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# In Hot Water: A Triple-D Ranch Romantic Suspense





## Synopsis

In her new romantic action adventure, Terry Odell spins her popular Blackthorne, Inc. series off into a new world of adventures filled with mystery and suspense. The Triple-D Ranch novels are set against the backdrop of a Colorado cattle ranch, where cowboys find love and danger while they're working the range. He needs a cook, she needs a place to hidea |Derek Cooper has left the violent life of an Army Ranger and a covert ops agent for Blackthorne, Inc. in favor of the more peaceful life of a cowboy, running the family cattle ranch in the Colorado mountains. However, when he rescues a stranded motorist, he has no idea this blonde pixie is going to bring violence to his doorstepâ "or work her way into his heart. Unable to resist helping her discover why she's in danger ends up with him unable to resist her â | period. When they discover a potential bioterrorism plot, they'll have to put their attraction on hold while they search for a way to prevent it. Sabrina Barton believes in second chances, and she's running a vocational culinary school to prove it. But when her brother dies in a mysterious hit-and-run, and she's beset by an unsettling series of accidents, she can't believe in coincidences. She goes in search of the one man her brother told her to seek if she ever needed help. Trouble is, the letter with that advice was delivered at her brother's funeral, more than ten years after he wrote it. Will cattle rancher Derek Cooper be able to help her? And will she be able to resist this handsome cowboy who seems to be no stranger to violence?

### **Book Information**

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Not every book by an author can be excellent and while previous books that I've read by Ms. Odell were, this one was sadly no where near as good. The premise is a good one and you can read that in the blurb. The execution was painfully slow, taking a complicated plot and making it seem guite easy--in a painfully slow fashion.95% of the book occurs in a 3-4 day timeframe. During that time the author introduces Sabrina, a chef who trains cooks in need of a second chance in life. She is committed to helping them get back on their feet. Because of a letter that she receives while at her brother's funeral, she finds herself on the Triple-D Ranch belonging to Derek, an old Army teammate of her brother. What could have been a nice ranch romance just tried too hard to do too much. Save the world kind of stuff. Characters were introduced who offered no value, including Merry, Vlad and Ranae. The people that Sabrina tried to help at her school, including Lourdes and Tanya, were ethnic stereotypes who had bad people in their lives. Sabrina could have been a very likable character but she was plaqued with moments that didn't make sense like feeling compelled to make a long drive based on a phone call that could have been important--or perhaps not--all while there is a massive threat that needs to be contained. That decision was based on no logic. She also felt excluded when Derek didn't use his speakerphone just because she wanted to be in the loop. The thing that was so nonsensical about that is that she knew--as does the reader--that these were tight knit ex-Rangers who were trying to stop something bad from happening to our nation. You know, guys who felt a deep brotherhood and treated each other as family.

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