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Rodeo rider Wade Stone never thought he'd step foot in Dry Creek, Montana, again. Not with his family's harrowing past. But nine years later, he's back on the Stone ranch and getting stared down by the townspeople. *Except* by Amy Mitchell, whose heart he broke after one sweet kiss. Wade knows she's afraid he'll leave again, but surely there's no second chance for them. It seems the whole town—and her family—is against them. Until one beautiful Christmas sleigh teaches everyone the true meaning of the holiday.

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Bhorn36 says

Sleigh Bells for Dry Creek, by Janet Tronstad, is a lovely, cozy, next-to-the –fireplace kind of read. Tronstad continues her Dry Creek saga by focusing on a mother, Gracie; and her son, Wade who have returned home after nine years away. Since Gracie had confessed to a murder and had served jail time, the neighbors responded to their return with mixed feelings. All Gracie wants is to have Christmas at home. The story is about how old relationships are reconciled as the two attempt to restore their lives. Enter Amy; a spirited lovely girl who is the next door neighbor and who was once involved with Wade.

The reader is immediately drawn to the dynamics between the mother, son and neighbor girl. Tronstad develops the characters in such a way that one is immediately in love with all of them. The setting, a tiny snowy town in Montana, sets the stage for Christmas magic. Unexpectedly, intrigue enters the picture and the reader is left with many questions that need to be answered. Don't peek at the end and ruin the surprises.

If one is not familiar with the Dry Creek series, this is the book that will sink the hook and create a desire to devour all of the other books in the series.

Anita Draper says

Can a person really go back to that point in their life when everything they knew ceased to exist? What does a person do when faced with snickers and glares because a family member committed a horrendous crime? Is it possible to forgive someone who caused you heartache years ago and still has the power to hurt you? Those are the questions Janet Tronstad answers in this heartwarming romance in her new Return to Dry Creek series.

I was hooked from the first page when I realized the hero, Wade Stone, was willing to face the wrath of his home town crowd because his mother wanted to return. No matter what he'd suffered, he was willing to accept more if it meant being there for her now. Nine years earlier he'd run from the town and everything dear trying to escape the horror that had befallen his family. That included leaving behind a budding relationship with his first love, Amy – the girl who still filled his dreams no matter how hard he tried to forget her spearmint scent or the taste of their first kiss.

Amy Mitchell lived in a fog for years after Wade skipped town. Growing up next door to each other as friends, she'd trusted him with her heart. Then one snowy Christmas Eve, he'd kissed her on the church steps and said someday he was going to marry her inside that very building. Soon after, everything changed and Wade left town without saying goodbye. Fifteen years old and she put her social life on hold while waiting for his return. Over the years her faith slowly dwindled as everyone told her to face reality. When he drives back into town, Amy must decide if she's willing to put allow her burning embers to spark into a romance because there's no guarantee rodeo rider Wade will stay around this time. Is his return any more real than his leaving had been?

Janet Tronstad is a master at engaging the emotions. I eagerly turned each page, waiting for Wade and Amy

to 'make up'. They'd only shared one kiss, but Tronstad made it memorable. Not only for Wade and Amy, but for me as well. It was enough to keep me believing they'd get together in the end even though Tronstad littered doubt along their path.

Wendy says

I really liked this book although I haven't read the other 22 books in the series. I think I'll have to read all of them now. Janet starts out by grabbing your attention about what happened nine years ago, then once she tell you, she keeps your attention because it isn't true after all.

Wade and his Mother, Gracie return to town after she has spent nine years in prison for a murder she didn't commit. She confessed because she thought Wade did it, he is in shock when she shares this with him. Amy, his childhood sweetheart, overhears the confession Gracie makes to her son. Wade and Amy are still in love with each other even after not talking or seeing each other for all those years, but each is afraid to let the other know because they don't think the feelings are still mutual. When Amy overhears Gracie, she doesn't know what to believe, she knows in her heart Wade could not have done such a thing, but if his Mother thinks he could have murdered his Father, it puts doubts in her mind.

You will have to read the book to see if Wade killed his father, if Amy forgives him, and if Wade didn't commit the murder and if Amy doesn't forgive him what happens.

This book shows how far a Mother will go to protect her son, how you can change your life around and come to know God even in the worst of times. Once you let God in your life, faith will help you have patience to let the truth come out.

It is a quick read and very good, Janet did a great job.

This book was given to me by the author to review and give my honest opinion of the book.

Lara Hulzen says

Wade Stone returns to Dry Creek, Montana with his mother, Grace, after she has spent nine years in prison for murdering his father. An abusive drunk, no one was surprised by her actions toward her husband, but many townspeople aren't too eager to welcome her home, or her rodeo champion son.

Nine years ago, Wade kissed Amy Mitchell and promised to marry her. But when his mother went to jail, he fled and never looked back. Orphaned as a young girl, Amy was taken in by her Aunt and Grandfather, but for the past few years, she has had to take care of them because of old age and failing health.

When Wade and Grace show up one morning at the town coffee shop, Amy's world is turned upside down. Amy overhears Grace telling Wade she didn't kill her husband and believes Wade is the one who did. Not knowing what to believe, Amy's heart is torn between believing Wade and letting him back into her life, or letting go of him for good.

This is a nice small town story with a bit of intrigue and mystery thrown in. The faith element is evident throughout and the love story of Amy and Wade is engaging and tender.

Linda says

Another fun Christmas story in Dry Creek.

Melissa says

I want to thank Janet Tronstad for this book! I think this story is a wonderful Christmas edition to the Dry Creek series!

Wade Stone and his family have a past history in Dry Creek, and after leaving to follow a Rodeo Career, he's not sure how his friends will react when he returns to his Hometown.

He cared for Amy Mitchell many years ago, and she is still in his heart.

I thought his memory of her favorite gum was so sweet..

This story has a mystery element to it, and as the families surrounding the mystery try to work together to put the past behind them, you learn the secret of what happened many years ago.

I enjoyed the spirit of the Community as they prepared the Sleigh for the Annual Christmas Pageant and Gift Giving for the area children.

I gave this book 5 stars, its a wonderful Christmas story!

Melody says

Ahhh! Can't believe I have had this saying currently reading when I finished it months ago! I LOVED this book, by one of my favorite LI authors. I am a sucker for all things Dry Creek, and this story line roped me in from page one! Okay, so the cover captured me too. Beautiful! :) I probably can relate to the characters in this book the most out of all the books I have read recently. I know what it feels like to be judged for just being in a certain family, for the actions of family members, and how truly hard it is to keep on keeping on... The perspective of both the hero and heroine were both spot on, loved how they grew at an accurate pace. This book made me smile, and also feel something I don't often feel in books- hope. Hope in change. In humankind. In love. Hope for me and my life. Definitely one of Janet's finest. :)

Laura AKA Loves 2 Read Romance says

Wade Stone figured he would never return to Dry Creek, Montana but return he did. Nine years ago Wade left the small town after a scandal torn his family apart. But now he and his mother are back trying to pick up the pieces they left behind while trying to ignore the stares that follow them every time they are in town. The

only one who seems to be willing to give them a chance is Amy Mitchell. Not that she should, Wade broke Amy's heart the one kiss they shared all those years ago. Will Amy and Wade get a second chance? The whole town's against them including Amy's family! Besides a revelation brings the old scandal back to the front of everyone's mind this time with new questions about what really happened. And can a beautiful old sleigh remind everyone what the true meaning of Christmas is?

I loved visiting Dry Creek again and seeing some familiar faces. This was a perfect way to start off the holiday season! Even though there is still a little over 3 months till Christmas. The characters are loveable and Dry Creek makes you want to stay forever. I didn't want to put the book down! So grab a mug of hot chocolate and a cozy chair and start the holiday season off early!

Brenda says

It's very rare that I pick up a Love Inspired romance novel, but after reading this one I think I have been missing out.

Wade Stone left Dry Creek at the age of seventeen and never looked back, although he never forgot his first love Amy Mitchell. A rodeo rider who suffered a fall, he has been off the circuit for several months when he gets a letter from his mother Grace that she is going back home to the ranch in Dry Creek and wants him to come he decides to go because he fears that the town hasn't forgotten his mothers past. One of the first people Wade runs into is Amy, and while she is happy to see the Stone's, her family, who is also the Stone's next door neighbors, are dead set against her having anything to do with them. Will the town of Dry Creek ever accept the Stone's? Will Wade and Amy get a second chance at love?

This was my first time reading anything by Ms. Tronstad, and I am hooked. The depth of the story along with the characters really drew me in. Wade was someone that was struggling with faith, it was nice to see him change and grow through out the story. He was very considerate of his mother. Amy was a character that was so easy to connect with. She never got over her first love, and held out hope that someday he might come back. She had plenty of responsibilities taking care of the family farm while also looking out for her aunt and grandfather. Easily my favorite character had to be Grace, and what I consider the sacrifice she made for her son Wade shows the depth of a mothers love. She also had unwavering faith that the townspeople would eventually accept them.

A great story that's much more than just an inspirational romance. The author weaves in a bit of suspense, and mystery to make it a page turning story that surprised me at the end. The Christmas feel of the book was just an added bonus for me. Recommended!

Jennifer says

I love Dry Creek! The story of Wade Stone and Amy Mitchell kept my attention. There was a bit of murder mystery suspense in this one! Amy and Wade strike up a romance that they had when they were younger, but complications arise. Wade finds out that his Mother went to Jail for him because she thought he had killed his Father. Amy overhears the conversation and from that everything gets turned upside. She has to learn to trust Wade and believe he didn't murder his father, or go with the evidence that leads most people to believe that Wade did kill his father. Wade has his own trust issues because he believes that Amy and her family are better off without being associated with him. But, he also needs to learn to depend on God and to trust Him

for everything. In the end the truth comes out in an unexpected turn of events. What happens with the information is yet to be determined. I can't wait for the next two books in this series about the Stone brothers!

Paula says

I really enjoyed this Dry Creek book about coming home again, second chances, starting over, and a bit of a mystery thrown in, too. I'm looking forward to reading Jake's book now, *Lilac Wedding in Dry Creek*.

Judy says

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Return to Dry Creek Series

Dry Creek is one of my favorite places to visit, in Janet's books of course. The small Montana town is usually full of friendly people. Linda at the Cafe, Charlie and Edith Nelson, although most folks still think of Edith as Mrs. Hargrove and all the others we have met in the previous eighteen books. Sadly they are not so friendly when the Stone's return to town. Gracie Stone has just been released from nine years in prison after she confessed to murdering her husband, Buck Stone. She has asked her three sons to return as well. The younger two; Tyler & Jake did not return. Wade Stone had been with the rodeo. He left home after his mom's conviction at age seventeen and not looked back. He can't wait to leave town again. All their dirty laundry had been hung out in the courts during Ma's trial, about their abusive and drunken father.

Amy Mitchell is fed up. Shawn Garrett was at her home telling her Aunt Tilly how he knows Amy will marry him because Wade was injured and still did not come back to Dry Creek. She is furious that the two of them were talking about her and that Shawn may tell people how she was waiting for Wade. She had put her life and heart on hold for nine years for a man who has never looked back or returned for her. She has spent the last nine years taking care of her Grandfather and Aunt Tilly. And then, there they were; Grace & Wade. Amy agrees to work for Gracie to get her house back in order, as she tries to protect her heart from leaping back to Wade.

This book is so full of emotions. Gracie who is being strong and facing old friends and neighbors who believe her a murderer, but she has a faith she did not have before prison. Wade is looked down upon for being Gracie's son and other revelations that come up. Amy is torn between her family needing her and wanting to be with the Stone's. Meanwhile Wade begins to learn about this new faith that has changed his mother's life as well.

It looks like we may here more from the Stone family in future Dry Creek books....

Learn more about Janet's book on my blog at:
<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Susan says

I really enjoyed this book. I have never read a book by Janet Tronstad before but after reading this one I am

on a quest to read all the Dry Creek series books. I loved meeting the people of Dry Creek. Wade and his mom come back after being away for nine years. At first the towns people do not want them there, but faith brings everyone together in the end. The end of the book threw me for a loop, something I never expected, but I was happy with the way it ended for Wade and his long lost love Amy. Over all, I loved this book and can't wait to read the rest of the series.

Janet Marie Dowell says

I thought this book was just a romance novel, but it is much more than that. Janet gives a surprising twist that you do not expect..... there is also a murder involved. I love romantic suspense!

Gracie Stone goes to prison for a crime she doesn't commit. Wade Stone, Gracie's son, leaves town after his mom goes to prison and joins the Rodeo. Amy Mitchell, Wade's childhood sweetheart is devastated and lost when Wade decides to leave. In order to fill that void in her heart, she puts all her time and effort into taking care of her Aunt Tilly and Grandpa. Wade tries to fill his void with the rodeo. Shawn Garrett, one of Wade and Amy's childhood classmates, is interested in Amy but her heart belongs to Wade. Shawn tries too hard to be accepted and attempts to fill his void with politics. Wade, Amy, & Shawn have different emotional issues but the same wall they have built around their hearts causes relationship problems in their lives.

I'm not going to tell who committed the murder; you will have to read the book to find out.

Lyn says

First of all, I must admit that I count Janet Tronstad as a friend. But I can in all honesty say that I truly enjoyed this book. The theme is forgiving ourselves and others, one that many of us must learn over and over. I love the town of Dry Creek, Montana, (Janet's trademark) and it's colorful, genuine and sometimes amusing inhabitants. And Janet KNOWS how to write a rugged cowboy hero. A sweet hometown girl, a cowboy, and Christmas--what more could a reader ask for? Don't miss a heart-warming holiday story.
