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A fateful car accident, a strange Abbey ruled by an even stranger Abbess, an insane Demon, a world where right and wrong becomes dangerously twisted, and a confident, rebellious teenager

Dayton Blainey is a foul-mouthed, grief-stricken young woman forced to live with a religiously eccentric aunt who favors her moral older sister. But when Dayton's life becomes intertwined with a dangerous stranger, she suddenly finds herself at the center of a war fought since the beginning of time.

Trapped between what she believes is right, and a forbidden attraction, Dayton must come to terms with betrayal and her surprising lineage to stop a war before it even begins.

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From Reader Review Redemption for online ebook

Nicole Storey says

I am so glad this book was free. I can't even begin to describe everything I found wrong with it. I will say that it COULD be a good book. The plot is interesting, but the author ruins it by thinking her readers have the I.Q's of mushrooms and can't use their imaginations, so she tells us EVERY little detail.

The main character, Dayton, drove me insane. Even before I got 25% into the book, I was hoping someone would kill her off. She is too dramatic, even for a teenager. I wish I had a dollar for every question she asked in the book. She questions either another character or herself almost every paragraph. The internal dialog was enough to make me want to jump off a bridge. The fact that she hates someone one second, can't figure out her feelings for the person the next, and then loves them after that (repeat again and again), is tedious. This book was mostly the same information over and over with slight variations.

I knew when Marcus stepped onto the scene that he would be in love with Dayton and trying to fight his feelings and she, like almost every other YA book, would fall in love with him. Blah, blah, blah...

If I cannot connect with any characters in a book - if I can't feel as if I know them or have feelings for them of some sort, then the book is not worth it. Frankly, I would not have minded if every character died in an explosion or something. In my opinion, the gargoyle and Wiccan were the only ones with any redeeming qualities and I still couldn't connect with them.

In short, I would not recommend this book to anyone and the author needs to learn to WRITE before publishing...oh, and hire an editor who knows what they are doing.

Jodie says

So I picked up this book for free on Amazon, but I wasn't completely sure I knew what to expect. Once I started it, I still had no idea what it was about. What I did know was, that I instantly loved Dayton Blainey, the girl that still needed a nightlight as a teenager. A girl that even though life hadn't been kind to her, was determined to remain true to her self and the future she imagined. A girl that was addicted to dumdums, was a total tv/movie buff, absolutely PETRIFIED of heights, a total potty mouth, and had one wicked creative imagination.

"I cursed him in my head. Didn't people tall people realize walking faster meant short people had to jog to keep up?"

If my review it too long & boring, skip it. Stop here & instead, read this book. It's so entertaining! Free from Amazon!!

On the eve of her 17th birthday her life's choices were taken away from her. She was betrayed by the only family she had and bound to a man that saw her as a curse. Although she tried to fight the memories of that night, it was impossible. They followed her to school and then beyond.

"You have my strengths and none of my weaknesses," Marcus said quietly, his eyes raking the scene behind us as I tried wrapping my mind around the fact that I had just thrown a full grown Demon across a car. Super hereo much? That thought made me pause.

"And you...What did you get from me? I asked him hesitantly.

Marcus looked down, his blue eyes meeting my green ones evenly.

“All of your weaknesses,” he said.

Oh, Um...oookay. Well, that was a downer.

“You sure do know how to make a girl feel important.”

I must tell you I absolutely emerged myself in this book. When Dayton felt her world crumbling apart with the knowledge that everything she thought she knew was wrong I found my own heart breaking. When she thought of her parents and didn't want her memories tarnished, I was right there with her. When she tried to live in denial and pretend all was well in the world and the Abbey, I did too. There were a few moments I was saying to my Kindle 'Come on Day, you are better than this. Use your friends. Tell Roe. Call Connor. Get away.' Eventually she was forced to listen and called in the calvary – Monroe. The bestest friend of all besties ever.

‘It felt warm & comfortable, and I shut my eyes with a sigh. The most amazing feeling came over me. It felt like being hugged, felt like sucking on a million dumdums while reading a favorite book, felt like a spring rain when the sun’s still shining, felt like standing on the edge of a cliff knowing if you jumped there’d be no doubt you could fly. It felt like love. It felt wonderful, but I didn’t know what to do with it.’

I'm being very vague, aren't I? I'm sorry. I just felt that by the time I started getting the answers at around 30 something percent, my adrenaline was pumping and I just had to know whaaaaaat the. The mystery was really thick. So thick that I wanted to skim, but I wanted all the details. You know what I mean? I want you to feel the same.

‘My power wasn’t my strength. My power was my determination. It was my fear, it was the overwhelming emotions I tended to let swamp me. It was me.’

I'm trying not to tell you that Dayton's potty mouth made me giggle, the hot demon she got bound to is HAWT stuff, there is a Lex & a Luther – get it? Lex Luther? Bahahahaha. [Thanks R, that gave me a great chuckle.] I also don't want to tell you that here is some Cain & Abel/Adam & Eve/Lillith/Angel/Demon/Gargoyle stuff, or that Dayton is in WAAAAYYYY over her head cause she's crushing – BIG TIME, and I think it's mutual, but that she has got a whole lot more demon drama coming her way.

I loved everything. I saw landing in Italy through Day's eyes, I felt how it felt to be surrounded in loving light, but mostly I knew what it was like to have unconditional loyalty from my best friends. Their banter was fun and their genuine love & concern so touching I had tears.

RK Ryals has weaved a tale that I can't stop thinking about. It was painful to stop now & write this review when I knew I wanted to get back to the flying carpet...I am off to read Ransom now! And I strongly suggest you start this series TODAY!

“Our mistakes don’t define us, Dayton. Don’t let anyone convince you otherwise. Our mistakes make us stronger, wiser. If we didn’t make mistakes, we’d be open to much more temptation. Hard lessons learned are harder battles fought.”

Mikila Marshall says

I really don't know what to say. If it weren't for the fact that I had been given the second book I would be going out of my mind right now. Argh! What an Epic book! I couldn't put it down. The more I was getting into it the more distractions came my way from real life. (Damn you reality). But low and behold I have finished it. Sneaked away to finish the final beautiful chapters. And WOW what an ending.

When Dayton's parents die at the age of ten, she and her sister is forced to live with her religiously eccentric Aunt Kyra. As her 17th Birthday approaches, her best friend sees a vision and warns Dayton not to go home. But she doesn't listen. Betrayed by her aunt and sister, Dayton is thrown into an adventure that will make her see things she has never even imagined. Will she survive?

I don't even know where to start. I love the characters. Dayton's foul mouth is exactly like mine, or maybe mine is a little more disgusting, but hey, she has a fire inside her that I love. The book is beautifully written and the pages oozed awesomeness. There was so much adventure I just didn't know what would happen next so I was getting surprised all the time. Marcas... Well, I don't know, even though he is a total douché, I can't help but love him. Am I not supposed to? Probably. But I love everything that's not good for me ;)

I have to admit, it's probably joint first with *Creatura* as the best book I have read so far in 2012. So I am just so thankful I was given the books by R.K Ryals. They probably would have been growing virtual dust in my Wish List on Amazon. I'm currently on the second chapter of the second book and I am rushing this review like crazy while it is still vivid in my mind. I need to get back to *Ransom Lol* :P Congratulations R.K. Ryals for your amazing talent and keeping my imagination busy for a few days :)

I would recommend this to anyone over the age of 16 due to strong language. But if you don't mind swearing, then give it a bash :D :D <3

Nadège Richards says

Angels and Demons have become something of a new phenomenon this year and I find that when an author is daring enough to take similar concepts and twist them into their own tales, they really have to know where they want to go with the story in order to execute it well. There will come a time when they will tire out like vampires, but Ryals, with this amazing new series, has managed to create something different, spicy, and new, all while building on the same idea. I was horrifically disappointed that I finished *Redemption* so fast—actually, there was a point when I realized I was no longer reading, but consuming. I've never heard a single negative thing about Ryals' *Redemption* series, and I now know the reason. Quickly-paced and action-packed, *Redemption* could easily find its way into anyone's heart.

I'm not going to say it. I think that by now my love for bad-ass heroines have been elaborated enough. But fiery, snarky redheads that can't seem to put an end to their quips and vulgarity? No, never. Dayton Blainey is my first and I honestly cannot get enough of her. She makes the story so much more enjoyable and believable. With the world she's suddenly thrust into with demons, blood, angels, and Nephilim, I'd expect her to flip out 24/7! But she surprised me, as well as Ryals.

I actually learned a few things or two from R.K., from her writing and in the way she told Dayton's story. It's very 'light' and almost carefree—daring, even—but I loved it. Ryals just seemed so intent on telling her story her own way that everything just fell into place after that. Yet again, it made me look at writing in a new perspective. And any author who can make me second guess myself deserves my acclaim.

Pyxi says

I won the entire trilogy from the wonderful girls at Young Adult and Teen Readers on Facebook. I can't tell you how frigging glad I am that I won them! If you haven't read them yet, go get them now.

Sisters, Dayton and Amber Blaineys' world comes crashing down around them when they lose both of their parents in a tragic car accident.

Still deep in grief, they are forced to live with their mother's sister, an unaffectionate woman who lives in a creepy old Abbey, run by an equally creepy religious Order who thrives on secrecy and moral high ground.

If growing up in this cold and detached place wasn't bad enough, Dayton had to deal with being the outcast amongst the group because of her rebellious attitude, potty mouth and her unwillingness to conform into someone that she is not.

Her older sister, Amber quickly accepts the lifestyle and was embraced by the Order while Dayton becomes increasingly suspicious of them.

And as her 17th birthday approaches, her aunt and followers start acting really strange, enough for her to worry about her safety in her own home.

With her two best friends, Conner and Monroe agreeing that she needs to leave the Abbey, Dayton is torn from being worried about her own wellbeing and getting the answers she so desperately needs.

Unfortunately, she wasn't given the chance to choose before she is thrust into a bond with an ancient being that neither wants it or the responsibility of protecting them both.

With her whole life becoming one big lie, she and her friends must find a way out of this bond before all hell breaks loose.

R.K. Ryals is a master storyteller with an uncanny talent of completely drawing her readers in and never letting go. I devoured this book and I enjoyed every minute of it! With swoon-worthy demons and snarky heroines, what's not to love? Ms. Ryals takes a very popular genre and makes it her own. Redemption is unlike anything I have ever read and I am officially a fan for life!

Now go away...I am reading Ransom. :)

~Mindy Lynn~ says

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Madiha says

Note: Here be spoilers, maybe

Before I start the actual review let me tell you, Miss Ryals has impressed me greatly. Normally I am wary of any book that gets a lot of good ratings. But in this case I can see that it was deserved.

The blurb

Dayton's parents die in a car accident when she is 10. Dayton and her sister Amber are sent to live with their Aunt. Her Aunt is an Abbess. Something is weird with her Aunt and the Abbey where she lives. On her seventeenth birthday Dayton is ambushed by her Aunt and the Sisters of the Abbey. Turns out that they are a sort of Cult. Her aunt binds Dayton to a Demon (Marcas) because she believes that it will help her Order win "*the war*". And THAT is where the whole mess (and the actual plot) begins.

The best bits

Redemptions is a breath of fresh air in Paranormal genre. There are a lot of books out there that are based on Angels, Demons and Nephilims but Redemption is still able to carve its own place because its **different**. I loved that Miss Ryals explains everything, even the small details you didn't know you wanted to know about.

Dayton is a strong character and entirely loveable. She is not a doormat for anyone *wiping my happy tears*. She is *relatable*. Her feelings are understandable. You can understand *why she feels what she feels*. Her every feeling, be it anger, guilt, dislike for her sister or her hatred, is justified by her situation. Dayton is a nice blend of sassy and sweet. You *cannot* dislike her.

The side characters are not best-friends-left-in-the-dark. They have their own strengths and abilities. Monroe is the kind of best friend everyone wants. Connor is the resident cute flirt. There is a hint of love triangle but it's not a central part of the story. What I liked about Dayton was that she was not confused about her own emotions. Connor loves her. Dayton knows that she loves Connor but not in *that* way and does not string him along.

Marcas is the Demon Dayton is bound to. Another best part of the book; in the middle of the war you will not find Dayton ogling at Marcas' handsome body. There was NO insta love going on here. Other authors please note that that is the rational way to behave under such circumstances. She is not immune to his good looks but Day is not focused on it day and night.

The not-so-likeable bits

There were some minor problems that I had with Redemption. First of all it takes nearly 35% of the book to get things started. I liked the part where Dayton comes into her power but I would have liked the fight in the end to be a bit more...epic, I guess? Lastly I would have preferred a bit more romance between Marcas and Dayton.

Overall the book was really good and thoroughly deserved the 4 stars.

H.K. Savage says

Okay, this series was fantastic. The concept of a bond between creatures not normally compatible is a fascinating one for me, I love to read about it and write about it. These characters aren't easily pigeon holed either- I liked the fact that the author didn't rely on simple tropes in her story. The love, loss, and defense mechanisms of Dayton (heroine) are believable and easy to empathize with. She isn't a "super" character either, even though this plot allows for it since she's not entirely human. Even when she discovers new strengths she doesn't just go out and rock everyone else who has been doing this stuff forever. Those bug me. I liked the way the author slowly builds up the relationship between Dayton and Marcus as she simultaneously shows us the breakdown of Dayton's reservations. It's a realistic evolution with some great moments along the way.

Redemption, Ransom, Retribution. These are fitting titles for the series not just in the overarching plot, but with the growth of a number of characters as well. This book was recommended to me by a reviewer and she said, "the first one is a little young, but it's YA." I'm kind of off the whole YA thing right now but thought I would give this a chance since the reviewer raved about it. By mid book 1 I was completely hooked and read the rest of the series in about a day and a half.

This first book gets 4 stars only because of some awkward dialogue as the author found the characters and a little heavy handed teen moment here and there but that could also just be my intolerance for teen eye rolling as a mother of one. The rest of the series is 5 stars hands down. Loved the relationships, characters, plot and even the ending - it was perfect.

I've heard there are side stories for some of the other characters and now I'm going to have to find those as well. If you like paranormal romance, you can't pass this one up.

Melissa says

Ahhh, you can never have too many books about Angels. Especially when the lead character is a feisty, sarcastic redhead who's mouth tends to get away from her. Dayton, the main character of the story, has had a rough few years and the chip on her shoulder has only gotten bigger. Unfortunately her future isn't looking like it's going to get any easier.

Dayton and her sister Amber lost their parents at a young age. With no real family to care for them they are sent to the Abbey to live with their cold, uncaring Aunt, who also happens to be the Abbess. Thankfully for Dayton, or Day as she's frequently called, she has a true friend, Monroe. Day just does not fit in at the Abbey. She's always swearing, eating Dum Dums, talking back and just plain causing trouble. Everyone avoids her, even her sister, and she just doesn't know why. Well, she soon going to find out.

Monroe comes from a Wiccan background and has always had visions. She's been having a recurrent dream involving Day and it's leaving her, and their group of friends, with a bad feeling. They want Day to leave the Abbey as soon as she can. Where would she go? She has no other family and she's still in high school, so living on her own at this time just isn't an option. And even though there's distance between her and Amber she just isn't ready to leave her. So she stays.....which is why her future just took a change for the worse.

It seems that Day is half Angel, thanks to her father. She quickly finds out that Angels and Demons do exist. Just her luck, now she's bonded with a Demon and numerous other Demons want her dead! Luckily for her, she's bonded with one of the strongest Demons and has some magical friends to help her out. Unluckily for her, the bond she now shares means they feel each others pain and can both die.

Will Day get out of this alive? Can she ever recover from the deep deception she experiences at the hand of her own family? Will she choose the good or bad side in the age old love triangle? Guess you'll have to pick up *Redemption* to find out! With a cast of magical characters, a witty, sarcastic dialogue and a little bit of romance (but enough to keep it PG) you won't be sorry. Perfect for any teen or YA lover.

I was not paid for this review. The opinions expressed here were my own and in no way swayed. The book was a gift, and a true pleasure to read! Thank you for taking the time to read my review. -Melissa

Rachel Marks says

I found about this book from R.K. Ryals contacting me directly and asking me to review it on www.yanovelreader.com. I have to say I am so happy she did, because this book is amazing. From the beginning she draws you into the story and you are taken on a wild ride with Dayton trying to figure out what exactly is happening to her. I honestly sped through this book because I could not put it down.

The story itself is very unique. It is not your normal paranormal romance where a dark being is somehow attracted to a normal human girl. In *Redemption*, Dayton is completely thrown into a situation without her knowledge that forces her to realize her own strength. I love how throughout the book you see Dayton grow into such a strong woman that refuses to be a pawn for someone else's game.

The romance in *Redemption* is a slow burn which I love, because it is realistic. In some YA Paranormal books the romance starts right off the bat and you are sometimes left thinking, well how the heck did they fall for each other so fast? In *Redemption*, Dayton and Marcas start off hating each other. As you keep reading though, you start to see little moments where their hate could turn into love which is why I kept reading despite the time of night.

Redemption is followed up by *Ransom* (review coming shortly). I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for page turning paranormal thriller. Seriously, I loved it!!

Christina Silcox says

This is one of those times that I am thrilled to have started a series late. Because that means I don't have to wait for the next installment! I love this book! I usually easily pick the bad boy in a love triangle, but this time I just don't know! Marcas is strong, hot, and hiding who knows what behind those eyes. Connor, there's just something about him, and I know he has so much more story to tell! Maybe with book two, I can pick one. Haha, not that there has actually been any triangle suggested yet. I don't know what I'll do if it doesn't!

Sandra says

I couldn't think of a single thing about it that I didn't like. It is well written, fast paced, has great characters, believable relationships and no stupid INSTA love. It drew me in and I wanted to know what happened next.

I love the heroine Dayton. She is a good person who remains true to herself in some pretty horrible circumstances when it would have been easier to go along with her crazy Aunt. I cared what happened to her.

And I LOVE the relationship between Marcas and Dayton. They are bound together through no fault of their own. Neither of them wants it or particularly likes the other to begin with but they are forced to work together. You can see them beginning to develop a relationship as they are forced to work together - more on Dayton's side than Marcas' at this stage (which also rang true - she is a high-school student with human emotions and feelings, he is a centuries old demon with loads of experience who suppresses emotion). I like that centuries old Marcas didn't come across as a hormonal teen boy. His character had a believable maturity. I also liked the way he didn't coddle Dayton but gave it to her straight.

I really like Dayton's friends, particularly Monroe. And I liked how neither Monroe or Dayton kept secrets from one another. Dayton's aunt is horrible but we see the reasons why she behaves the way she does. She is wrong and I don't like her or her decisions but showing us why, gives depth to a villain and makes for more interesting reading. I also dislike the character of her sister Amber. Sisters should love and support one another, not judge and abandon (but again we know why given her brainwashing into the cult from a young age.)

(oh wait - I finally remember something I that I wasn't crazy about - the spelling of Marcas's name. As I tend to read quickly skimming a little over some words I kept thinking it said Maccas).

Runningrabbit says

Great read.

Tina says

OMG what took me so long to read this book? I absolutely love it!! Demons, angels, gargoyles, witches...wow what a ride.

Dayton Blainey is a 16 year old girl who has lost her parents and sent to live with her heartless aunt at the Blackstone Abbey. No love or affection is shown to her except by her best friends. I have to admit I just love Dayton and her foul mouth. She cracks me up with her comments and quirky behavior. Add to that mix her best friend Monroe and I find myself laughing out loud.

Marcas is a demon and one of the oldest sons of Cain and the Demon, Lilith. In my opinion drop dead sexy, but definitely lacking in the personality department. He and Dayton are brought together against both of their wishes to fight a war that should have them on opposing sides. The banter between Dayton and Marcas is absolutely hilarious.

Brilliant mix of a heartbreakng story, action and laugh out loud humor! I am heading to my bookshelf to begin Ransom book 2 in the Redemption Series right now. I cannot wait to see what R.K. Ryals has in store for Dayton, Marcas and the rest of her friends. 5 star book, but if I could I would rate it 10 stars!

Elise Marion says

When Dayton's parents die and leave her and her sister with no other family, they are sent to live with their aunt, a deeply religious Abbess and the head of a strange religious order. Their lives are strict and structured, and the only way that Dayton knows how to break the monotony is to get into trouble. With a foul mouth and a taste for recklessness, the teenaged Dayton consistently bucks the rules, along with her two best friends Connor and Monroe. When Monroe, a practicing Wiccan sees a vision outside of Dayton's window and begins to have dreams of Dayton in danger, they are at first disregarded by the devil-may-care teen. But when the deep, dark secret of the Abbey, which is really a cult, is revealed, Dayton's life will never be the same. She finds out that she is a Naphilim, the product of a union between an angel (her father) and a human

(her mother). She becomes immersed in a world where the line is blurred between good and evil, and angels and demons are preparing for war. An evil demon, Damon has bound Dayton to his demon brother Marcas in hopes that they will create a child. The blood of this child, half demon and half Naphilim, will bring the demonic forces redemption (or so Damon hopes). On a quest to unbind themselves from each other, Dayton and Marcas set out along with her friends on a thrilling ride. Dayton will learn to use her angelic powers and finds that demons may all not be as evil as we first thought.

What I liked about this book: This type of story has been told before but never with the precision and thought that R.K. put into Redemption. It felt new and fresh, and that is something that is hard to do in the overdone Paranormal genre.

What I didn't like about this book: I felt like it took a bit of time for it to get to the point of explaining what was going on. You are almost halfway through the book before the hidden secret finally comes out. This was such a small thing for me, though, because once I stopped shaking my Kindle and screaming "What's the secret????!!!" long enough to get to it, I was NOT disappointed.

Let's talk about love scenes: This is YA (young adult), so there are no love scenes. However, there are some very heated moments and some very sweet ones as well (see review below or details).

The Review: I don't read a lot of Paranormal because the whole "Twilight/Vampire/Werewolf" thing has been done and done so much that I've grown a bit sick of it. When I read the description of this book I thought, hmmmm this sounds interesting. I decided to take a chance and I'm glad I did.

At first the love story in this book seems pretty basic and typical. Dayton's friend Connor has developed feelings for her and is not shy in expressing them. Dayton is unsure about her own feelings, even though she loves Connor as a friend. There are a lot of covert gazes, a little bit of touching and one very sweet kiss. But just when you start to think that Connor may eventually wear Dayton down, there's a bump in the road and its name is Marcas.

When you first read that Marcas is a demon, you could never guess that he would become the third corner of a very complicated triangle placing Dayton between him and golden-boy Connor. Dark and brooding, as all good romantic heroes are, Marcas is not as evil as he first lets on. Sure he's got fangs, a surly disposition, and a taste for human blood (eek!), but R.K. developed this character so well that by the end you actually find yourself liking and feeling sorry for him. Having loved and lost a woman (an angel), Marcas' heart is hard as stone. He doesn't soften up much by the end, he is a demon after all, but the writing allows you to see a lot of subtle hints at what lies beneath. The fact that he is bound to Dayton also allows them to feel each other's emotions and pain, and through Dayton's eyes you are able to see more deeply into Marcas' abrasive personality. I found myself actually hoping that Dayton ended up with Marcas! And that is one of the things I loved most about this book. R.K. Ryals caused me to have sympathy for the devil.

To sum it all up: The book ends in an epic battle between a religious order called the SOS and the demons, who want Dayton dead. By the end, Marcas and Dayton are off to find a special ring that they hope has the power to unbind them from each other.

Sara Bree High says

Redemption book 1

RK Ryals

Reviewed by S. B. High

Let me start this by saying, this book was recommended. Thank goodness I listened. I loved it! Dayton and Amber, sisters suffer a tragic loss. They are left alone and sent to live with their Aunt, they don't know in a strange and haunting place. The Abbey. Wow this place alone could be a story. But back to Dayton Blainey. When Dayton turns 17 and her whole life turns upside down. Nobody is who they seem, and her life has been decided for her. Her best friends are Monroe (wiccan) and Connor. I'm in love with both of the characters. Connor is sweet and protective. Monroe is quirky and lovely. They are unyielding in the love they have for their friend. Then lets add a dash of demon Marcus. One betrayed tortured demon who has found himself in a situation he wants no part of at all. He has been duped by his twin and bound to Dayton. I find even with his brash and brooding demeanor something is there. In his conversations with Dayton, you get snippets of Marcus. I cannot give too much away. Let's just say Dayton has Moxie! Marcus is swoon worthy in a bad boy demon way. Connor is a love and Monroe i want her to be my BFF! You need to read this book! It has it all.

Now if you don't mind I need a dum dum and call my BFF and do our quirky movie quip speak! I just REALLY liked this book!!!!!!

James says

An awesome book! I've never read an Angels/Demons/Nephilim book like this one before. It was well-written, exciting, and had fantastic and engaging characters. This story introduces us to Dayton, a teenage girl living in an abbey with a stern and unforgiving aunt and her sister Amber after she was orphaned at age ten. Dayton is as stubborn as a mule and refuses to back down from anything - even when she's terrified. She is also afraid of heights, loves sweets to the point of stashing them in hidey-holes around the place, and still has to sleep with a night-light because she hates the dark. There are weird things going on around her and it takes a good while to figure out everything that is happening in the story - it's a bit slow at first - but all that changes as soon as Dayton met Marcus. Marcus is a cursed Demon that looks kind of like a vampire sometimes, almost never shows any emotion or talks about his past, randomly makes things appear out of thin air, and has 'distinctly grey' tattooed all over his character. His is tricked into forming a blood-bond with Dayton and the rest of the story revolves around them finding a way to undo it before war breaks out between Heaven and Hell. The bond between them was different from anything I'd seen in a paranormal book before. There's no direct telepathy (at least not clearly at this stage), there is certainly no 'insta-like' between them (I consider that a good thing), and it's not even clear if one of them dies without the other. The only things we know for sure about it are that Dayton gained some of Marcus' strengths, they now share each other's physical injuries, and everyone is pissed off about it (including them). As the story progressed and they got to know each other I couldn't help liking both their characters and laughing at the way they always seem to be getting into spats with each other. I also really liked how Dayton didn't suddenly become a superhero with her new abilities - she had to learn to use them and even though she is really powerful and unlike anybody else, she still had limits. It always puts me off when heroes/heroines suddenly develop magical abilities, toast all the bad guys and then are heading home in time for dinner. Anyway - enough of my rambling. If you like young-adult paranormal books I'd strongly suggest giving this one a shot. It probably falls under the romance category too but there isn't really a whole lot of that so far. There is far more suspense and running around being chased by various baddies than anything else - awesome right? Also, just in case you need another reason to pick up this book - it's free on Amazon! I'm glad I picked it up and I'm looking forward to reading the next in the series, Ransom, as soon as I can.

Ellen says

When I first started this book, I had a hard time figuring out exactly what was going on, but when I did, boy was I hooked. Dayton and her sister Amber lost their parents when she was 10 years old. Forced to live with their emotionally distant aunt at the Abbey (which is sort of like a religious convent) Dayton's only support has been her best friends, Monroe and Conor, who are more like family to her. As she approaches her 17th birthday, she finds things changing. Her aunt and the evil Damon have plans for her that she wants no part of. As their plans are put in motion, Dayton Blainey finds herself bound to Marcas Craig and caught up in a world she really wasn't even sure she believed in. As she faces the fact of who and what she is and who and what Marcas is, they find themselves inducted into something that could change the order of the supernatural world in a way never seen before. Everyone wants her dead, and she finds herself having to trust the one person she wants to hate.

Let me just say Dayton rocked. She is funny, tough, snarky, and outspoken, and she is not afraid to stand up to anyone. I really liked her character. Marcas was dark and mysterious, but sexy, even though he could be a real pain. There is chemistry between these two, really hot chemistry, even though neither of them will admit it. I really liked Conor and Monroe also, and they each have their own unique stories. Each chapter in the book begins with a quote from Bezaliel, and when you find out who he is, things begin to come together in the book and really start to click. As I said above I was hooked and literally didn't want to put the book down once I got into it. There is action, drama, mystery, all kinds of paranormal and spiritual beings, demons, angels, gargoyles, witches, and a Naphil. There is the perfect amount of humor inserted into the intense drama throughout the story, and you can't help but fall in love with the characters in the book. The plot is great. It was refreshing and entertaining, and this is a great beginning to an awesome series. I am so glad I was able to have access to the whole series at one time. I would have been pulling out my hair if I had to wait for the next book. If you love paranormal romance with action, adventure, drama, angels, demons, and all kinds of supernatural things going on, this is one series you will most definitely want to read.

(Short excerpt from book 1) - The attendant walked by and I asked for a pillow. "Can I get you anything else?" she asked pleasantly. I hooked my thumb in Marcas' direction. "A new husband. You can have this one." "Ma'am?" The attendant asked. I waved my hand. "Sorry, Lover's quarrel. Give us some time. You know what they say about makeup sex."

"Like you know anything about that." Marcas muttered. "Are you always this aggravating?"
"Pretty much." Marcas moaned. "This is going to be one helluva long flight," I heard him whisper.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

A HUGE thank you to ATOMR Blog Tours for allowing my to be on this tour and allowing me to read and review this ARC. I have to say that anyone who knows me knows I love my angel books. I love the good the bad and the ugly and when the dust settles either the angels have won or the demons have won the battle. This is one of those unique stories that grabs you right from the beginning and keeps you plastered right to the very end.

In Redemption we meet Dayton Blainey. She is an angry teen reeling from the loss of her parents. She is sent

to live with her weird aunt whom she does not really like. But living with her aunt is her only option so she rebels against every and anything her aunt and sister say.

Then one day her best friend Monroe who is Wiccan tells Dayton she had a vision about her and the vision was not a good one. With this vision playing out Dayton will learn she has been lied to and when the secrets are revealed she will have to face who she really is in this life. Anger is what fuels Dayton and when the truth comes out she will have to make choices and decisions that will not just effect her but others as well. What will Dayton do? Will she chose good or evil? Which boy will she trust? In trusting said boy will it make her or break her?

Come along for the best ride ever! This series is going to be epic!

Anushka says

WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOW!

Oh Sweet Lord, why did it end? I want to read more! Yes, I'd move on to the sequel ASAP!

A craving for Redemption lead to the bonding of a demon and an angel - Oh. My. God.

This book is a cracker! Honestly - I mean the story is sooooooo good! I love how Bezaliel, the angel, has one quote under each chapter. This makes his character justified even after all the mystery. I really wonder what's going on in Marcos's mind all the time! I mean I somehow wonder he's a lot more than he expresses - maybe with a heck of softness embedded in the hardness he probably shows. Wow.

R. K. Ryals - You are sooo awesome!! I loved the narration! Ohmysweetgoodness! I love you! <3
