents a tough exterior to the world, but who is really just a grieving woman on the inside. The hero of the story Bentley Jamison, a former homicide detective from "back East," comes to Montana to find his own way and seek out a new life. The two work towards solving the disappearance of Maddie's sheepherder Branch who goes missing in the backcountry of the rugged Montana mountains. The romance between Maddie and Bentley unfolds slowly amidst the action. My only critique isn't about the storytelling, it's the way the chapters are laid out. When switching points of view, the reader is only seeing the first two words capitalized to designate the change -- rather than an extra space or a mini-divider that signals that to the reader. It took some adjusting while reading but did not ultimately take away from the storytelling.
