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From Reader Review Runaway Colton for online ebook

Linda Rea says

The Colton family adopted Piper when she was little and she loves her family but when her dad Eldridge is presumed murdered Piper is to blame. A couple of her family her sister Marceline and Fowler her brother are ganging up on her convinced she did it. Piper decided she is going to have to clear her own name she packs a bag and empties her bank account.

In the meantime her brother Fowler hires Cord Maxwell to find her and bring her home even tripling Cords salary. Cord agrees cause since he started looking for his niece Renee he hasn't made any money but guess who calls looking for help clearing her name. Cord agrees to help as long as she is home by her court date and also if she would help him find his niece. Cord tells Piper she has to stay with him to protect her and it works out so good that Truman his dog likes her the best.

As they begin to look for Renee and work at clearing her name Cord and Piper get closer so close that when Piper leaves to go home or jail Cord will lose his mind. I just loved Pipers character in this story and her great outlook on life.

Reviewed on behalf of Once upon an Alpha

Books and Spoons says

A puzzling murder mystery to be solved, the real culprit to be caught, and family drama to be dissolved all at the same time is not too tall order for the bounty hunter Cord Maxwell. If only his aging friend wouldn't get seriously ill, he could solve the financial problems his having, find his niece and not fall for his childhood crush who happens to be in his guest room hiding from the world, he could get his work done.

Piper and Cord have a great chemistry and their connection goes way back to their childhood at the Colton ranch. Either of their childhood memories isn't all that sweet, except those shy moments they had with each other. The relationship between them is natural and easy, they boast with honesty and deliver it as well. I liked both them, the calm of their relationship was serene.

The Coltons I find rather high-handed and highly annoying. I understand that in some parts of the world the class system is still alive and in practice, but I have a hard time understanding or even accepting it in the western world. Each for its own, of course, but I didn't care for their attitude.

The story is good, there's little excitement about it. The mysteries are solved with few steps, the ones that are solved. The family problems with Cord were gone with a snap, the Coltons are, of corse, a different matter. Piper and Cord find a tune and their way as long as they stay focused on each other and not listening to the outside influences. It is a good, nice story, a low-key tale with little romance, little mystery, drama, living and loving, all in a small town Texas

~ Three Spoons

Sparkymom says

Of the many different Colton books in the many different Colton series, I can't really think of one I didn't like. There are always difficult family dynamics but also a closeness between some of the siblings. In this case, Piper is close to some of the siblings, but the others suspect her of murdering her father. When the accusations fly, she leaves and decides to figure out what happened on her own. Her brother hires Cord to

find her, but it's not really clear whether he is trying to help her or hurt her. Once Cord does locate Piper, he ends up helping her house in exchange for her help in locating his missing niece. The two of them are attracted from the start and make a great couple, but Piper's brother keeps stirring up trouble. Cord has no way of knowing if Piper really cares for him or if she is just as snobby as her brother and will ditch him once she's safe. Either way, he's committed to see it through to the end.

I received an ARC from Net Galley for review.

Jessica Figueroa says

Pipers adoptive father goes missing and there's evidences of blood on a shirt her owns in her room. It isn't much to convict her but that's all everyone got, now its assumed that he is dead and it seems like shes behind it. Meanwhile Piper knows she wouldn't hurt a fly let alone her own loving adoptive father and is seeking help from Cord to find out what really happened. On the other side Cord is looking for his niece and Pipers brother seeing for his help to find her gives him an extra job he's less then thrilled to be doing.

Ok so I liked this book it was good. Honestly I was looking for a bit more with a book like this plenty could've been done to make this a mystery / suspense book. There was little going on when it came to looking for the father or at least what happened to him. There wasn't much going on with the mystery / suspense aspect of finding the father, or much leads. There was plenty of accusations of who it could be but there wasn't much to go on that front. Then there's the mystery of where Cord's niece went and it was pretty much a day long search so the mystery there wasn't much. Overall this was a pretty good romance book I did like that part between Cord and Piper but its not so much when it comes to the suspense part.

Crystal Spieker says

This was my first Coltons of Texas book, and now I must run to get the others! So good! Piper who was adopted by the Coltons finds herself accused of murdering her Father. Determined to prove her innocence, she hires Colt (a PI) to help her. Colt has also been hired by Pipers brother to bring her in for her court date.

There was so much to love in this book! I really enjoyed the suspense and anticipation of will they/won't they really get together, find the truth about what happened to her Dad, find Colts sister, clear Pipers name?! So much going on in this one little book, and still the story flowed, not once did I find myself confused or like something was missing. Not only were the main chat great, but the supporting characters were well developed and complimented the story well. This is a series that is going straight to the top of my must read list!!

Reviewed on behalf Once Upon an Alpha

Kate Vale says

Part of the Coltons of Texas series, in this story, Piper Colton is accused of the murder of her adoptive father. When she leaves home, determined to find the real killer and clear her name, she enlists the help of a bounty hunter who's already been hired by Piper's brother to bring her home so she can stand trial. Something's not right, but Cord Maxwell takes both jobs and then agrees to allow Piper to hide out at his place while she helps him find his missing sister, who's run off.

Piper finds Renee quickly, but the issue of who killed Piper's dad remains up in the air through the story, suggesting the conclusion may occur in yet another installment. The numerous missing words and other typos remained jarring throughout this tale, but the romance kept me turning pages.

Lynsay says

While I did like this story, I was disappointed that there wasn't more suspense. This seemed to just gloss over anything remotely suspenseful. There were quite a few parts to this story that could have added to it. The whole thing with finding Renee or searching for whoever framed Piper could have turned suspenseful. It really felt like it was lacking suspense and should not have been labeled a suspense book. I do get that there is still the mystery of Eldridge, but even the mentioning of that wasn't all that suspenseful. To me this is just a filler book in a really great series.

Vera says

This is another book of the Coltons of Texas Series. This time Piper (adopted daughter) is trying to clear her name of killing her Dad. She goes into hiding to do this. Seems she is being framed. The Coltons are a rich and powerful family, but seems to be lots of conflicts.

The story line is good, but spread across lots of books. Even at the end of this one mentions yet the final book that come out in 12/16 Colton Christmas Protector.

If you enjoy reading books that have several in a series, might enjoy it. But might like to be sure all the ones are available and start from the beginning. I didn't, but will try to read the last of the series, curious how it finally ends.

Fran says

Piper has been wrongly accused of killing her adoptive father and is now on the run seeking to find the person who planted evidence against her to make her look guilty. She decides to hire private PI, Cord, but unbeknownst to her, Cord has already been hired by her adoptive brother to bring her home (her brother thinks she is guilty). There's not a lot of romance in this book or hot sex, nor much drama in terms of suspense and intrigue. I also found the hero very annoying. He was very insecure and broke (quite a change from most HP hero's) and not much ethical in terms of taking money from a client and then hiding the fact he found her. It wasn't until the end of the book that he got some clue that maybe he needs to return the money

he was paid. All in all, it was just an okay read for me. Nothing special.

Maggie Hesseling says

Being accused by her oldest brother and sister of killing their father, Piper runs off and straight to the man her brother hires to find her. They make a deal. She'll find his runaway niece and he'll clear her name.

There are a couple things that really made this novel a great read:

-I loved the niece and the way that Piper manages to reach her. Sometimes you just need someone to bridge the gap between you and a child. It's hard not getting someone, and Piper fills that role really well.

-Cord is a real 'gentle giant' and the conversations between him and Piper are always so caring. Whiddon's way of bringing these two people to life, really makes you want to hope for the best for them. They're good people.

-The dog really steals the show at moments, especially in the house. He has a great character, that fills that house and really gives it a family feel to it.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

This time it is Piper Colton who is the runaway. Everyone is still trying to find out who happened to her father and someone is framing her for the deed. She asks Cord Maxwell to help her clear her name. He makes a bargain with her and the story takes off from there. The introduction to the Colton family and much of the back story is in pervious books. Even so this can be read as a stand-alone. This is one of those series where there is a mystery that is part of the main plot in each book. The mystery is not solved here but it looks like it might be in the next book. I have been keeping up with the series and look forward to finds out where that missing Colton is.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: The Coltons of Texas

Paula Legate says

Runaway Colton is the 11th book in (The Coltons of Texas series). Most of the books can be read as a standalone. The books can be read out of order. This is one book series that I have really enjoyed.

In this book, Piper colton is being framed for murder. The cops said there was a eye witness that saw her beating her dad. Her dad is missing, but the body has never turned up. Piper has never raised a hand to her dad. The cops are keeping the eye witness a secret. Piper hired Colton to help her find answers. Colton was hired by her brother to find Piper.

I loved the action, suspense, and romance in this book. I also loved the heart touching moments between

Colton, and his niece Renee. Colton was raising Renee because both of her parents had died. Colton was doing the best he could, but he had no idea how to raise a teenage. Renee left, and ran away. Not really called running away, when Renee was 18. He was worried about her. He asked Piper to help him find her. Piper was able to find her, the two talked Renee into coming back home. The three bonded during that time. Renee had never had a real Thanksgiving meal before. My eyes misted at the depth of emotion over the Thanksgiving meal.

This book always has a dog that bonded to Piper. The dog stole my heart. Really good book. I really enjoyed it!

Nibrock says

A quick and fun romance.

DelAnne Frazee says

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Although eleventh in the series, Runaway Colton can be read as a stand alone. The great thing about books from series is that you can revisit old friends from previous books. The characters were interesting to read and watch grow as the story progresses. The story was well done and fun to read.

My rating of "Runaway Colton" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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