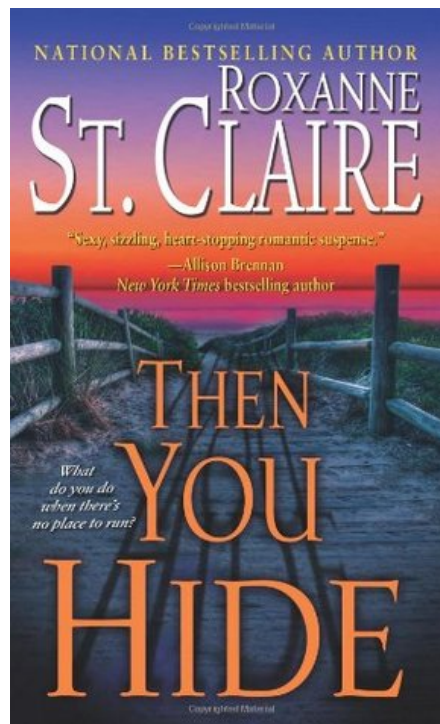




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When Bullet Catcher Wade Cordell is offered a cushy assignment to track down a woman on vacation in the Caribbean and persuade her to meet her birth mother, the secret ops sharpshooter decides it's the perfect antidote to his stressful job. Except spirited and sassy Vanessa Porter *isn't* on vacation, she's on a hunt for a friend who has disappeared. Wade's news doesn't faze a woman who swims with the sharks on Wall Street -- Vanessa knows she's adopted and has no intention of meeting or helping the woman who gave her up in a black market scheme. But as it becomes clear that her missing friend is deep in hiding and deeper in trouble, Vanessa strikes a shaky bargain with the sexy bodyguard who's an expert at finding people who don't want to be found. How high a price will she have to pay the Bullet Catcher willing to put his life on the line for her? Will she sacrifice her pride . . . her heart . . . even her life?

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?Karlyn P? says

I read it this book because many reviews compare this author to Suzanne Brockmann and the story to 'Romancing the Stone'. While I can see the similarities, both Brockmann and Romancing are the real deal while this author and story is just a good, but second rate version. Its a fun, light suspense novel with good guys and bad guys. The fun was trying to figure out who is good and who is bad. The story twists and takes you to interesting place, so I thought it was pretty good. The romance was weak and clunky though, and I never did like the heroine Vanessa. She pulls some small TSTLs in the beginning of the book, which always peaves me as the heroine is suppose to be a super smart woman with great instincts, yet she walks smack into danger several times like a total dunce. (Why do authors do this?!!) She gets better as the story continues, but I could never see how these two fell in love. The few sex scenes were a good attempt at 'hot', but I wouldn't read this author if all I wanted was a spicy read. The suspense story was the best part. Not sure if I'll read more by this author, as my to-be-read pile is already huge. I guess if the reviews are good enough I might.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

Then You Hide is the 5th book in the series and continues the search for the three sisters that were sold as babies to reunite them with their birthmother, which started in the previous book, #4 First You Run.

Bullet Catcher Wade Cordell is assigned to finding the second sister, Vanessa Porter, the successful NYC workaholic, who is on her own mission in the Caribbean to find her missing BFF, Clive someone or other who also happens to work with her.

Lots of things happen to the two on the Caribbean islands.....bad guys shooting at them, killers on the loose, twists and turns and some unexpected surprises.

Despite the exotic settings and the suspense and action, this was not as good as some of the others in the series.

One of the problems I had with this story was the heroine. She drove me absolutely up the wall...for someone who is supposedly super- smart - she does some pretty stupid things.....

It's a miracle that she never gets bumped off by the baddies!!!! She started off a bit iffy for me....I guess I could say that I did warm up ...just a bit...to her in the end.

Of course her life is saved time and time again by the hero, sexy southern man Wade. Let me say, that I found him very sweet and sexy.....but somehow I couldn't feel the chemistry between these two.....their sex scenes together were just...lukewarm.

So, in conclusion:

the romance....**weak**

the plot/suspense/mystery/action...**good**

locations/settings.... **fabulous**

characters.....hero... **good**.....heroine..... **okay**....secondary character...Vanessa's travelling companion...the Jewish mama was totally.... **fabulous!!!**

pacing.... **a bit too slow at times**

It wasn't a bad book in the series.....just not amazing!!

Suzie Quint says

I've read a number of "romantic suspense" stories before. Maybe I picked badly because they always seemed 98% suspense and 2% romance. The two books I've read of Roxanne St. Claire's are far more evenly balanced and, for my money, much more enjoyable. I have the next book of her bullet chaser series on deck to read next, and I'm sure it will just as good. (These Bullet Chasers are pretty hot, hunky guys.)

Anita says

Book Two of the Then You ... trilogy is really a great mystery/suspense that has you guessing right up to the end. The romance between prickly Vanessa and easy going Wade is a study in getting below the surface that a person presents and a very hot one too. This is a great book with many twists and turns and an ending that is rather surprising.

Wade has been asked by the Bullet Catchers to fly to the Caribbean to find Vanessa Porter and bring her to South Carolina to see if she is a bone marrow match for the mother who gave her and her two twin sisters up and is now dying in a prison of cancer. Eileen didn't do the crime, but was set up by a very powerful person.

Vanessa Porter is on a cruise in the Caribbean in search of her missing friend, Clive. Vanessa feels that Clive is in real danger and hiding so well that both Vanessa is have trouble finding him. She is not at all receptive when Wade tracks her down fully intent on dragging her to South Carolina. She makes a deal with him, find Clive and Vanessa will go with him willingly. There is danger in the air and people are evil intentions are searching both Clive and Vanessa.

Robin says

Bullet Catcher Wade Cordell has been sent to the Caribbean to track down a woman who was adopted at birth. Her birth mother is in prison for murder and needs a bone marrow transplant. There is reason to believe she was set up and didn't commit the murder in which she was convicted. Vanessa Porter knows who her mother is and has no plans to help her. She's too busy anyway. Her best friend, Clive Easterbrook, has left his job and is hiding in the islands. She wants to bring him back to New York but can't find him. Vanessa makes a deal with Wade...if he helps her find Clive, she'll return to South Carolina with him. But someone wants to stop her from finding Clive, someone who will kill to stop her.

This is the second book in the Sapphire Trail babies mini-trilogy which is part of the Bullet Catchers series. We have two plots in this book. The first is finding out where Clive is and what exactly he is hiding from. The other overall plot of the trilogy is who killed Wanda Sloane and set up Eileen Stafford to take the fall. I liked this book better than the last one, but there was still something off about it that I couldn't put my finger on. Maybe it was the pacing. I'm hoping the third book will bring a good conclusion to the mini-series. My rating: 4 Stars.

Jonetta says

For some time now, former Marine sniper Wade Cordell has accepted consulting assignments from Lucy Sharpe and now she wants him to join Bullet Catchers. To help him decide, she throws him an "easy" assignment in St. Kitts. The effort to contact "vacationing" Vanessa Porter and bring her to Charleston, South Carolina turns out to be anything but easy.

Wade makes this story with his deceptively easy Southern style that masks some seriously deadly skills. His instincts are exceptional and the job would have possibly gone a lot better without the brash and strident Vanessa interfering. You have to admire her work skills where she competes and wins against Wall Street capitalists but subtlety isn't even in her vocabulary, which was in high demand as she was trying to find her friend and colleague, Clive Easterbrook. She and Wade might have located him sooner if she'd just. stopped. talking!!!!

Despite her frustrating behavior, Vanessa and Wade ended up being a pretty good team, her yin to his yang. The search for Clive took a sinister turn that made the story very exciting. It was difficult to figure out exactly what was going on, made murkier by a motley bunch of characters in these Leeward Islands. The continuing story arc involving imprisoned Eileen Stafford was always in the background, helping to make this a good and suspenseful story.

I liked how this story developed even with Vanessa's clumsy moments and am looking forward to the conclusion of this trilogy within the series. We're guaranteed more Lucy Sharpe time, too, enough for us to get more insight about this mysterious leader of Bullet Catchers.

Ann says

A 4.5 stars for Wade and Vanessa's story. Wasn't sure at first that this bk would evolve into a believable couple but RSC pulls it together with fine suspense. This series has an equal amount of good suspense, action and romance.

AliciaJ says

Well, I've done it again and started reading a whole series out of order. Fortunately each story stands on its own, so I'm not too confused about the characters. This installment was Wade and Vanessa's tale of adventure in the Caribbean. Fun and exciting stuff. I wasn't real impressed with Vanessa, she seemed a bit cold and stiff to me, but Wade's warm and sexy Southern charm more than made up for it. We also get teasing hints of a relationship between Jack and Juicy Lucy, the genius behind the Bullet Catchers. This is another winner for me.

Lauren says

Then You Hide

4.5 Stars

Fast paced and exciting - definitely one of the best in the series.

Vanessa initially comes across as hard and abrasive but it quickly becomes clear that she is loyal to a fault and her cool facade is really a defense mechanism concealing her fear of being hurt and losing someone she loves. Wade is simply gorgeous with his soft, sweet, sexy southern drawl that just makes you melt. He is dead set against liking Vanessa but she gets under his skin and he cannot help falling for her. They have excellent chemistry and rather than an immediate and unrealistic infatuation (as in the previous installment), Vanessa and Wade's relationship grows and develops into a believable emotional and physical bond.

The suspense plot centers on locating Vanessa's colleague who seems to have gotten himself into a bind and includes several interesting twists and turns as well as a surprise at the end that is virtually impossible to see coming. The secondary storyline about the search for the daughters of a woman wrongfully convicted of murder continues and the compelling developments make me eager to read the next book. Looks like Lucy Sharpe and Jack Culver will have to come to terms with their relationship in order to find a killer. Should be good.

Arch says

This was my first book by Roxanne St. Claire. I was going to give the book 2.5 stars, but I'm giving it three stars, because I like the hero, Wade. He's a good Southern guy. A bullet catcher, ex-marine (I wished that he was more of a bad boy though). He was hired to find Vanessa - a Wall Street employee, because her mother - a woman who she doesn't really know, due to her giving Vanessa away on a black market, needs her help. He goes to the Islands to find this woman and when he does, he learns that she's searching for a homosexual friend/coworkers of hers named Clive, who suffers from deep depressions.

I wished that the book was more focus on Wade and Vanessa and a romance, but it's not. It's mostly focus on Vanessa trying to find Clive, who's in trouble, etc.

I've found the "love connection" to be weak. It was as if Wade and Vanessa were just thrown together. I didn't see any spark. Wade didn't even like Vanessa at first sight. To him, she wasn't his type.

I hated that Vanessa had a nasty mouth - she likes to cuss. Even Wade noticed that. I don't like that in a heroine or hero, but more in a heroine.

Maybe this wasn't the right book to start with in this series, but it's my only book by Mrs. St. Claire.

Kathrynn says

Wonderful book in the Bullet Catcher Series...This is part two of a trilogy (subset) WITHIN the Bullet Catcher Series you could, essentially, start with this Trilogy:

1. First You Run
2. Then You Hide
3. Now You Die (Sep 2008)

Starting on page 252 of this book there is a brief mention of the previous Bullet Cather's and other characters

from previous books--all gathered around for a meeting. FYI

Great suspense, romance, and twists to the plot that were surprising to This Reader. Well written, some funny dialogue that had me laughing out loud. The two main characters, Wade (William Wade) Cordell and Vanessa Porter were polar opposites. She was a fast paced, smart mouthed, Wall Street, New Yorker and he was a Southern charmer who didn't appreciate her personality (or language). I laughed when she told him ladies could vote now, own property and even cuss. I laughed when she ordered a drink and he asked the bartender to "hold the lime 'cause the lady is tart enough." (with a wink).

Excellent book!

ElaineY says

I liked this a whole lot more than all the other Bullet Catchers but I could not give it more than the 3-star "I liked it" rating because of the plot weakness.

The person responsible for Eileen Stafford's predicament is supposed to be someone so powerful he "can do anything" to quote Eileen. Yet thirty years later, the circumstances haven't changed in that Eileen is still afraid of this person just as this person is afraid Eileen will spill secrets? I don't buy this - she accepted the deal to go plead guilty for murder and went to prison. If this all-powerful person is so afraid of Eileen spilling the beans (about who he is etc)he could have had her killed in prison. Yet here she is, 30 years later, in hospital needed a marrow transplant and the heroine, her daughter, is in serious danger because Mr All-Powerful is still after them?

I found it all really implausible but having said that, Bullet Catcher No. 7 is a fast, exhilarating read. Vanessa and Wade are a good match though, at the start, I felt Vanessa was too hard and snarky for Wade who, though he kills, is a warm, gentlemanly charming guy even if he's killed people in his line of work.

Not having followed the series closely (it's missing something I can't quite define), I got a little confused when it says here it's Book 7 but on Amazon it's Book 5 of the the Bullet Catchers. A reviewer explained it: Now you Hide is Book 5 of the Bullet Catchers but Book 2 of a trilogy (First You Run being the first of the trilogy). I'm not sure if this clears it up for me since the trilogy are also Bullet Catcher stories.

If I'm wrong about that glaring hole, I'd be most happy to be corrected because despite the general weakness I've found in the series, I like this type of RS. They're easy to read, formulaic, with no unpleasant surprises and I buy them the minute they hit the shelves.

Ann (Noumena12) says

Then You Hide is the fifth book in the series and is a continuation of the story started in the fourth book First You Run. Vanessa Porter doesn't know that she has sisters and doesn't want anything to do with her birth mother. Wade Cordell is sent to convince Vanessa to help save her birth mother's life. But Vanessa has her own problems...like trying to find her best friend Clive who is missing...now they all are in danger. Can Wade help her find Clive and convince Vanessa to meet her sister and possibly save her birth mother?

I love Roxanne St Claire's Bullet Catcher series. How can you not with heart-stopping action and sizzling romance? Add in the dynamics of Lucy Sharpe and her Bullet Catcher organization and you've got a hit.

Xenos says

"Then You Hide" is the second book in the trilogy within the "Bullet Catchers" series (or book number five overall). And man oh man, this one is difficult to review. Overall, this story was much more intriguing and exciting than "First You Run". Really fantastic. However, the thing that kept me from loving it was the female lead. In the last book, I had a hard time with the male lead...But Roxanne St. Claire had me really liking him and rooting for him by the end of the story. That is not the case with "TYH", unfortunately. Vanessa (who's described as "spirited" and "sassy" on the back cover) comes off as abrasive, tough and just plain unlikeable to me...especially when teamed up with a sweet and sexy gentleman like Wade. It was even hard for me to muster any enthusiasm when they went to bed together. I kept wishing a "nice" (and deserving) woman would come along and steal Wade's heart. And even though Vanessa softened at the end, it was too little, too late. Nevertheless, I'm really looking forward to the conclusion in "Now You Die".

Three-and-a-half stars...Five stars for the storyline but only two stars for character likability (Vanessa's fault) and romance (because Wade deserved better).

Jen says

3.5. This book is the second in a trilogy, but really one of many in the Bullet Catchers series. Then You Hide is about Wade and Vanessa.

I thought this book was pretty good, but fell a step short of being really good. Wade takes an assignment from Lucy, head of the BC, to find the second or three sisters that were sold in a black market baby operation. Their mother is in jail for a murder she might not have committed and is dying of leukemia. Jack (a fired BC) is looking for the sisters to find out if their bone marrow is compatible with their mom's.

Wade was the highlight of this book. He is all southern comfort and yumminess. He likes his women to be real ladies that he can "make love" to. He is a former Marine sniper and calm, cool and collected. Vanessa is the reason this book did not get a 4. She is not very easy to like. She never listens and jumps into every situation without thought. She was just a little over the top for me. I did not think she was worthy of Wade and his help.

Wade is looking for Vanessa to take back for testing and Vanessa is looking for a friend. Wade agrees to help Vanessa if she eventually goes back with him. He gives her 3 days to find her friend and then they have to go back. What follows is a frantic search for Vanessa's friend in which she just annoys me. Eventually they find him and go back to find out she is a match for her mom's bone marrow transplant.

The next BC story should be real good though. Then You Die looks like it will be about Lucy and Jack. From what we learn in this story, they have a bit of history, but Jack is pretty much hated in the BC organization because of something he did in the past. It comes out in Sept and I can't wait!
