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From Reader Review Redemption for online ebook

Hayley Faiman says

This book was leaps and bounds so much better than Book 1 and i liked book 1.. but as hot as Casper was .. he is No Mathias!!!!

The man is from the Bayou.. he's ex-military.. badass mother... who eventhough he doesn't have a voice.. knows how to use his damn mouth... and all of his other 2,000 body parts!

This is Insta-Lust and i am A-OKAY with that.. because it is the "Post-Chaos" world and honestly you have to live like you're dying and who is going to turn down a man like Mathias.. or any of the Defiance men... not me.. that's for damn sure.

The sex was good but not super explicit (and we all know i prefer extremely explicit) but the story captured me and kept me interested so in my opinion it was a win-win!

Maybe i just don't remember from the first book but.... these people never use protection...

Things went crazy there for a while..

But let's face it..Mathias killed to protect her and well.. thats hot.

This is a series i will keep on keepin' on because it's just too good not to!

Dear Bish:

Susan (susayq ~) says

Bishop needs his own book!

Now that I've gotten that off my chest lol This was another captivating addition to the series. Once again, it was dark and gritty and I loved it. I just wish there would be a little more world building. I want to know what is going to happen now that Defiance knows what the government has been doing and where it's headed. I want to know more about the trading and problems with the mob and other MCs. I want to know what Rebel's secret is that Luna has been keeping (I think I know, but I want confirmation lol) And for the

love of God, I want Bishop to have his own book!!

I'll be preordering the next one as soon as it's available.

Julie Clark says

This one was better than the first. It flowed more smoothly, but I still had some of the same issues I had with the first book. So far I have read book 1 and 2 back to back, which I don't normally do, so I obviously like them. Odds are I will probably go straight to number 3! I feel like sometimes the characters turn on a dime and I feel like my head is spinning and like I missed a page or something. With the first book I had to write the characters down so I could keep track of who was who, but this book was easier to keep track of. I dunno, I liked it a lot but still feel like she has yet to reach her potential.

Stephanie Collins says

When I saw Stephanie talking with someone about Redemption and their thoughts after they read it... I have to admit I might have begged a bit to get my hands on this one. I loved Defiance and couldn't wait for more from this intriguing world. So when she was gracious enough to let me get my hands on it I was extremely gleeful and dived right in after I finished being a grownup and doing homework for college.. ;-)

We met Matthias in Defiance and I found him to be someone I wanted to know more about so finding him as the hero of this one made me a very happy person. We get to see that he is a man who is very willing to believe in magic, curses and the unexplained but we also get to see that the one people should perhaps be more afraid of is him... not Bishop.. He's slow to let his control go but when he does nothing can really bring him back until he releases this pent up aggression. He doesn't make apologies for being the way he is but he's also someone that you would want in your corner because once he gives his loyalty to you it is an amazing thing. He's smart and amazingly sexy even though he doesn't talk you can see the way he feels with everything he does. When he meets Jessa all bets are off and anything that comes between him and his woman had better run in fear. I loved how much he was willing to sacrifice for the good of his MC and her but found his friendship with Bishop to be more amazing than his relationship with Jessa. They are truly a matched pair and seeing what both of them are willing to do for one another was beautiful.

Jessa made a lot of mistakes in this one. She's been misunderstood her entire life but she's also been raised in a world of privilege and wealth the MC just can't comprehend. She's led astray by her "husband" and ends up being rescued by our boys. There is an instant attraction for Matthias that comes to fruition very quickly but for a woman who was almost raped and killed I could understand the need to ground oneself by using sex. The good thing is that she recognizes that Matthias is special and even though she does make mistakes with him I didn't want to slap her for them. She's got a major secret that could jeopardize everyone in the MC but when push comes to shove she does the right thing and lets them know what is brewing. I loved her backbone when she discovered it but I adored when she apologized to Matthias for something stupid she says.

I can't leave out Bishop... This man... *sigh* I'm beyond ready for his story and I know we are going to be dealing with his decision and the aftermath for a while. He's not going to be an easy man to fix once he comes back but I look forward to seeing how it plays out. :-)

Thanks again to Stephanie for giving me the chance to read this with no expectation for review... Feel free to drop anything else my way cause I really have enjoyed this series. I need to go grab your backlist for other titles but ya know you can send the Defiance guys my way any time..

Jessica says

I. Love. Mathias.

The second book in the series and I couldn't get enough. Mathias may be mute but he communicated to everyone on so many levels. He is sexy and funny and oh so protective.

Mathias and Bishop are brothers of the heart and meet Jessa at the beginning of the book. She's not in a position any woman wants to be in, so naturally they jump in and save her. There's an instant connection, and dare we say love, between Mathias and Jessa. We see their trust and love grow throughout the book. Secrets are revealed; we learn more about Mathias and Bishop's past, and we even see the bond grow between Bishop and Jessa.

There was so much going on and I couldn't get enough. Stephanie Tyler has a way of writing that completely engages you, and her characters are so layered. Her men are alpha, her ladies so strong. I will happily read anything this lady writes.

received an ARC for an honest review

Kellison says

So, I was going to pass on reading this book as MC stories can be sort of hit or miss for me (usually miss) and I had never read this author before. Then it went on sale, so I was tempted more strongly. I was still going to pass on it, though, until I found out that the hero is mute. Not deaf, mute. Hello, catnip. I love unique heroes and heroines, and a mute hero is right up that alley.

Mathias is our nonverbal hero, but for someone who can't talk he says a lot. He signs, of course, but he also makes use of other forms of communication, such as body language, facial expression, and his beautiful connection with his best friend/adopted brother, Bishop. The two of them don't need words. I have to say, this relationship sort of trumped Mathias's love interest, Jessa. I adore Bish, and the love and trust between him and Mathias is sweet and true and breathtaking. At one point they are basically described as being soul mates (minus the romantic factor), a fated match, and I could see it in every one of their interactions. The basic understanding they have of one another was powerful to witness—they often know what the other needs before he even realizes he has a need. They are true brothers, even though they aren't really related. I would read this book again just for Mathias and Bishop, because I love what the author created of their friendship, and I don't think I've ever seen anything quite like it in a book I've read.

Jessa, on the other hand, was a little more trying. First, she just hasn't known Mathias very long so there is not the trust that Mathias and Bish have, which is 100% understandable. And then there is the fact that she comes to a decision about something, such as her relationship with Mathias, and the smallest doubt will make her question everything about him. And her husband, Charlie...it takes her a little too long, in my opinion, to wise up to his shit. He tried to sell you, honey. Stop believing anything he says! Her relationship with Mathias is also a little odd. It starts off very sexual, which is fine, I have no problem with that. I do have a little bit of a problem with her sleeping with Mathias and trusting him with her life one minute and the next wondering if he is just playing her. You either trust him with your life or you don't, but you can't waffle about that kind of trust, not to me. I could understand her not giving him that amount of trust right away, but once it is given I don't understand why she keeps revoking it. But she does get better, eventually.

One small naggy thing: Mathias gives Jessa a tattoo. I could swear when he gave it to her it was on her back, but later it is on her hip.

Froggie says

I bought this one not knowing it's about a post-apocalyptic MC. My first thought went to Fist of the North Star and that totally wasn't a good sign. I skipped a lot. The insta-love romance didn't work for me. The relationship between the mute hero and his best friend are interesting but not enough for me to continue or pick up the first book.

Kelly says

Honestly I had a hard time with this book. I think the huge issue I had with it is because I did not read the first one. I am going to go back and read the first one & then re-read this one. I found myself confused and lost while reading this book. I had a hard time getting into it or connecting to the characters. I really also did not like the heroine feels the need to sleep with the hero because he recused her. I don't know why but it really bothered me so I ended up not finishing. Again if I read book one and can connect to the story & characters I will give this one another shot.

Jessie Potts says

OK, so fans looking to read a hot and very dominant book will love this. Stephanie's Defiance stories are all centered on really hard (and hot, let's not forget hot) men. They love and protect their women, but at their core they are a part of the Defiance motorcycle club, so do not expect flowers and sparkles. Now for the story: I was happy to read that this is the story of Matthias, who's mute. His friendship with Bishop, his history, all of it, drew me in. Jessa (our heroine) is a politician's daughter who was abducted and then rescued by Matthias. The two fall in love, and it's adorable, it's hard and it's hot. Watching them fall deeper in love was just as good as watching the workings and happenings around Defiance. Oh, and did I mention she's a politician's daughter? That means we get to see the inner workings of the government, or what's left of it. The audio narrator is also amazing and sucks you in with her nuances and variations. I highly recommend!

My only regret right now is that the audio version won't be out until around January! Boooooooo

To see what Stephanie has to say about Redemption check out the HEA Blog!
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/happyev...>

Ana says

Salvation is the 3rd novel in the Defiance Series by Stephanie Tyler. I read the second book in the series, Redemption based on the recommendation of several folks in twitter.

The Defiance series is essentially a post-apocalyptic Motorcycle Club/New Adult novel. I enjoyed Redemption despite having the skipped the first book where I suspect most of the world-building for occurred.

Luna and Bishop were supporting characters in Redemption and I was eager for their story. Bishop and Mathias are blood brothers, who survived brutal childhoods together, escaped the military after the Chaos and are finding a place and maybe a home in Defiance.

In Redemption Bishop was also Mathias's voice, speaking for him, since he only communicates through sign language forming a close relationship with Jessa. At the end of Redemption Bishop took Mathias place as a hostage in Keller's compound. Keller is a mafioso, trading partner and occasional threat and rival to the Defiance MC. Luna is a legacy member of the Defiance MC who is scarred by the abuse and violence that was common there under the previous leaders. She had been ready to leave Defiance and take her chances in the outside world when Bishop arrived, so after waiting four months for his return she decides to follows Bishop to Keller's.

At Keller's Luna finally lets Bishop claim her as his or have them both suffer the consequences of her impulsive and unsanctioned arrival. Keller's compound is alluring mirage: freedom and excess on the surface and desperation and fear underneath. Bishop and Luna have to navigate treacherous relationships to stay alive, doubting every word they hear while projecting strength. I was disappointed by how little time Tyler spent deepening or building a romance for Bishop and Luna, with most of the story dedicated to the precarious political situation at Keller's and reacting to outside threats by the LoV and the Government. Their relationship seemed to stall after a few chapters and boiled down to a lot of Bishop bossing her around and Luna liking it.

Declan one of Keller's top men and Bishop's assassination partner and Rebel, Luna's best-friend and protector in Defiance however have a much more interesting relationship. Drawn together after Rebel traces Luna to Keller's their relationship deepens beyond their initial intentions. They both live closeted lives, as their sexual orientation and S/M preferences are not acceptable to most the members in their rival organizations. Their relationship and growing attachment could be fascinating to read. I might give the next book a try to see if they can balance their conflicting loyalties to try unite their compounds survive the Government's stepped up efforts at eradicating America's undesirables.

The Defiance's politics are complex and well developed but I wish there had been less focus on the external conflicts.

3 out 5

A digital ARC of this novel was provided by the publisher, Carina Press in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Milena says

Keep it coming!

This series is getting better! I knew Matthias and Bish were going to bring things to a new level. This post apocalyptic world is heating up. Change is inevitable and the road there looks pretty interesting. Can't wait

for the next one.

Carmen says

Even though I don't look books in the first person she still made it seem like I can know what everyone was feeling

E_bookpushers says

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How I got this book: ARC from the publisher

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This blurb came from the author's website.

I read Defiance earlier this year with a few of my fellow Book Pushers and while not perfect I found the idea intriguing, the characters distinctive, and some lingering questions about the events that led to the apocalypse. I was interested in finding out what was going to happen in the next installment since the status quo was significantly altered. I was also very intrigued by the two deserters who were supporting Defiance but had not formally joined. Reading the back cover blurb and finding out that the hero was one of the deserters increased my interest. Tyler answered some of the questions I was wondering and in doing so raised others. While Mathias was the hero in this story, he and Bishop were so intertwined from childhood that he was present in most of the scenes. However, Tyler made a point to demonstrate that Bishop thought of Mathias as a brother and viewed Jessa platonically.

Mathias was on a quest to redeem himself for some of his actions in the past. Even as a young boy he was incapable of walking by when someone needed rescuing. This trait brought him both his best friend, a brother by another mother, and more trouble than he could count. He and Bishop were enjoying time outside during a few of the rare sunlit hours discussing their plans for the future when the peace was broken by a terrified scream. Mathias and Bishop were known for being constantly on the move. Due to their status as deserters and a dislike of those who abused power and therefore innocents, they never remained in one place long enough to put down roots. Their time in Defiance was the longest they had been in one place since

deserting the army and they were starting to feel restless. After assessing the situation Mathias insisted on intervening, a decision that changed his life.

Jessa grew up the pampered daughter of a high-ranking politician groomed to make a political marriage and carry on her family's influence in running the country, or what was left of it. Jessa wasn't happy in her designated role and when her parents would not listen to her thoughts she rebelled by attempting to kill herself multiple times. After her most recent and most serious attempt she married her childhood acquaintance, the man she was supposed to marry in her father's political scheme. After trusting him with the politically deadly secrets she overheard, she found herself betrayed by her husband and being sold as a sex slave. Her rescue by Mathias and Bishop was an opportunity to change her life for the better if she was willing to take a chance.

I ended up having mixed feelings about the main characters. I absolutely loved learning more about both Bishop and Mathias. Their story was a mixture of uplifting and sad. The insights into what made them who they were did a lot to explain the decisions each made throughout the story. I really hope their circumstances at the end of this story don't jeopardize their bond. Jessa, on the other hand, puzzled me. She didn't fit in her pampered world but also showed far less distress at more primitive living than I would have expected. She also continued to believe her husband even after knowing what he was willing to do. She waffled between trusting and not trusting any of the members of Defiance including Mathias until it was too late. While some of my puzzlement was relieved when I found out her final secret, I still had some issues with her rationale when it came to her husband.

While I thought the world-building and some of the story flow was better, I had a harder time believing in the romance in this installment. I think part of it was my fascination with Mathias and Bishop combined with the difficulty I experienced trying to connect to Jessa. I couldn't get past thinking the attraction was much more one-sided.

You found out you get to keep living.

He let me digest that for a long moment and then explained, For a lot of people who weren't in your position, they think it's about not dying. But when you really think about it, you found out today that you get to keep on living instead. And that's a whole other ball game.

Mathias was willing to sacrifice an immense amount for Jessa but I never had the feeling that she would be willing to make an equivalent sacrifice. I did really enjoy how Jessa worked to communicate with Mathias without requiring an interpreter. I also thought the way Tyler brought forward the subtleties of body language into Mathias' interactions a nice way to remind people that entire conversations can occur without a single spoken word.

As I was reading Redemption and catching the expanded pieces of worldbuilding, I found it fascinating to put the pieces together from the opposite perspectives of Mathias and Jessa for the same cataclysmic event. As I filled in the picture I was reminded of an old science fiction duology by Philip Wylie called *When Worlds Collide* and *After Worlds Collide*. Only instead of following the lives of the privileged few, the focus was on the non-privileged who dared to make their own living. This helped me visualize the new generation of Defiance and how they were changing the old culture while defending their lifestyle.

I am still curious about what is going to happen next as things look like they are building up to a confrontation of some sort. I have a lot of questions about Mathis and a certain member of Defiance along with wondering about a particular secret. I think I know what it is but I am not exactly sure yet. I also want to see Mathis and Jessa's relationship grow because I am not exactly comfortable with where this book ended and their HEA.

I give Redemption a B-/C+

Eleanor says

I so enjoyed this a lot more than the first in the series. Got so much better. When finishing the last chapter it made me want to dive right into the 3rd in the series. So I promptly went into Amazon to buy it and start it straight away haha

Anyway a great exciting, thrilling read 4 stars from me :)

Book Reading Gals says

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Thoughts: If you've never read a Stephanie Tyler book then you are missing out on one of the best Romantic Suspense authors published today. In her Defiance series, she takes all those great things she does in her RS series, and mixes it with Sons of Anarchy and Revolution. This combination takes a certain amount of ability and Stephanie not only has that, she makes it believable.

Redemption picks up about six months after Defiance, the first book in this series. It takes everything we though we knew about this world she's created and turned it on its side with the introduction of two new characters. Two characters who have been in the heart of the government all their lives and know the truth about what is really going on. A truth that rocks everything.

Matthias is one of those characters that you would imagine seeing in a Black OP's book and being one of the best bad-asses in the unit. So imagine all of that in a twenty year old. As we get to know Matthias the more we realize that he is someone who has an honor code forged in steel. And that is what makes him so sexy, and also puts him in the crossfires of some very dangerous people.

Jessa is a character I had to warm up to. In the beginning so much of what she did screamed I'm 19 and clueless. Until you discovered not all is at it seems with her. Her secrets have secrets and she's terrified of what will happen to her if anyone discovers them. She never expected to meet someone like Matthias and his code of honor, nor the feelings she's suddenly having about him.

Like always there is a ton going on in the background of this story. I have a feeling with each new book we'll get more about what is really going on, and it will be nothing that we expected.

Once again Tyler has written a book that will suck you in and hold tight to you until you've read the last word, and then you will scream because the next book isn't out yet.

Grade A

Review by: Heather

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>
