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Bestselling author and fan favorite Lynette Eason drops readers right into the action in this fast-paced new series with a unique twist. Readers will love these strong female characters who put it all on the line to save lives.

Always Watching Details

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Aerykah says

Another book to add to my favorites. :)

There's a good reason that Lynette Eason made it onto my favorite authors list so quickly. She's a wonderfully talented suspense author who makes me want to read her books all the way through in one sitting! Unfortunately, there's this little thing called life that keeps me from doing that. :P

This book is just great! I went into it with high expectations (based on the author's other books that I have read and loved) and I was not disappointed. I loved the characters, the dialogue, the storyline, the suspense, the writing style... Really, I just loved the book! :)

I always enjoy trying to solve the mystery before the "big reveal" and I was able to figure out some of it (mostly by crossing off suspects, which the author seemed to have in abundance), though I wasn't sure at all until the end. While I do love figuring out the mystery, I also really love it when an author can successfully keep me guessing and surprise me in the end. And some parts of this story really totally surprised me! And the suspense was great too-- keeping me on the edge of my seat waiting to see what would happen next!

There is an element of romance, but I actually really liked that it wasn't the focus of the story. It's there and it can't be ignored (I even thought it was a bit much at first), but as the story progressed I enjoyed that part too.

I could go on and on.....

There's a preview of book 2 in the back of this one, but there's no way I'm reading that!! I don't even want to know who or what the 2nd book is about. The surprise and suspense of Lynette's stories are just way too much fun for me to chance spoiling any of it! :)

Oh, and I kinda hope that Charlie makes it into one of the later books. Don't know why, but I just instantly liked him. ;)

Amanda Geaney (Christian Shelf-Esteem) says

{Book Review & Giveaway (Ends 2/14): Always Watching by Lynette Eason <http://wp.me/p4ExQk-1kw>}

I'm on a suspense fiction kick and Lynette Eason just added fuel to the flame. My copy of Always Watching appeared in our mailbox on Friday. The timing was perfect because we were just leaving on a road trip. Now I'm not the fastest reader, so it's saying a lot when I tell you that I've read this book in two days. I couldn't put it down. It was fast-paced. Engaging. Entertaining.

Always Watching is the first book in a new series based on a team of specially trained female bodyguards. Investigative and surveillance skills, bomb detection, brains, and daring — this team of women has it all. With 10 years of military service myself, I applaud women who take on non-traditional roles and pull them off with professionalism and finesse.

If I'm right, each book in the Elite Guardian Series will focus on a different team member. Clearly this was Olivia's story by design, but I would have enjoyed a little more interplay/camaraderie among the team

members. On the flip side, the author's intense focus on one character allowed for dynamic development both emotionally and spiritually. Perhaps as the series progresses, the team itself will be as compelling as each individual member.

As a new-to-me author Lynette Eason has earned a spot among my favorite suspense authors like Ronie Kendig, Lisa Harris, and Dani Pettrey. What sets these authors apart is their ability to keep a thread of tension throughout a story — something Eason has done impeccably well. Another aspect of her writing that reminds me of the other authors mentioned before is her ability to propel a storyline using character dialogue. The dialogue between her characters was fluid, varied, and natural. To top it all, this book is punctuated with numerous high-action/high-suspense scenes.

I anticipate more great reads from the Elite Guardian Series and Lynette Eason. Without Warning (Book #2) releases in August and has already garnered a spot on my to-read list.

4.5/5 Stars

I received this book from the publisher for my honest review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255 "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Caitlyn Santi says

I am a huge fan of Lynette Eason's books, so needless to say I was thrilled to get an influencer copy of her brand new release! Obviously I had some very high expectations for this book and I was most definitely not disappointed! I really liked both Olivia and Wade as well as Wade's daughter Amy, but I think my favorite character was Katie, I can't wait to read her story in Without Warning when it releases later this year! The suspense in this book was amazing, Lynette Eason's tagline is "Welcome...to the edge of your seat!" for a very good reason, whenever I read one of her books I know I'm in for a non-stop, action filled ride in which the pages fly by and this one was no exception, I read it in less than half a day, it's that good! This new series is great, I found it very interesting to read about an all female bodyguard agency, such a unique storyline for a series! I highly recommend Always Watching, if you enjoy non-stop, thrilling and chilling suspense combined with sweet romance and wonderful faith stories you NEED to read Lynette Eason! You won't be sorry.

A big thank you to Lynette Eason and Revell publishers for sending me an influencer copy of this book in exchange for my review. All thoughts and opinions are one hundred percent my own

Lorraine says

This fast paced romantic suspense is the introduction to Lynette Eason's new Elite Guardians series. With the speed of a rocket, Eason starts the suspense from the first chapter and keeps it moving until the very end.

Wade is a talk show psychiatrist and is being stalked by one of his listeners. Olivia, the owner of the Elite

Guardians bodyguard agency, has been assigned his protection by his father. When things begin to escalate, Olivia realizes that this is about a whole lot more than just an everyday stalker. With twists and turns galore and plenty of suspects, nothing is as it appears. Throw in Wade's 12 year old daughter, the beginnings of a romance between Wade and Olivia and a strong faith thread, and you have a well written suspense romance.

I particularly liked that both Wade and Olivia had to address some of their weaknesses as this story progressed. The past had touched each of them in different ways, and they both had to break down the walls that they had erected to keep themselves from being hurt. Wade's faith helped him and in turn helped Olivia.

I look forward to continuing this suspense series and learning more about the ladies of Elite Guardians.

FAVORITE QUOTES:

"Clinging to God when life crashes around you is what you do, no matter how bad you want out."

"You have to get to know God on a very intimate level in order to have the kind of faith that will withstand the storms life throws at you."

"Okay, God, when I am afraid, I will trust in you....And Use the brain you gave me."

Brittany says

This was a very exciting book! There was a lot of tension in the story and a good bit of action and danger. The seriousness of the stalker's intentions is clear right from the beginning of the story. Wade and his daughter are definitely in danger and it is up to his bodyguard, Olivia, to keep them safe and figure out who is behind the threat.

The author did a good job of creating a woman who is capable and strong, as well as determined to do a good job. She is also a woman with some insecurities and a past that haunts her. This helps to make her more approachable to the reader and even to Wade. I think that is part of what draws him to her.

There are plenty of possible candidates behind the stalking, and although I actually did correctly guess who was behind Wade's problems, the author kept enough doubt in my mind to keep it interesting and threw in some good twists.

I look forward to reading more in this exciting series.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from Baker Publishing Group in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Melissa says

This is a pretty perfect beginning to a brand new series full of mystery, suspense, romance, fun characters and a great premise. Four women work together in a bodyguard agency they own. Love that it is a group of women. That is a clever storyline for sure! I enjoyed the characters a great deal, especially Olivia and her

struggles. The whodunit was quite good with several twists and turns. I had a ball trying to figure out the who. Do yourself a favor and don't miss this book!

I received this book as a member of the street team and was not required to post a positive review.

Cara Putman says

This book starts with action, and the pace never lets up. At the same time there is great characterization and enough romance to make romantic suspense readers happy. This may be my favorite of Lynette's books to date. A very enjoyable, fast-paced, twisting plot.

Lynette Eason has crafted a romantic suspense that literally sprints from the first page to the last. This book is packed with adrenaline, twists, and enough questions to keep the most stalwart suspense fan turning the pages. Olivia Edwards is a bodyguard who's assignment has just become Wade Savage when his prior bodyguard was critically wounded. His stalker is upping the stakes and there are serious questions about whether Olivia and her team will be able to keep Wade and his daughter safe. This looks like a typical stalker case, but as the layers are peeled back it becomes so much more. Add in the hint of a romance that blossoms as the case progresses, and it is a very satisfying read. I also loved the surrounding cast of characters and knowing that many of them will reappear in future books.

This is the first in a new series, and Lynette truly gets better with each book. I always think the last one I read was the best...until the next one arrives. Be prepared to disappear for the hours it takes to read this novel. It's that good!

Courtney says

Sometimes it can be so hard to find authors that are also Christians. In a world where there is so much secular writings and secular shows, it has been amazing to stumble upon Ms. Eason and her marvelous works!

"Always Watching" is an amazing novel written by an amazing author! I have an amazing respect for body guards, police detectives, and all law enforcement personal! They place their lives on the line for us each and every day, no matter what the consequences might be for themselves, and never ask for anything else in return! In "Always Watching" we see an individual willing to take bullets, bomb blasts, and house fires to be able to save a man and his daughter! If you need a good suspense novel, this story is the one for you!

This is my first novel by Lynette Eason and I must admit that I am hooked on her work! For someone to be able to write mystery novels that keep you on the edge of your seat, but to also write them in a way that glorifies our heavenly Father.. Remarkable!

Carrie Schmidt (Reading is My SuperPower) says

Two words : GIRL POWER.

It is not often in the suspense genre that you find a bodyguard agency operated solely by women (with an

occasional employee of the opposite gender). Olivia, Katie, Haley, Maddy – they run the Elite Guardians Agency and they have some serious skills. And courage.

But they aren't the only girls with power in Always Watching. Their client Wade's daughter Amy is a preteen with some serious anxiety issues. Understandably, her dad being the target of a crazy stalker doesn't help matters any. Nevertheless, Amy is my favorite character in Always Watching because of her anxiety and because when she's older she's totally gonna give Olivia and the other bodyguards at Elite some competition for who's fiercest under pressure. As someone who knows exactly what Amy was experiencing during one of her panic attacks, I loved when her dad told her that her actions during one particularly (and legitimately) frightening event proved:

"That you're clever and smart and strong and that the panic attacks don't define you. You're an overcomer and you're going to be just fine."

But enough about girl power (although that was one seriously cool aspect of the book). The action in Always Watching began right out of the gate and – as I've come to expect when reading a Lynette Eason book – kept me on the edge of my seat for the duration. As Toni Shiloh said in her review, "Y'all there were so many messed up females in this book that EVERYONE seemed suspicious to me." I really didn't feel it was wise to trust anyone outside of the Elite agency – I even started growing wary of their law enforcement contacts!

I also enjoyed the insights into Olivia's past as well as into her present insecurities. She may be fierce but she's not invincible, and she needs Wade as much as he needs her. While Wade needs Olivia to keep him physically safe, she needs him to guard her heart and to guide her soul back to the God who hasn't taken His eyes off her even when she walked away from Him. Their romance developed throughout the story, mostly from Wade's point of view, and one kiss in particular made me want to cheer out loud for them!

Bottom Line: Lynette Eason's latest suspense offering is fast-paced, action-packed, and full of grace. Her writing talent is more than evident in the natural dialogue, the tension, the vivid characters. While romance is definitely present in the story, it never overshadows the suspense, making this an ideal choice both for people who do love kissingbooks and those who don't. The element of faith is there as well – a solid thread that manages to avoid turning "trite" or "preachy". Lynette Eason is one of my go-to authors for romantic suspense, and Always Watching is a magnificent start to her new series!

(I received a copy of this book in exchange for only my honest review.)

Sarah Grace says

WOWEE! What a piece of fiction!

From page 1, to the very end, this had my attention. There were definitely a few late nights!

I was immediately intrigued by Olivia's character. Rather terse, very quiet, and clearly with a history, I kept reading if only to find out about her. Then, of course, Wade. Another multi-faceted character. I think that's what I liked so much about this book: each and every one of the characters had so many dimensions and so much depth.

I at first had a hard time getting into Eason's writing style, which is pretty stripped down. But it really worked for the type of story, and eventually it didn't bug me any more.

The plot was very well done; intense, fast-paced, without being too fast, and yet heartwarming. Details were revealed at just the right time, and Eason kept me guessing as to the identity of the stalker. The thread of romance was very sweet and subtle, which is just the way I like it. It did not feel forced or in-your-face at all. Kudos for that!

The ending was surprising, and there were a lot of nail-biting twists and turns leading up to it. While this is a series, it ended as if it was a standalone book, without any cliffhangers.

All in all, I very much enjoyed this suspense novel! I appreciated how it was very clean - yes, there was definitely some things I would not recommend for a younger audience, but there was no over-the-top graphic description of violence or gore, nothing sexual, etc. I would recommend this for ages 15+.

Syndi says

Is this book romance action?? But the action is minimal. Only to serve as background story.

The romance is dry.

DnF

Kellyn Roth says

I honestly can't remember this too well (it's once-again been too long), but I do know it was an exciting story with lots of adventure and a great mystery and it was a little creepy ... but in a good way. (What? I like being scared ...)

I disliked What's-His-Name's daughter. She was annoying. Get over yourself, kid, and stop being so stupid! It's like you want to be kidnapped. (I know, I have no sympathy for anyone ... I'm a terrible person ... but these are my honest feelings, y'know?)

And ... I honestly can't remember any of my other thoughts? Other than Olivia is awesome as is What's-His-Name. And the Elite Guardians are just about the coolest organization in the world. Also, Olivia's friend's death was a little over-the-top. Like, seriously?

~Kellyn Roth, Reveries Reviews

Andrea Cox says

by Andrea Renee Cox

When a radio host is being stalked, the women of the Elite Guardians Bodyguard Agency swoop in to protect him and his twelve-year-old daughter. But what if the stalker turns violent... and aims at the protectors?

Always Watching is the first book in Lynette Eason's newest series: Elite Guardians. It's fast-paced adventure with memorable characters that face true-to-life issues, including common fears.

One fear I especially connected with was the fear of water. It's a difficult one to deal with--and even harder to overcome--but Lynette handled the telling of it with finesse and a good dose of reality. There was a moment or two I almost had a flashback to my own traumatic childhood near-drowning, Lynette's writing on the topic seemed so realistic.

As with all Lynette Eason books, faith was woven into the storyline. From my personal experience, I can tell you it takes a lot of faith to believe things will turn out all right when you're scared to death (rational fear or otherwise). Again, Lynette handled this perfectly. She really has a great gift for storytelling.

The next few months will seem so long as I anticipate the summer 2016 release of book two in this series, *Without Warning*.

Thank you, Lynette Eason, for including me in your street team and giving me a complimentary copy of *Always Watching* in exchange for my honest review.

*This book contains violence associated with the suspense genre. Reader discretion advised.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 in the "*Elite Guardians*" series.

Spiritual Content- Prayers; Some Witnessing; A few Scriptures are quoted, read & mentioned; Talks about God & trust; 'H's are not capital when referring to God; Church; Olivia believes in God, but doesn't like Him much (*spoiler* (view spoiler) *end of spoiler*); Amy wonders if God hates her due to her panic attacks; Mentions of prayers & praying; Mentions of Church, Sunday School & a play; A few mentions of Heaven & eternity; A mention of Mandisa's song, *Overcomer*;

*Note: A mention of feeling the presence of evil.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a 'heck', a 'idiot', a "*oh my g—*", a 'oh my word', two 'shut up's, twelve 'stupid's; A bit of sarcasm; Mentions of curses & horrible names (not written); Olivia tries not to cuss; All about a stalker & threats (semi-detailed); Darts, being drugged, darkness, Pain, Blood, Bombs, Explosions, Bullets & Knives (semi-detailed); Fires & Smoke (up to semi-detailed); Gunshots, shootings & shooters (up to semi-detailed); A dead body & smell (semi-detailed); Being ambushed, attempted murders (semi-detailed); Nightmares (up to semi-detailed); Panic attacks (semi-detailed); Many mentions of murders, strangulation, autopsies, & stalkers (up to semi-detailed); Many mentions of bombs (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of a mob, a fence, blood & a death (semi-detailed); Mentions of almost drowning (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of a suicide (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of drugs, drinking, parties & a drunk driver

development of the relationships very interesting. I also enjoyed meeting Wade's daughter and seeing her struggle through the craziness that unfolded around her.

3. True suspense. At any given time, I had 4-5 suspects. Every time that I thought I knew who the "bad guy" was, I quickly realized I was wrong and began to rethink things. And no one was "cleared" until the very end when the culprit was revealed.

4. Strong faith element. Wade was an excellent witness of true Christian faith. Through conversations and the way he lived his life during extremely trying circumstances, his faith was evident to everyone around him.

Overall, I thought this was an amazing book. I honestly thought it was Lynette's best yet and am looking forward to reading the next books in the series!

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my fair and honest review.
