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Summary

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Review

In *Dangerously Divine*, we meet Gregori Sun after the events that took place in *Dangerously Charming* and he helped his brother Mikhail with his new-found abilities. Now is the case of Gregori, who, after being tortured by a crazy Baba Yaga and lost his immortality, has started to manifest strange abilities himself, abilities that resemble things that his mother was able to do. In hope of understanding his new abilities, Gregori has decided to look into his mother Iduyan, a mystical shaman, that was able to extend her life and of her followers' through meditation and understanding of the universe energy. Given that he hasn't seen his mother in a couple of centuries, he doesn't know where she is or how to locate her, and his father the god Jarilo has been gone or asleep for some time to ask for help. The only thing that he can think of doing, is to join a Buddhist temple and research her mother's history, while trying to find peace of mind again.

As Gregori starts his path with the Buddhists and his research to find his mother, he meets the librarian Ciera Evans, who works at the University of Minnesota and helps him when he asks for odd or weird information. On the outside Ciera looks like any other boring librarian, but at night she goes out and does her best to clean

up the streets of dealers and pimps on the bad streets of Minneapolis. She has a dark past that is the fire that ignites her revenge and need to be a vigilante.

As the two of them start to spend more time together, a different fire ignites in both of them that makes them rethink their life choices and how it would change their lives, but there are different people who would like to see them disappear to keep their own plans a secret.

I really liked *Dangerously Divine*, at the beginning I felt it was somewhat slow to tell us the problem of the story, but once you started to get a hang of the characters and what they wanted it became more entertaining.

On this *Broken Riders* series, we get to learn more about the red rider, Gregori Sun. Gregori met a cameo the first book of the series, *Dangerously Charming*, to help his brother Mikhail. Gregori is very different to Mikhail and that was something that I liked in this series. It often is that in a series that has brothers as protagonist, that they tend to have the same personality and way of doing things. This wasn't the case, and Gregori was a fresh breath to this fantasy world.

I liked the personality of both Gregori and Ciera. Both of them are different to the other, but still have similarities past that makes them come to a same choice or decision. They respect each other choices and accepted that they can become more is they help one another.

The story presents a variety of characters that add a different flavor to the story. We get to see previous characters from the *Baba Yaga* series, but at the same time we meet new ones. One that I liked was a the Jarilo, Gregori's father, who was fun to read. For some reason I also liked a friend and volunteer from the Soup kitchen that Ciera and Gregori volunteer.

I keep liking the supernatural world that this series takes place and I like the interaction between the Otherworld and the humans.

If you are a fan of Deborah Blake or her work in the *Baba Yaga* series, then I recommend you, *Dangerously Divine*. In this story, we meet a man that after an awful betrayal, who has lost so many things, now just wants peace, and a woman that is looking for the murder of her mentor and savior; once they meet they start to reevaluate where their lives are going and how they can stay together.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

Sophia says

The second of the three former Riders gets his story. Gregori Sun, the calm, logical, and oldest of the three brothers is unraveling at the seams. I wanted to bundle up each of these guys and heal them with a hug. But no... they have to make their own way back. Gregori's story and his extra special lady was captivating and emotional from the beginning.

There was something extra special about this story that took it up several notches even from the first book, Mikhail's story. I suspect it was the themes of broken people, broken families, abuse, surviving and thriving, and paying it forward.

Gregori and Ciera both are hanging by threads when they encounter one another. Ciera is in a better place from her past, but she is stirring up things in the dark she won't be able to handle when she puts herself on the radar of a drug cartel leader while Gregori is literally going to pieces and must find a way to control the supernatural gifts that are emerging since he was tortured and lost his immortality.

Both have a hard row to hoe, but I loved how the author made this a romance story of two survivors finding each other and helping each other finish finding their strengths and that they can reach out to others in trust and have a chance at love.

Things are pretty exciting and come at the pair from a few different angles. Both have enemies they aren't even aware of that are after them and both are on separate quests. It was neat and got in some great action moments along with a few Baba Yaga Bella and cat-dragon and Rider scenes which made me grin.

Oh the feels I got from this book. There were bits of humor slipped in to make me chuckle, sweet ahhs, passionate ohhs, suspenseful page-turner scenes, and heartwarming triumphs.

And now we're down to the last Rider, the big larger than life bear of man, Alexei. Can't wait to see what and who is in store for him.

Dangerously Divine is probably my favorite book between both the Baba Yaga and Broken Riders series. Incidentally, my recommendation is to read them in order from the first Baba Yaga and on through in order because they work best that way. Those who enjoyed action, suspense, a bit of witchery, humor, and slow-burn passion in their paranormals should definitely pick these up.

My thanks to Penguin Group for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

Barb Lie says

Dangerously Divine by Deborah Blake is the 2nd book in her Broken Riders spinoff (Baba Yaga) series. Having enjoyed the first book in this series (Dangerously Charming), I looked forward to reading this book, and I am happy to say I enjoyed it as much or even better.

Gregori Sun, our hero, is a broken rider, who due his torture by the hands of insane Baba Yaga witch, has lost his immortality. Gregori feels lost, unable to feel his spirit, and enters a monastery, where he feels he is now best suited to be. Gregori, at the same time, spends his spare time at the local library, trying to research clues to finding his spiritual mother, who can help heal him; and teach him how to use his new found healing powers.

Ciera Evans, our heroine, is the librarian, who helps Gregori find the books he needs. Ciera, leads a secret life outside of the library. She is hiding from Victor, a dangerous man who imprisoned her and had her on drugs. She was saved by a friend, who was murdered, and now Ciera is a vigilante, helping abused teens, fighting the dangerous men who hurt them, and revenging the man who murdered her friend.

Gregori is intrigued by Ciera, who he keeps running into, whether at the library, soup kitchen (where she works), or on the streets. He finds himself becoming attracted to her, as she is to him. But both know there can be no future. When Gregori starts getting closer to finding his mother, someone is out to stop him and a god of winter brings down havoc of ice and snow that threatens the town. Bella (one of the Baba Yaga's) and

her dragon/cat Koshki , come to help Gregori. Together they will ask Gregori's father (God of Spring) to help stop the horrific storm

At the same time, Ciera finds herself in terrible danger, as the person she has been hunting has found her, and now she is at his mercy. Will Gregori be able to find her and save her? What follows is an exciting adventure, which kept us glued to the book during the last half. I loved Gregori and Ciera together, as they were different, but similar in both being effected by tragedies; but I rooted for them to find their way to each other.

To tell too much more would be spoilers, which I do not want to give, as you need to read both books in this series. Dangerously Divine was an enjoyable read that was exciting, intense, a sweet romance, great couple, and fun spending time with a Baba Yaga and Koshki (very funny) . Dangerously Divine was another fun story. I can't wait for the next book in this series.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Shana says

Love this series! I really like the Riders, and Sun's story was great.

Marta Cox says

I really enjoyed being back in this world full of magic, the fae and of course the Baba Yagas . What makes this book so special though is the previously unflappable Gregori Sun. Gregori has always seemed the one most in tune with the universe and his place within it but recent events have left him in inner turmoil. No longer immortal, no longer a Rider and now discovering latent powers that he has no idea how to control! Ok time to take action and Gregori feels his place is in meditation readying himself for life as a Monk but it turns out that perhaps the universe has other ideas !

Ciera has reinvented herself. No longer a runaway, no longer dependent on drugs but now a model citizen working as a librarian and helping those less fortunate. Oh who am I kidding? It would be a boring story if nothing untoward was happening and the truth is Ciera has a secret of her own ! Their initial meeting might be coincidental but there's a connection between them that confuses Gregori. Still he hasn't time for romance and really needs help discovering his roots but not everyone wants Gregori to retrace his past !

Most paranormal stories have good versus evil but this book offers us more than one villain and it's really a twisting tale that had me gripped. These Riders are so very different to each other and I would definitely recommend starting with the Baba Yaga books but right now it's all about Gregori getting his mojo back and he manages that with some very unexpected intervention! What can I say? With families you never quite know what to expect!

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Louisa says

Oh, this was a really fantastic book! These two were really fantastic, and they both had something going on, him with his powers and his search for his mom, and her, her past and her present and the secrets in both! So great! Can't wait for the 3rd book and the 3rd brother finding love!

? BookAddict 🦋 La Crimson Femme says

Second book in this series features Gregori Sun who is one of the three immortal brothers who are no longer immortal. I loved this book because of Gregori and his parents. Ms. Blake takes a serious situation and gives it a sense of humour with a bit of danger. This book can be read as a standalone. Reading the first book in this series will help a little.

When a person is invulnerable and can never die, life is less precious. When Gregori becomes mortal, he learns a lot of his powers which he took for granted are no longer easy to obtain. This self re-discovery journey could be dry - filled with meditation and disciplined training. Fortunately, Ms. Blake does not torture the readers in this manner. Instead, she tortures us with twists and turns that keeps the book lively if a bit frustrating. Gregori meets Ciera. She is a bit of a mystery to him. When he learns more about her and her secret witchy ways, he helps her as she helps him.

From a character perspective, I liked them all. Down to Gregori's obvious and absent father. Whilst Gregori is becoming something different, there is a jealous force trying to eradicate him. Tying in Gregori's history with his mother gives a richness to his character. Instead of just a super hero who rides in on a motorcycle, Gregori becomes more relatable and human. This story does a nice job of showing how children can grow apart and lose contact with their parents. However, this does not mean that they can not reconnect. And that good parents, when a child is in trouble, no matter the age, will still rush to their side to help them. I think this is the part that really made me feel good. Seeing how Gregori may have been all alone, but he really isn't. He has family and they all want to help him become this different person. The love interest definite helps bring him back to life. Recommended to paranormal romance readers who like self discovery themes.

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Jacque says

I really need to read the Baba Yaga series! They have quite the presents in this book that has me very curious on what the riders were like before they were attacked, especially Gregori. Why would he want to become a monk? Is it because he can't control his new powers and where do those powers come from? He thinks his mother may have the answers so he set out to see if he could find her starting with research at the library.

Ciera may seem like a mild mannered librarian, but underneath that plain exterior is a warrior. She had a troubled, sad childhood that involved abuse and drugs, and now determined to save other lost teens. When she is not working at a shelter, she secretly patrols the streets to help others. A chance encounter on the street brings them together, his research at the library makes sure there is no getting away from each other. When Gregori purposes they work together to solve each other's problems, she reluctantly agrees. And then things start to get interesting!

Dangerously Divine was Fun! Fun! Fun! It's loaded with action, curious twists and secrets begging to be discovered. The chemistry between Gregori and Ciera was fantastic. Because of their backgrounds, honestly I don't know who I loved more - Ciera and how she overcame her past or Gregori and his parents. Speaking of which, I loved all the extra characters! A cat-dragon...heck yeah! And then throw in that there is more than one bad guy to battle. Between the humor, the heat, and the non-stop action, I couldn't put this book down and found myself racing to the end just to see what would happen next. This is definitely a book worth recommending. I can't wait to see what's in store for the final Rider brother.

I received this book from The JeepDiva with the express purpose of an honest review. The opinions, contents, and rating of this review are solely mine

Stars - 4, Flames - 3

Beth says

What an amazing ride Deborah Blake has taken us on! The three immortal brothers, protectors of the Baba Yagas, have lost their immortality to a power hungry individual and now the always confident, Gregori, is struggling to find his way. **Dangerously Divine** is Gregori's story.

Gregori has decided to become a monk, following a spiritual path that his mother had instilled in him since an early age. As he goes down the path toward monkhood, he also wishes to discover whether his mother is still alive. Gregori goes where anyone would go to do research, to the library, where he meets a librarian he just can't get out of his mind, Ciera Evans.

Ciera is on the run from someone in her past and is weary of anyone new. When Gregori turns up at the library she doesn't think much of it but then he also keeps showing up in other places in her life she suspects him of being an agent of her ex, the one she is running from.

Gregori's explorations into the elusive spiritual group that his mother started kicks off a goddess' wrath, endangering Ciera, Gregori and everyone living the city. Together they must protect those they've come to care for and work together before its too late.

Dangerously Divine was a gripping and completely riveting paranormal romance. I have loved the Baba Yaga series from the first installment I read and am now devouring Blake's storytelling with the Broken Riders series. What else could a fan ask for...crossover characters, same Baba Yaga world, an explosive, action intense plot AND a swoon worth romance!

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My Rating: 5 stars

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Michele says

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Dangerously Divine had everything I love about Deborah Blake's work. It featured a loyal hero and a strong heroine who had incredible chemistry together, and of course it was full of magic and supernatural elements that added depth to the story.

'Avoid all violence, Gregori heard his teacher from the monastery say in his head. And then he ran toward trouble, just as he always had.'

I had a lot of fun with Gregori and Ciera's romance, but then again, I always have fun with Deborah Blake's stories. Now the books in this series can be read as standalones, but if you've read book one or even the Baba Yaga series then you're probably as curious about the former Riders as I have been. And Gregori certainly was the noble, honorable man I thought he was. I love that his struggles (as well as Ciera's) were cast in a realistic light, not shying away from his flaws or mistakes. [Read More](#)

Ann Marie Augustino says

Wow The Riders are mostly grown up

This was a delight. I loved this more than any other tale in the series and I dearly love them all. The insight and heart in this tale had me at the first sentence and held me to the last.

Maria V. Snyder says

I've loved all of Deborah's Baba Yaga books and am equally enjoying this series as well. This book is stronger than Dangerously Charming - I think the plot was more complex and I think Deborah's hitting her stride with these characters. I'm saddened to know that her publisher Berkley Sensation has decided not to publish #3 :(but I'm hoping she'll either find a new publisher or do it on her own as I really want to read about the last rider Alexei!

Linda says

An ingeniously amazing installment Deborah's Broken Riders series!

“A witch, a Rider, a dragon, and a god walk into a monastery...”

Dangerously Divine by Deborah Blake is the second ingeniously amazing installment in Deborah's Broken Riders series. This series is a spin-off from and set in the same world as the author's Baba Yaga series, a highly imaginative fractured retelling of the Russian Baba Yaga folk tales. This tale features Gregori Sun, the eldest Rider, who is struggling to control new powers gained when he lost his immortality. Fans of Deborah's Baba Yaga series will be delighted to find characters from that series appear and play strong supporting roles in her Broken Riders series. Sharing the spotlight with Gregori in this story is a new character, Ciera Evans, a university librarian by day and a vigilante by night.

While you could enjoy *Dangerously Divine* as a stand alone, my recommendation is to start at the beginning with the Baba Yaga series and then the Riders. They work best that way and, truly, you won't want to miss one spellbinding moment!

Gregori's always been the unflappable Rider, but since losing his immortality, he's lost his way. He used to be able to effortlessly connect to the universe's energy with a single thought. Now, he's beset by disturbing visions, precognition that he doesn't trust nor know what to do with, and a healing gift that he can't control. Seeking elusive inner peace, he enters a Buddhist monastery to pursue becoming a monk while using his free time to search for his mother, a female Mongolian shaman, who may be able to help him. With limited options, he doggedly continues his search for her even though his mother has probably been dead for hundreds of years. Still, driven to follow every possibility, he enlists the aid of Ciera, the librarian at the university to assist his research as to where his mother may be found. Ciera is curious as to why this sexy monk-in-training is interested in a Mongolian shamaness, but Ciera holds close her own secrets. She is not who she appears to be - intent on a clandestine mission of her own.

I loved both of these characters! My heart went out to both of them as they'd both suffered such terrible trauma and sorrow. Would they ever learn to trust and follow their hearts? Their story kept me riveted from the first to the last...

Following please find a few of my favorite quotes from *Dangerously Divine*:

The taxi driver dropped them off back at the Wabasha Street Caves and drove off clutching a huge tip and muttering under his breath about dog drool on his upholstery. In return, Chudo-Yudo muttered something about taxi drivers tasting good with ketchup.

Only one kiss. That was what he had intended. But Ciera's lips were sweet like the juice of a pomegranate, and her skin under his hands felt like velvet. When she put her arms around him, he deepened the kiss, pulling the pins out of her hair until it cascaded over her shoulders. The tiny jingle of the bits of metal falling to the floor was almost lost in the moan she let out when he moved his lips down her neck, and then he was lost too.

“I also juggle,” he said in a grave tone, “and am quite adept with a deck of cards.”

I've thoroughly enjoyed every Baba Yaga book and the first Rider book, but Dangerously Divine is my favorite of them all with wonderful characters, steamy times, action and danger galore, laugh-out loud moments and unexpected twists at every turn. I can't wait to return to Barbara's Baba Yaga/Rider world with Alexei's story. It will be Deborah's final Rider book. I fervently hope that that it won't be the final book written in Deborah's Baba Yagas' universe!

My full review is published at Reading Between the Wines Book Club. Please check it out there!

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

This is book two in the Broken Riders series. That series is a spin off from the Baba Yaga series. I have not read any of the previous books and at times I did feel like I was missing some background. Even so I had no trouble keep up with the characters and the story line. I liked the two main characters. Gregory Sun is the ultimate strong and silent type. In his case that is not a strength. Ciera Evans has a very big secret in her past and she keeps to herself to protect that secret. The two keep trying to protect themselves by keeping apart. Does not work that well. I enjoyed the world building, backstory and plot. A very interesting romance mixed with a lot of danger and tension.

I received a free copy of the book in return for an honest review.

Kelly Knapp says

Wow. Love the concept and the characters are strong and well developed. love that the characters weren't looking for a partner, but found they couldn't resist...I will be looking for the first book and getting it shortly. Looking forward to the third in the series.
