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Don't miss any of Elizabeth Danniher's Caught Dead in Wyoming adventures:

Sign Off (Book 1)

Left Hanging (Book 2)

Shoot First (Book 3)

Last Ditch (Book 4)

Look Live (Book 5)

Back Story (Book 6), coming in 2017

"Colorful characters, intriguing, intelligent mystery, plus the state of Wyoming leaping off every page." --
Emilie Richards, USA Today Bestselling Author

What readers are saying about the Caught Dead in Wyoming series:

"She writes a little like Janet Evanovich only better."

"E.M.'s internal monologues are sharp, snappy and often hilarious."

"A terrific series with a western flair. . . . Great characters that you would want as your friends. Smart, funny, but not perfect."

"Hoping this series lasts forever!"

"McLinn has created in E.M. a female protagonist who is flawed but likable, never silly or cartoonish, and definitely not made of cardboard."

Last Ditch Details

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Marti says

Un. Put. Down. Able. This is a double murder mystery with half the town of Sherman viable suspects. Elizabeth and her posse (Mike, Tom, Diana and Jennifer) ride again to learn the truth and see Justice done. Will they all survive unscathed this time? Will Elizabeth EVER decide whether to stay in Sherman or go? Will she FINALLY choose her man?

Great plot with fully realized characters you wish were part of your family.

IslandRiverScribe says

While the characters and the setting are the same as in the previous 3 books of the Caught Dead in Wyoming series, this entry is very much unlike those works.

First, there are an unbelievable number of editing errors - missing words, grammatical errors, misspellings, etc.

Secondly, this cozy is terribly slow and convoluted. The plot contains too many suspects and too many motives for murder. And the plethora of facts presented could support any suspect or any motive on any page. Frankly, you need a scorecard and a spreadsheet to keep it all straight.

And thirdly, you are presented with several info dumps concerning Wyoming's history with water rights and its current situation regarding irrigation ditches. While those situations are important to the story, in this case "less" would probably have been "more" in terms of cohesiveness and flow.

Finally, even after 4 books, the main character is still waffling about the same decisions related to her career and her personal life that presented themselves in the first pages of the first book. Even though only 7 months have passed in story time since the beginning of the first novel, the main character is still ridiculously undereducated about her surroundings for a journalist and her character growth has been minimal, at best.

Unless McLinn wants EM Danniher to become another Stephanie Plum, then, like the old saying, both she and Danniher need to "fish or cut bait" in the next novel.

Kate says

Fun read, though IMHO not as good as the first three...although slightly less convoluted than the third book. Still, this series has always been a bit of a fun / not-so-guilty pleasure read for me. Unfortunately as other readers have noticed, this one's marred by a lot of typos and errors like missing words, misplaced quotation marks, etc., particularly in the last third of the book. Hopefully the editing improves in the next volume.

Gail Brown says

Good read

I like the characters in these series and I like learning about living in Wyoming. Very different from where I live in the PNW.

Janet says

I enjoy these quirky little who done it stories! I like the fact that it could be anybody to have committed the crimes! Who wants to have it figured out in the first few chapters. The possibility of who the main character will choose, as a companion, keeps me going back to a series

Some reviews have said it's too much like Stephanie Plum! In my opinion that's what makes this series a fun read! I wish these books came out closer together cause I hate waiting to find out what's coming next in the characters life. This is another series I can highly recommend to my friends who like light reading with likable characters!

Elaine says

I love this series, not because of the mysteries but because of the characters. Elizabeth, the main character, continues to grow and develop even in this fourth entry in the series. I love the details about TV news, and some of the childish egos that inhabit any workplace. After this fourth book in the series, I have not lost interest in them at all. That from my vantage point is a sign of a really good series.

The details in this book about irrigation ditches went way over my head, and some of that could have been left out IMO. Still, a great read and highly recommended.

Cheryl says

Excellent story! The mysteries keep getting better and better! I love the way Mike's aunt and Mrs. Paren and Penny keep feeding information to Elizabeth and Mike. Tom has his spot in the group along with Diana and Jennifer. Such a cohesive group. The relationship between Elizabeth, Mike and Tom is developing nicely. I highly recommend this series of mystery books as they are well written and developed!

Judy says

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Caught Dead in Wyoming Series Book Four

Elizabeth Margaret Danniher is a journalist who has ended up in the small, quiet town of Sherman, Wyoming after her divorce. Well...maybe not such a quiet town after all. She's had a few adventures since coming here and another one is about to start.

When a man who is wheelchair bound goes missing and a call is put out for people to come search...Elizabeth joins in. With an ear always open for news, she learns plenty while staying at the house

keeping the wife plied with coffee as the searchers come and go.

When they find more than they were looking for, Elizabeth and her friends from the news station are on the job to find the truth. Who knew a ditch and water rights could turn neighbors against each other and cause so much trouble? This book is from Elizabeth's point of view only.

****Mild language**

<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Robin Ebaugh says

Fabulous, as are all of her books! On to Book 5. I love this series and wish I didn't have to wait till the end of October for Book 6!

Valorie says

Last Ditch is another keep you guessing who done it. The "investigative" group is now pretty solidified with Elizabeth, Mike, Diana, Jennifer, and Tom. This "case" involves Connie's (Tom's secretary) family. Her husband, who has terminal liver cancer, is missing so a search party is formed. However, when Brian is found so is another neighbor, Don, both dead. It doesn't take long to discover Don has beefs with pretty much everyone along the ditch. Two of Brian and Connie's boys are acting strange. Don and the McCracken family have had multiple run ins. Don's first wife, Mindy, disappeared. Don's current "woman" Lorianna's ex-husband also mysteriously disappeared. Lorianna sold Don the family ranch before she left town, dirt cheap. Mindy's brother left the search party he was assigned to. Mr. Poppinger saw a white truck near Red Sail Rock. Why was Driver 1, 2, and 3 late to the search party yet all arrived at the same time? So many possibilities of who done it.

Elizabeth also only has a couple of more weeks to decide what to do since the end of October is quickly approaching. Mel sends her 5 offers, including one from KWMT in Sherman. Dell is practically begging her to come back to DC. Last but not least, Tamantha Burrell is a force to be reckoned with.

cheryl vance says

Love following this character. Great little mystery stories. Quick read and interesting characters.

Jan says

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Cindy says

Great series

I really enjoy this well-written mystery series. Great characters, great setting, great female lead. Don't expect a Stephanie Plum clone - this is not a farce and is a clean series. It is a good read like Evanovich' s books with two males/one female and a mystery. I am looking forward to the next book.

E Sano says

This is a really good-reading series. But her time is running out!!! E.M. Danniher's time in the wilderness is rapidly coming to an end as her contract with KWMT-TV reaches it conclusion as autumn begins in Wyoming. Despite contract offers in several major markets--and maybe because of one with KWMT, and an ex-football player, and a close-mouthed cowboy--E.M. is considering staying put while solving a double murder that has roots in the water and ditch history of Wyoming.

The series is well worth the reading, and here's hoping for more!!

Betty says

The characters of this series keep bringing me back. As I finished the book I still want to know what Elizabeth aka D. H. Danniher, Mike, Diane, Tom, Penny and Shadow next and Amazon makes it easy to read the next book. This one cover water rights are doing in Wyoming. Tom's secretary, Connie's husband goes missing as he is confined to a wheelchair there is an all-out search for him. He is found on an overlook and has fallen out of the wheelchair is dead. Below the cliff, another rancher is also found dead. This starts an investigation into what happened. Again there are twists and turns to keep your attention. I highly this book and series.
