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From two of America's bestselling western writers comes a heart-racing story of frontier justice, pioneer spirit, and one town's last-chance miracle. . .

Three weeks before Christmas, the little town of Chug Water in Wyoming Territory is stunned by a brutal crime. The mayor's family has been slaughtered in cold blood on their ranch outside of Raw Hide Butte. As the townsfolk gather to pay their last respects, Duff MacCallister saddles up to go after the killers. He returns with two outlaws--a cold-blooded, nasty pair of snakes, Jesse and T. Bob Cave. But the day before they're sentenced to hang, the Cave brothers escape their fate...

Into this holiday hell-storm ride three friendly travelers. Smoke, Sally and Matt Jensen, come to spend Christmas with Duff. But a deadly diphtheria outbreak leaves the town beholden to the mercy of the Cave brothers. It's a desperate bind to be stuck in, but Duff and the Jensens will use every bullet they can find to shoot their way into a bloody but merry Christmas.

## A Frontier Christmas Details

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## **From Reader Review A Frontier Christmas for online ebook**

### **Carolyn Vandine west says**

This was a heartwarming book despite some of the twists and turns along the way. Reminds us of how far “the Wild West” has come over the years.

The thanks we can give to dedicated researchers who found the key to curing and prevention of diseases that used to wipe out entire families and towns.

This was a possibility for the town of Rawhide Buttes, Wyoming Territory in this book. I won't give away the way the book progresses, but worth the read.

I happen to really enjoy books set in this time period, the trials that brave men and women endured to make the West habitable for others.

It is a Christmas book, but that is really not the entire focus of the book.

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### **Kathryn says**

Like the previous 3 books in this Christmas series, I enjoyed this whole-heartedly. It deserves 4 and a half stars. It was so nice to visit with many of the same people who I have visited the past few years. I look forward to reading the next book in the series next holiday season and hope it will contain a=the Christmas wedding of Meaghan and Duff.

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### **Rob Smith says**

Another in the Johnstone Clan of Christmas books weaving various characters from other books into a Yuletide theme. This one is a bit more involved having to do with a plaque that sets in.

The writing is a step down from typical Johnstone Clan novels. A plot with so many angles could've used one of the better ghost writers to handle the book. Something about the whole book, with all of it's bad guys and threatening disease, lacked what should have been a significant amount of intrigue and drama.

There is clear effort to nail the characters and dialogue. That seems particularly true of the Duff MacCallister character, who's series had started earlier in the year this book came out. This book almost seems an advertisement of the series.

Bottom line: I recommend this book. 5 out of 5 points.

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### **Julie Barrett says**

A Frontier Christmas by William W. Johnstone with JA Johnstone

This family saga finds Smoke, Sally and Matt enjoying the holiday season at Fort Russell on their travels to sell horses to the government.

Book also follows the investigation of a murder, a whole family and who's to blame and their travels to keep themselves hidden away.

Duff MacAllister who works for Smoke on the ranch goes after the mayor's relatives killers and finds them and brings them to trial. They do escape but are put into another prison of sorts.

His love interest is Meaghan who designs and sells dresses. She is traveling amongst towns to help another with her dress shop during the Christmas holiday season. Love how the whole town comes together to fight evil. Lots of action and adventure.

It'll be a miracle if the quarantined town has any holiday to celebrate especially since the medicine has been highjacked. Excerpt from Rebel Yell is included at the back.

I received this book from Kennington Publishers in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Veronica Rivera says**

It's Christmas in July !!! Well at least for me it is. This book written by William W. Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone is full of well rounded characters that know each other and will protect one another and anyone who is lucky enough to know them. What begins as a murder of the mayor's son, daughter in law, and two grandchildren turns into a life mission to save the town of Rawhide Buttes from an outbreak of diptheria. The story was engaging and kept me turning the pages, which was good since I was reading another book that was pretty morbid at the same time. If you love westerns or have ever wanted to pick one up start with the work by Mr. Johnstone and since his death with the inclusion J.A. Johnstone has allowed the stories to continue and thrive.

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### **Ron Hartley says**

I read this book some time ago. It is your typical Smoke Jensen Story. Yes we all know they are basically "recipe" books and you can predict what is going to happen next. But they are always quick reads and entertaining.

We need more western writers out there and should be happy that these books are being written.

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### **Patricia Atkinson says**

a western love story with lots of action

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### **Tome Addiction says**

If you like Western's don't start reading the MacCallister series unless you plan to read them all. They are like trying to eat one Cheeto in a bag of Cheetos, just down right addicting.

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## **Mkittysamom says**

What a lovely, westernly, bloody, and crazy Christmas novel! I actually liked it once I got to know the characters, since I didn't know this is the 4th book of The "Christmas" Series. I liked Sal the rough and tumble Saloon Gal, stuck with the Outlaws. I also loved the Irishman Duff who seems invincible with guns, a sharp shooter! And there is also a sweet supernatural entity in the mix too! A great blend of themes and characters! A unique Christmas Story for me!

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## **Lisa Johnson says**

Title: A Frontier Christmas

Author: William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone

Pages: 416

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Publisher: Pinnacle

Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/Frontier-Christ...>

This is a simply heartwarming story set in the west with characters that I am familiar with, being a fan of Johnstone books. However, whether you are familiar with the characters or authors matters not as readers will be engrossed not just in the budding romance between Meagan and Duff, but the action with increasing tension will keep you glued to the book! A Frontier Christmas is the fourth book in the series Western Christmas Stories that also includes A Lone Star Christmas, Rocky Mountain Christmas and A Big Sky Christmas. Each book can be read as a standalone or grab all four and be prepared to be entertained for hours!

The Johnstone's Western Christmas Stories will capture your imagination, heart and emotions that run a wide range with each book. A Frontier Christmas tells the story of small towns preparing for Christmas and coming together to fight against those who would trade life-giving medicine for money when one town is quarantined with diphtheria. The small town has but one doctor who runs from one bedside to another in a race to save lives. When Duff learns who the men are who have taken the medication, he enlists the help of old friends Smoke & Matt Jensen along with his ranch partner Elmer.

When I began reading, I instantly fell in love with the characters and the story because I love westerns! Even if someone is not a fan of westerns these Christmas tales remind us of what is most important along with sacrificial giving without a second thought in order to save lives. Readers need to remember there are a couple of swear words sprinkled lightly in the book, but hardly noticeable with a story so stunning and fast moving as shared here for the audience. Many other western writers have come before and left stories for generations to enjoy long after they are gone; the Johnstones are no different.

I hope you read all four wonderful tales in this series and share them with others who love the world of imagination sparked by a good book!

My rating is 5 stars.

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Other reviews can be read at <http://seekingwithallyurheart.blogspot...> . Also follow me on Twitter @lcjohnson1988, FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/lisa.johnson...>

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### **Teri-K says**

Clean historical Western, with a touch of romance. It reminded me of those TV Westerns we used to watch, where the good guys are noble and upright, the bad guys are really nasty and all the women are kind and compassionate. And very patient with their men. lol

I enjoyed this old-fashioned story. There are some gunfights and bank robberies, with no sex involved. Refreshing.

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### **Christy Schaefer says**

This was... honestly pretty terrible. For attempting to venture back into the western genre after a lot of years taking a break, I probably should've started with Louis L'Amour or somebody a bit more classic. This felt like pop culture thrown into western, written by a person who has no idea what it's like to live in the west. I'd bought this book around Christmastime, started it, and then completely forgotten until this weekend when I decided to finish. And ... whoo! I am SO glad I didn't read this as a heartwarming read around Christmas. Murder. Child rape. Diphtheria. All the fun of the wild frontier!

Not to mention the completely bland characters, along with the "ex-fiance ghost-angel" who haunted half the cast of the book, the not-surprise ending that ended up abruptly I wasn't even sure if I had finished, and the Gary Stu of a main character who is The Best At Everything and The Most Manly and The Most Handsome, but Has Issues. How convincingly trope.

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### **Mark Luongo says**

With Christmas in the title you would think this would be a benign tale. But you'd be mistaken. The Jensens and Duff MacCallister find themselves in the midst of a diphtheria epidemic, despicable outlaws and harsh weather on the Wyoming frontier in this story. You can feel the chill in the air, smell the gun smoke and saddle leather. Like other titles by this author it is a page turner and you're afraid to put it down.

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### **?Susan? says**

Old West Christmas story that reminds me of how lucky we are to have modern laws and medicine. Wonderful characters round out a good story, but beware, not a typical cozy Hallmark Christmas.

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### **Paula-O says**

William W Johnstone wrote A Frontier Christmas

I have been reading this author and his Christmas stories and falling in love with the way he wrote and the characters that he brought to life for us to enjoy. He is gone now but I thank God his stories will still be read and enjoyed for a long time to come.

This story was about Chugwater in Wyoming and the evil that visited there one day and destroyed the Mayor and his family.

Three friendly travelers(Smoke-Sally and Matt Jensen) rode into town to spend Christmas with an old friend Duff. Now they will find the evil doers are die trying.

I know you will enjoy all the adventures and find these characters to be wonderful God fearing caring people.

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