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Revisit a fan-favorite Justice Brothers romance from *New York Times* best-selling author Sharon Sala *First comes marriage...* Beautiful heiress Casey Ruban needed a husband—fast. So she raced into the nearest honky-tonk and made her offer—full marital privileges in exchange for a wedding ring. It was an offer one man couldn't refuse. *Then comes love?* Once, Ryder Justice had everything. Now all he had was nothing to lose. But when the brooding ex-pilot agreed to marry the desperate woman in front of him, just for a year, he soon realized that not only did he have something to lose, he'd already lost it. His heart—and his soul—belonged to his new wife. *Originally published in 1997*

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Rebecca Delio says

Wonderful Story

This story had me in tears, it was a wonderful story. Sharon Sala knows how's how to write wonderful stories....

Mary Walsh says

Really good story

I did not expect to enjoy this book as much as I did. It is an older story but the first time I have read the book. Ryder and Cassie meet in this story in a strange way but it really gets the story moving. I had a hard time putting it down once I started. I loved both of these characters from the start. I did not like Cassie's twin siblings and could not understand their role in this story. I guess you had to have someone to dislike but it didn't make a lot of sense. Her siblings were the children of her mother from her previous marriage yet they lived in the mansion and received money from their step grandfather as if they were his kin. It made no sense to me and made me dislike both of them for how they treated Cassie's character. Other than them all the other characters had played a role that made sense to me in the story. A very well done book and I can't wait to read the next story.

Jenn C says

I had a paperback copy from when this book was first released but it has since disappeared (into the black hole of lost books - I swear I have a portal in my house ;) However, when I got the Kindle app on my iPod, one of the first books I bought was *Ryder's Wife* (along with the other two books in the set).

It's classic 1990s Harlequin - the kind I read throughout high school and into university. It's predictable, somewhat dated, slightly cheesy (especially the cover - but then, you don't read Harlequin's for their covers!), and as formulaic as possible. It is one of Sala's older books and it shows.

But despite it's faults, *Ryder's Wife* is one of my comfort reads. I love the Justice boys (though admittedly homebody Royal is my favourite), and their larger than life Texas personalities. I love their heroines - who, despite what's been thrown at them, don't just sit and whine. (They are kick-ass heroines with the best of them.) I also love the slightest touch of the paranormal - just enough to nudge the story into something a little extra, but have it still read like a regular contemporary.

Thuan says

DNF @ 43%

The story moved too slow and it spent too much time on mundane slice of life aspect to engage me.

ksstannard says

Action packed indeed

The action included romance, family drama, triumph and tragedy. Sala always satisfies! For escape reading, Sala provides a path to other worlds.

Saly says

Ryder's Wife is the first in the series about two brothers. Ryder is the middle one and he adored his father and ran a flying business when in one crash, he survived and his father died. Over-burdened by guilt despite being told it wasn't his fault he ran away, leaving his business and family far behind roaming from place to place trying to forget.

Casey Ruban is a heiress who lost her parents at the age of 6, and went to live with her grandfather and her two half-siblings from her mother's first marriage. Her maternal grandmother also moved in with them but Casey was more or less ignored and considered the cook and her husband her family. As she grew older and her grandfather realized that she was the only blood relation he started grooming her for the business. Now, the grandfather is dead and all responsibilities lie on Casey, but her grandfather has a clause, she has to marry within 48 hours. Casey is furious and realizes her grandfather wanted her to marry the family lawyer Lash Marlow.

But Casey doesn't like being manipulated and doesn't like the guy and walks into a bar and challenges she will marry the first man who has the guts to stand up to her family.

So Casey and Ryder get hitched fast. Casey is in a temper and shock and not really sure what is she getting into. She doesn't know anything about Ryder and neither does he but they work things out. She tells Ryder that he can be the family chauffeur and they go and confront the family. Ryder tells Casey he is her husband if not in the real sense but he will not be her lap-dog, Casey is shocked since she is used to responsibility, her two half-siblings are spongers who have never worked a day in their lives. The initial sense of discovery is shown well. Casey doesn't have instant trust in Ryder since she doesn't know him from Adam. But Ryder constantly takes care of her, when she is injured or even tired after an exhausting day.

Now, Ryder is great, he stands up to her family and shocks the hell out of them. He stands up for Casey and makes the sister feel ashamed when she tries to come on to him, makes the grandmother loosen up and realize that she is no Queen-bee and threatens the brother, that he better learn to treat Casey better. Not that Casey needs much help, she control the purse strings and never uses it. She tries to get her siblings to do work in life and knows that they feel left-out since they are not blood born.

Slowly, these two get to know each other, Ryder even pokes fun at Casey's inability to even boil water and makes her wash dishes for the first time. But through out even when they fall in love and their marriage becomes real Ryder doesn't tell her about his past. Casey knows he is a good man but she wants to know and hires someone to do it, obviously he finds out and they fight.

I loved the book, how Ryder was the most amazing chauffeur, how broken up he was when Casey takes a flight and he think it has crashed. I also loved the glimpses of the Justice family and it was great to see how they were worried about their brother and Roman the brother who saves the day sounds intriguing as hell. The best part was seeing these two discover each other, trust each other and then fall in love.

Linda says

"She turned again, this time putting herself between the men and the door. I need something all right.....she cleared her throat and took a deep breath...."

"I don't need a tow truck. I need a man. I need a husband.....I'm willing to marry the first unattached man who's got the guts to stand with me against my family. I'll live with you. Cook your food. I'll even share your bed."

Moments later.

"What did you call me?" he asked. Oh, Lord. "Ryder. I meant to say, Ryder."

Aaagghhh! I couldn't handle this after the first chapter. Maybe I'll try again if I live to be 100 or while I am getting a root canal. And don't even go there about the cover. One word: unbelievable.

Suze says

RYDER'S WIFE

Loved this story, love this author- her stories are always unique and special. Enjoyed Casey walking into the bar to find a husband-wow!

John T. & Lori Banhart says

Rider's wife

Excellent read, looking forward to the rest of the series and I disintegrate available today. For what it's worth, I don't like being told how long my reviews can be.

Linda C says

Casey Ruban has been raised by her grandfather to take over Ruban Industries when he dies. However, when he does go he leaves a stipulation that she must marry in 48 hours and reside with her husband for a year in order to inherit. He had his lawyer in mind and the lawyer went along with this stipulation, but his name was

not mentioned. Casey storms off and finds her own husband in a bar in the flat lands, Ryder Justice. Ryder has spent 8 months drifting, since the day his plane was hit by lightning, crashed and killed his father. Ryder has been unable to fly and has flashbacks. He likes her grit and welcomes a purpose. She hires him as chauffeur and they move into the apartment over the garage. Ryder needs to deal with 2 selfish step-siblings, an aunt and the lawyer. And figure out a way to stay uninvolved with Casey while fulfilling the bargain. Well done.

Deb says

1st book in series. The story of Ryder Justice and Casey Ruban. Casey just found out that her grandfather put in his will that she has to marry in 48 hours to inherit or it goes to her half brother and sister, that go have always just sponged off the families fortune. Her grandfather has raised Casey to take over the family empire but was trying to force her to marry their lawyer Lash. Instead she runs to the flatlands and finds Ryder. He agrees to marry her for 1 year in name only. This is their story of how living together and getting to know each other brings them closer than they ever expected.

Jen says

4.5 Stars

Bernie says

Ryder's Wife is the first romantic suspense book in The Justice Way series written by author Sharon Sala. Love the characters!

Mollie *scoutrmom* says

Book one in "The Justice Way" trilogy. We know from her later work that Sala is a great suspense author, this book helps show why. It contains just a hint of the paranormal.

The protagonists and secondary characters all show character growth. The heroine is a gutsy rich dame whose impulse control is a bit weak. The hero is learning to get past guilt for an accident that was not his fault but cost the life of a loved one. The villain is a crooked attorney, the last in an old Southern family trying to save his plantation home. The heroine's siblings and grandmother are fascinating characters in their own rights.

The hero's brothers each star later in the trilogy.

Enjoy!

Kbird says

Where to start?

The premise is too far fetched.

Casey is WAY too much of a princess.

The Ryder/Casey show is too awkward to be sexy.

The antagonists are kinda lame.
