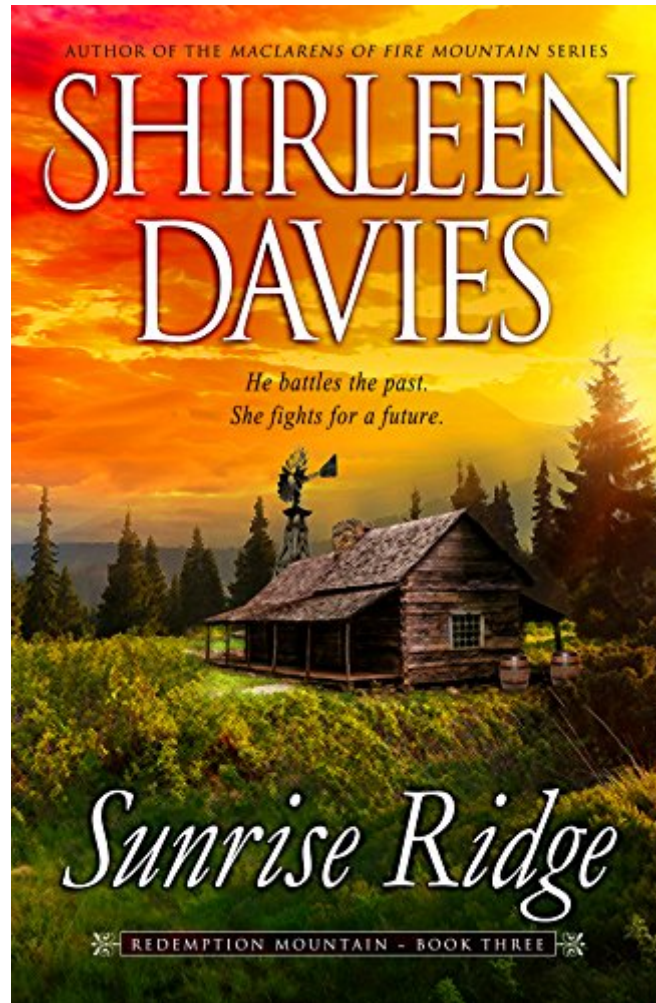


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Synopsis

The author has a talent for bringing the historical west to life, realistically and vividly, and doesn't shy away from some of the harder aspects of frontier life, even though it's fiction. Recommended to readers who like sweeping western historical romances that are grounded with memorable, likeable characters and a strong sense of place.

Noah Brandt is a successful blacksmith and businessman in Splendor, Montana, with few ties to his past as an ex-Union Army major and sharpshooter. Quiet and hardworking, his biggest challenge is controlling his strong desire for a woman he believes is beyond his reach. Abigail Tolbert is tired of being under her father's thumb while at the same time, being pushed away by the one man she desires. Determined to build a new life outside the control of her wealthy father, she finds work and sets out to shape a life on her own terms. Noah has made too many mistakes with Abby to have any hope of getting her back. Even with the changes in her life, including the distance she's built with her father, he can't keep himself from believing he'll never be good enough to claim her. Unexpected dangers, including a twist of fate for Abby, change both their lives, making the tentative steps they've taken to build a relationship a distant hope. As Noah battles his past as well as the threats to Abby, she fights for a future with the only man she will ever love.

Sunrise Ridge is a full length novel with an HEA.

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Customer Reviews

Oh to live in Splendor, Montana, in 1867. I love the Redemption Mountain series and I love this author. In this book, we have Noah's story and I couldn't be happier. He is the blacksmith and livery owner that is quiet and gets his work done. In the former books, he has admired and loved a certain young gal named Abby. She is from a wealthy local ranch and he from the every day laborer. Will they ever get together? That is this story. The author writes such realism in her books with cattle rustlers, honorable sheriffs, hardworking people and romantic adventure that you simply don't want to put the book down. I've had a wonderful couple days getting into this book and even dreaming about the storyline. Thanks for a wonderful experience Ms. Davies and I look forward to more of your books.

She has done it again and, this time, I don't think she can top herself! With Sunrise Ridge, Shirleen Davies has created a book so realistic, so thought provoking and so full of attention grabbing twists that the reader can't help but call in sick for work, put on a pot of tea and read it cover to cover until they have gotten their fill of the author's mastery. Here is a quote from the author's bio that I thought I would share here as it relates so well to Sunrise Ridge: "But her real passion is writing emotionally charged stories of flawed people who find redemption through love and acceptance." This quote describes Sunrise Ridge perfectly! NO other author can speak to the reader through her characters as well as she can and it really helps you understand them, where they came from and what the Old West holds for them in the future. Buy this book, sit down and read it and you will see why she always receives glowing reviews for her books.

I was given this book by the author in exchange for an honest review. It's been a while since I've read a historical romance. I tend to prefer contemporary, but I do, on occasion, pick up a historical if it peaks my interest. Unfortunately, I wasn't all that impressed with this one. From the blurb I was expecting a heartfelt romance with the hero struggling with the ghosts of his past. While I liked Noah well enough, the blurb made it sound as if he'd be dealing with issues from his time as an officer in the Union army during the Civil War. Instead, the war had nothing to do with what was keeping him

from going after the woman he wanted. Abby was a good character and for the most part I enjoyed her. While there were a few things she did that irritated me, I had to remind myself that she was only twenty years old and living in a very different time. There were a lot of characters in this book and a lot of point of view changes. The romance between Noah and Abby ended up getting pushed to the side with everything else going on. I felt the driving romance took a backseat to setting up future stories. Also, I feel I should mention that this is a 'fade to black' romance. There is a lot of angst...a lot of build up...and then nothing. We make it to the bed with them, and then it's the next morning. After all that build up I was expecting more. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a sweet romance set in the frontier west.

Why is it that all the men in Splendor are so stubborn? Are all men really like that? Is that how they think? If so, that is a shame. Although, if all men were as sexy and loyal and passionate as the men in Splendor, I guess that would be a good trade! As usual, Shirleen Davies has turned out another great book! I absolutely love everything she writes. She is definitely one of my favorites. In this one, we get to know another of Splendor's stubborn men, Noah Brandt, a little better. He is in love with the town's biggest rancher's daughter, Abby Tolbert. And, she is in love with him. The problem is, he thinks she is too far above him, and feels that he can't give her anything. He refuses to be in that position. When things begin to change, they start to come closer together, only to be ripped apart again by tragedy. Will they ever find a way to be together? You have to read it!!!

As historical westerns go, not many of them have a plot that can keep my attention for more than a couple of chapters. It's not that I don't like historical western romances, but many of them just plain miss the mark. I think that is why I like Shirleen Davies' style of writing so much; she can tell a story and do it so well that the reader feels like they are there and can relate to the characters. Sunrise Ridge is one such story and one of her best to date. Noah and Abigail are two characters that are so well developed, many times during the story I had to stop and remember that they weren't real. The author is that good at bringing her characters to life! The setting is perfect, the story line is excellent and there is even a twist thrown in for good measure! In this reader's opinion, this is one of her best and will go down as the focal point of her Redemption Mountain series.

"Sunrise Ridge" is a historical western romance about a relationship between two very unique people. Set in 19th century Montana, the novel follows blacksmith Noah Brandt, former Union Army sharpshooter, and Abigail Tolbert, a determined young woman who wants to find her own way in

life. The two have a complicated history together, and they must navigate all the complexities if they'll ever find true love. Author Shirleen Davies writes a story that balances each character's past and present situations, setting up a need for the characters to reconcile the two before they move forward. I am very impressed with how Davies is able to transport the reader to the historical western frontier and see how place plays a role in the characters' lives. If you're a fan of western romances, you'll love this offering by Shirleen Davies.

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