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There's something about those Wyoming men... New York Times bestselling author Diana Palmer returns to the Cowboy State with a brand-new tale of desire and deception

Cultivating his vast Wyoming ranch is all security expert J. C. Calhoun wants. His land is the only thing the betrayed rancher can trust in after discovering his fiancée was pregnant by another man. But all J.C. holds dear becomes compromised when a lost little girl leads him to Colie Jackson, the woman who destroyed his life.

Colie stops at nothing to protect the people she loves. Years ago she left J.C. for his own good. Now, for the sake of her daughter, she must depend on a hard-hearted man who won't forgive her. As a band of ruthless criminals tracks their every move through the frozen Wyoming winter, Colie and J.C. will be forced to confront the lies that separated them—and the startling truth that will bind them forever...

## **Wyoming Winter Details**

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# From Reader Review Wyoming Winter for online ebook

## **Ionia says**

I love these ranch and western themed books. Diana Palmer is an amazing author that has a true knack for telling a story that will melt your icy heart and this book is no exception.

I have to be honest, in the beginning I didn't think this book was going to work for me. I didn't Like JC very much and thought the potential for him to become the hero of the story seemed thin. He had such an attitude problem and I didn't see how it could work, but once again, this author proved that not everything is what it seems.

If you like your romance to come with some thrills, this would be a good book for you to choose. The love story elements are all there, but this is more than just a simple boy meets girl romance. There is danger and excitement, a bit of mystery and hard feelings to take you on a ride that you won't forget when you've finished.

In order for a romance to work for me, there has to be a decent amount of believable tension between the characters and this one has it in spades. The Wyoming air is so thick with the chemistry between these characters you could cut it with a knife. With both of them suffering from memories of their pasts and afraid to move forward, this book got it just right.

Overall, I really liked the characters by the end, and am happy to recommend this book to other romance readers. This is a complex story that a lot of thought went into and it shows in the tight plot and solid writing.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the publisher, provided through Netgalley. All opinions are my own.

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## **Peggy R says**

I am a long time fan of this author and always enjoy her stories. This one was no different. The writing is strong with a nice pace. This author's stories always have a sweet romance. This one follows in the same vein but that doesn't equate to the story being boring. There is tension between the two main characters along with some mystery as well. The characters are solid, layered and developed. It took me a bit to warm up to JC, the hero of the story but it didn't detract from my overall enjoyment.

I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy provided to me by the publisher through Netgalley.

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## **Jenny says**

I adore Diana Palmer so maybe I am biased but I loved this. It was sad, angsty and heartbreaking. I even cried a few times. I just love a cruel hero rejecting the pure innocent heroine. I don't know why but I really

enjoy melodrama and angst and this book delivered. Once again the themes of faith and religion are prominent but I was not bothered at all. Diana Palmer is my favorite author.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Wyoming Winter (Wyoming Men) by Diana Palmer

Love is nothing without trust. J.C. has first hand knowledge of that. Colie is beginning to learn how the secrets of others can affect the lives of many. Now, she's running from her past to protect her future. What happens when those two worlds collide? Wyoming Winter is a romantic thriller. There's always a new secret to expose, a hint of danger around the bend and an attraction that is as explosive as the suspense is nail biting. Colie and J.C. bring the heat and deceit as they keep readers on the edge of their seat.

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### **Dania says**

So disappointing. I'm going to have to agree it's time to break up with Susan. I just don't know how her newer books are so bad!! A 2 year who predicts the future? There was too much discussion about the same things. So slow paced! The sex scenes were painful (no pun intended). I don't know if I'll even try any more. I have most of the Diana Palmer books. I will stick to the older ones. Such a let down!

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### **Katherine Yearwood says**

Wyoming Winter is book #7 in Diana Palmer Wyoming Men series. And fans of Diana Palmer will find it a little warmer this coming winter. In her latest title Wyoming Winter, we come to learn that betrayal is not always from the outside. Colie has always been in love with J.C., and being a minister daughter doesn't negate the fact that Colie can't feel desire. And when J.C. finally seen that Colie is the woman feel him, Colie was on a high. However, their happiness was short lived. When Colie witnesses something she shouldn't have and was betrayed by the one person she should have been able to trust with her life. Now, not only is Colie's life in danger, but her daughter's life is as well, and there is only one man she is able to trust to at least keep them both alive.

Wyoming Winter was so good that I stayed up well into the night to complete. This title had you going through so many emotions.

Only thing I didn't like about this book is J.C. for a security expert he was pretty dumb when it came to his relationship with Colie. But I think that is what made the book so good.

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### **Dana says**

Diana Palmer is a wonderful writer who's books I honestly love. This one just adds to that feel. Wyoming Winter tells the story of Colie and of JC. They were once in love but life happened. When a little girl lost brings them back together, they're unsure of what to do and how to feel. They have to face things they haven't felt in many years and deal with a past they both misunderstood. This is a great read and fun as well!

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## Debbie says

Another great addition to this series. Beautiful setting, engaging characters. A must read.

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## mad4rombks says

Guys, I think it's finally happened. I think it's time for me to break up with Diana Palmer. I'm a sucker for her books. She was one of two authors who hooked me on romance books 26+ years ago but I think it's time. She's changed in her writing. Or maybe I just changed in my reading? I don't know but something has been off with the last few of her books that I've read and this was no different. I had a lot of issues with this book.

Heroine's father is a preacher. She lives with her father and her older brother. Hero is a friend of her brother's and comes over the house at times. Decides one night to ask her out and they go dinner & a movie. She loves him. He tells her he's not the marrying kind and never wants children. Her father warns her against him because he's "not a person of faith." Her brother warns her against him because "he just likes to use people and you'll get hurt." Hero himself warns her against him but she doesn't listen to any of them because she's **in love**.

She's 19. He's 32. He doesn't know she's 19 because whenever her brother mentioned she had just finished school, hero assumed it was college, not high school.

Then comes the day that hero asked her on another date. He takes her to his house. Makes her dinner. They end up on the couch to watch TV. They're watching WWE. Hero mentions Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and heroine says "Oh! The guy who voiced Maui in Moana, I didn't know he used to be a wrestler." \*insert eye roll here\* They end up having sex on the couch. She's a virgin. She doesn't enjoy it. At all. He doesn't notice that or the blood and assumes she's on her period when he does finally see the blood. A week goes by because he thought she was on her period and she never told him she wasn't. They have sex again and again she doesn't enjoy it but tries to fake it because she loves him. He asked her to move in with him but told her up front that he would never marry her and he doesn't ever want to have children with her. That he wants to be free to come and go as he likes but that he wouldn't ever be with another woman while they were together. \*insert another eye roll here\*

Hero finds out a few weeks after she moves in what her real age is. Town gossip in a small town gets back to them and while she hates that they're embarrassing her father by living together outside of marriage she loves him too much to move back home.

He has to travel for work at one point and is gone for weeks. While he's gone, she goes back to stay with her father & brother because hero doesn't want her staying home alone. She finds out not long after he's away that she's pregnant. She hides it from her father because she knows he'd be more ashamed of her than he already is. During this time she sees her brother accept a suitcase full of drugs from his drug dealer friend with the instructions to give it away for free to hook kids/adults on drugs so they can make money off them. Heroine tells her brother he's working with the devil. Brother tells her to mind her own business. He makes a remark to her that he knows she's pregnant and she better not tell their father what she saw or he'd spill her secret since they all knew the hero didn't want marriage and children.

A few days later she mentions that the hero is coming back home and she's moving back to his house. Her brother devises a plan to ruin her life. He meets up with the hero at the airport & with him is his drug dealing friend. He tells hero that his sister has been lying to him. That she's pregnant with drug dealing friend's baby and trying to pass it off as the hero's. Hero heads home and after calling heroine some names and yelling at her, kicks her out of his house. Tells her he never wants to see her again blah blah blah. Heroine has her father pick her up and take her back home. Heroine admits to her father that she's pregnant and that the hero kicked her out and that her father was right about everything. Her father tells her not to worry, that everything will work out.

The next day heroine decides to move to Texas to live with cousins so no one at home will find out she's having a baby out of wedlock. She gets a job at a lawyer's office. The lawyer is dying of cancer. He knows she's pregnant because her cousin told him so he suggests they marry in name only. To give her baby a name and so he can have some enjoyment with the baby before he dies.

They get married real quick and by this time the hero has realized he's been lied to by the brother. He doesn't know what is going on but he knows the heroine would never have cheated on him because she loves him too much. Blah blah blah. He calls the house, her father picks up but as soon as he knows it's the hero, he hangs up. He tries finding the brother with no luck. Ends up going to her previous job to ask her friend about her and the friend lets it spill that it's too late. That the heroine is married already and won't be returning home. Hero is devastated but knows he's to blame for everything that happened and he can't change anything.

Months go by and the heroine has her baby. A little girl. She sends pictures to her friend and while the friend is showing them off to another friend, the hero ends up in the same place and hears their conversation. He asks to see the picture. He immediately knows that baby is his because the baby has red hair like his mother had and she has the same eyes he and his mother had.

Heroine comes home two months later when she gets a phone call that her father is in the hospital. At this point the husband is getting hospice care because he doesn't have long to live. She takes her daughter and goes home to check on her father. Ends up meeting the hero in the grocery store while she's doing some shopping. She never admits that the baby is his and he never comes out and says he knows the truth. She heads back to Texas soon afterwards. Her husband dies not long after that but because of the threat of her brother and his drug dealing friend, she decides to stay in Texas with her daughter.

Two years go by. In this time, the hero is now a weekly visitor at her father's house. They play chess, they cook dinner, they talk a lot. He confesses why he is the way he is and apologizes profusely for hurting both him and his daughter when he asked her to move in with him. He goes to church now when he never did before.

Heroine's father ends up having a heart attack one day while he's there visiting and playing a game of chess. At the same time that's going on in Wyoming, in Texas his baby girl is telling her mother that "Gimpa is hurt." Heroine calls her father's house only to have the hero pick up the phone and tell her that her father is on the way to the hospital because of a heart attack. Tells her to get there ASAP. Heroine is rushing to get home to her father when again, her daughter says "Gimpa is gone." Hero meets them at the airport and tells her he's sorry but the heart attack was massive and her father had passed away. Ludie, their two year old daughter is crying and saying "Gimpa is with Gamma now." Hero asks heroine if she's always like that and she says yes, that she can see things like her grandmother did and like the hero's grandmother did.

Not only does Ludie speak in full sentences she tells her mother later, when the hero isn't there, that "She

wants daddy."

Conversation that follows:

Heroine: Honey, your daddy is in heaven.

Ludie: Not my **real** daddy.

Heroine: What?

Ludie: My real daddy. He just picked us up from the airport. I want him.

Heroine: \*shocked\*

At one point in the book, the brother and his drug dealing friend show up. Heroine kicks them out. They come back the next day and the drug dealing friend kidnaps the heroine and Ludie. Just before he shoots heroine, she opens the car door and tells her two year old daughter to run as fast as she can. In a blizzard. By herself. The deserted road he took them on happens to be near where the hero is so he finds Ludie in the snow crying. He asks her how she got there, she tells him "bad man hurt mommy! I want my mommy!" Hero calls 911 and the two year old is able to tell them that Uncle Rod's bad man friend hurt mommy and had a gun and shot her before mommy told her to run away. Then in the middle of all this Ludie tells the cop and paramedics that hero is her daddy.

Hero takes baby girl to the hospital to get checked over, as they're leaving, Ludie points and says "Mommy is there." Hero says "no, she's not." just as paramedics roll in a gurney with the heroine on it. Surgery is needed to save her life. Ludie stays with hero while her mom is recovering in the hospital and the bad guys are tracked down and found. Hero tells heroine she's moving in with his friends to help with recovery because he won't have town gossiping about them like they did before. Heroine suggests they get a special license and get married and hero agrees immediately. Pulls out rings he had for her from years before when he came back from his trip where her brother met him with the lies he told him.

In the process of getting engaged, he tells her he's been reading books. She's puzzled and says what books? He tells her you'll see later after we're married. Turns out he read how-to books on how to satisfy her in bed so that she enjoyed it as much as he did. Said that the women he'd been with before just wanted it rough and he'd never learned to be gentle so now with her, he needs to be gentle.

This was another crazy train ride on a Palmer book. I feel I rambled in this review just like she rambled in the book. Not only was it crazy but I noticed a lot of references to God and forgiveness and staying on the right path and not veering off to sin town. When did Palmer become so preachy?

Be warned, it's repetitious in many parts. Very repetitious.

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## Gwessie Tee says

Naughtiness 3\*

Absolutely beautiful, it's been a little while since I've read a Diana Palmer book, but wow it did not disappoint me at all, utterly fantastic.

As always I will not give spoilers but, I can say if you love cowboys, romance, adventure with some humour characters you will root for, a hero and heroine who both have many things to overcome but an amazing

journey on the way then you will love this, I also having read many of Diana's books in the past recognised lots of names and cameo appearances to which I was thrilled to have updates on.

Thank you so much dear lady for writing it and #millsandbooninsiders for offering me the chance to read it

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Small-town second chance...

I don't remember a time when I was not a fan of this author. Years ago I snuck her books from my mom's book back and they were worth the risk! Alpha males alongside increasingly stronger females find love in many different scenarios but my favourites will always involve this author's irresistible cowboys. JC and Colie's story involved family, lies and a beautiful little girl who was going to give them a shot at a second chance....

Suspense, drama and family dynamics swirled around a plot that, while not new, had my heart invested from the start. JC and Colie had been separated through lies and choices that felt inevitable. They were stubborn and each felt they were in the right so it was good there was a little girl between them who was going to remind them what was really important... And while the emotions between them initially had more anger and animosity, underneath it all was love...

A good story has me connecting with the characters and feeling the emotions that they go through as if they were my own. JC and Colie's story fit the bill nicely in a read that was a warm hug on a lazy weekend afternoon... ~Diane, 4 stars

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## Lu Bielefeld \*read.laugh.love\* says

Our heroine has amoeba IQ and falls in love with the hero, who in my opinion has nothing lovable in his personality.

She decides to enter into a sexual relationship with the hero even knowing that there will be no marriage or commitment in the future.

The sex between them is horrible.

Our heroine only feels pain and discomfort as he reaches his pleasure quickly.

Ladies, here we have **Speedy Gonzalez**, the quickie. He is accustomed to experienced women and as described by the author he is not very good at it.

The heroine loves him so much he submits without complaining.

A complete idiot. WTF!

I was astonished and at the same time felt sorry for her.

He only thinks about himself and does not see the damage that has caused her reputation and her father.

He is totally full of traumas from the past and has major issues.

A misunderstanding occurs and he kicks her pregnant with his baby to the curb.

I was so engrossed with the story that I read until 4 am and had to stop to sleep ... I confess that I went through a varied range of emotions up to this part, ranging from the mortal hatred of the hero to the complete



amazement with naivete of our heroine.

Her father's attitude shocked me as well, he did not agree with her attitude but let her make her own decisions and offered support when she needed it. He just waited for her to fuck up and put her pieces together.

This is the attitude of a father with his head and heart in place, after all he is a minister in the church, but I was stressed just waiting for her to be screwed over by the hero and how the story would unfold.

If it were my daughter treated in this horrible way, I'd beat the shit out of the bastard.

**Ladies, then the drama started.**

As always in the author's stories we have moral lessons and in this case would not be different.

The author preaches that sex outside of marriage has terrible consequences ... our heroine got her reputation stained and her father's too, unplanned pregnancy and no marriage in sight. The rejection of the hero.

Everything that could go wrong in her life happened. And the icing on the cake was the drug-trafficking brother threatening her.

A wedding in name only and hastily with a man who despite being wonderful still loves the dead wife and is dying of cancer. More drama!

I confess that I think that the daughter of heroes behaves inconsistently with the age presented. It was very strange. The author always puts something supernatural in her stories.

Years go by and the hero reforms his way of thinking and really regrets what he did.

Our heroine creates a new life in Texas and only comes back when more drama happens.

Everyone was good at the end and I was already imagining everyone sitting around a campfire congregating and singing Kumbaya.

**I know, I'm a bitter bitch.**

But it was a good read and whoever is a fan of the author and is already accustomed to the style of her writing will like very much.

The more she saw of him, the more she wanted him.

J.C. worked full-time locally, but he went back overseas periodically to train troops in Iraq in police procedure.

She dressed like a lady, but he knew all about women who put on their best behavior around company.

He had women, but this one stirred him in a different way.

J.C. followed close behind her, his smile as smug and arrogant as the look on his face. Colie wanted him. He knew it without a word being spoken.

J.C. just stared into space. "I hate people. The best of them will turn on you, given the opportunity."

She wanted J.C. Why was it so wrong to sleep with someone you loved? It was as natural as breathing. At least, she imagined it was.

“Daddy, I can’t help how I feel,” she ground out. “I’m crazy about him!”

He wasn’t about to get serious. He just wanted someone cute and responsive to spend time with. She didn’t seem the sort of woman who’d cling, and that suited him very well.

Could he do that to her? Make her beg, make her do anything he liked, and then just walk away?

She was old enough to know the score, and he was certain he wouldn’t be her first man.

You were raised to have principles. Don’t discard them for a man who’ll never marry you.”

“She was beautiful. The most beautiful human creature I’d ever seen. She was poised, sophisticated, talented.” He grimaced. “I thought she was perfect. I fell head over heels in love the first night. She could turn me inside out. She was like a drug, an addiction. I’d never known so much pleasure.” She was jealous, but she didn’t let on.

“We went around together for weeks. I took her to the opera, the theater, to symphony concerts. Even to a rock concert. I bought her designer clothing and diamonds. She really seemed to love me. I certainly loved her.”

But he didn’t call. And his two or three days turned into a week.

He’d had lovers; never a woman he could tease or joke with, or just enjoy talking to. He took what was offered and moved on to the next woman.

“I won’t make promises, Colie,” he said huskily. “No matter what happens.”

So she took a deep breath and let him have her. He cried out with the pleasure. She was happy that her body was giving him so much joy, she only wished she could share it. But she felt torn and uncomfortable.

At least it didn't take a long time, she wasn't sure she could have managed not to start crying.

So she didn't refuse him. As he'd promised, he took longer with her. But her body, still recovering from the shock and pain of the first time, was uncooperative.

That was, until he penetrated her. She ground her teeth together and tried to relax, but it was almost as uncomfortable as it had been the first time. J.C. didn't notice. He was starving for her.

He tried to slow down. He couldn't. It had been a long time between women.

She didn't respond, or demand, as his other women had. She did whatever he wanted her to do.

She didn't like sex. She was certain of it now.

"Colie, I'm not proposing marriage. You understand that, don't you? I'm asking you to live with me.

He didn't love her.

She was as much as admitting that he didn't satisfy her.

"But you don't enjoy having sex with me,"

"You can tell people we're engaged," he said after a minute.

“I’m still not interested in marriage, Colie. But if you spread it around that I’m serious about you, it will make things easier for your father. He’s a good man,”

Latex and all, she was thinking, but she gave in, as she always did, dreading the discomfort...

She enjoyed the intimacy, even if she didn’t enjoy the sex.

He didn’t call. Days went by without a word from him.  
If J.C. had really cared about her, he’d have called. He’d have written.

“I was sick of you, anyway,” he said as he headed toward the bedroom. “You never did anything in bed except lie there like a plastic doll. You never wanted me. You couldn’t even pretend that you did. I guess your boyfriend was better in bed, even if he was poor. Rod said you couldn’t keep your hands off him, even in front of your father.”

“Just for the books, I wouldn’t have married you, even if that child had been mine,” he added.  
“I told you. I love my freedom.”

“Two-timing prostitutes, the lot of you! I thought you were different. I really did. But you were just out for what you could get, like all the others.”

If she was innocent, no wonder she hadn’t liked the first time, or the times that followed. He’d always been in a hurry.

He’d thrown Colie away, called her names, accused her of lying, ridiculed the way she was in bed.

“Sometimes, we dig our own graves long before we die,” he said out of the blue.

yesterday is a memory and tomorrow is a hope.

“But courage isn’t the lack of fear—it’s having the guts to act even when you’re most afraid. That’s true heroism.”

“He said that life was useless unless we forgave people. It’s what faith is supposed to be all about.”

She simply accepted what little affection he was capable of, without wishing for more.

She loved J.C., but this had been an unpleasant part of their relationship, just the same. “It’s okay,”

“I told you. I’ve been reading books...” She gasped

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### **Caitlin Wyatt says**

It was ok I feel like I read this book before though recycled plot for sure even more than normal for DP!

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### **Karen Machamer says**

Another great book by one of my favorite authors. Just love Diana Palmer. Love her Wyoming Men series.

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### **Sheila Melo says**

**FINAL DECISION:** A more complex version of Palmer's standard formula which I enjoyed with the exception of the too quick resolution of the problems between the hero and heroine.

**THE STORY:** Colie Jackson falls hard for her brother's friend J.C. Calhoun. Colie ignores, however, J.C.'s differing values and his distrust of women. While the two get close, J.C.'s past keeps him waiting to be betrayed. When he is told that Colie has been cheating on him and is pregnant, J.C. rejects Colie. Years later, Colie returns to town and again sees J.C. The two have to work through their past while Colie is in danger from a criminal gang because of secrets only she knows.

**OPINION:** This book has Palmer's standard formula: innocent woman misjudged by man angry and mistrusting because of lies and a past woman's actions; he breaks her heart and then realizes he was wrong and they reconcile. One thing I really liked about his book was the time it took in J.C. in reforming himself.

That was different than what I have seen in Palmer's books in the past.

Longtime readers of Palmer will recognize one of her enduring formulas. These characters are what you might expect except that Colie has more determination and self-reliance than I expected. J.C. is the expected jerk as the book begins, but he also goes through a three year struggle to change himself.

I am also a big fan of how the story works out through both J.C. and Colie working through their own faith struggles. (Readers who don't want to read about characters who have religious backgrounds and struggle through life and try and connect it to their faith and God should probably skip this one).

The problem that kept this book from being rated higher was that, for me, the resolution between J.C. and Colie was too quick. There needed to be more time or more discussion or more groveling. Everything between them seemed to be fixed within only a few pages and I needed more to resolve the years that these two spent apart and the magnitude of what occurred.

Despite this, I enjoyed this book as a whole.

**WORTH MENTIONING:** I enjoyed seeing characters from prior books.

**CONNECTED BOOKS:** WYOMING WINTER is the seventh book in the Wyoming Men series but can be read as a standalone. The book is also connected with the Long, Tall Texans series if you have read the series otherwise the connection is slight.

**STAR RATING:** I give this book 4 stars.

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