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Tragic pasts are about to collide in this heartwarming Christmas story by *New York Times* bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne! She claimed to be a waitress and a single mother, but Rebecca Parsons doesn't look like any hash-slinger Pine Gulch Police Chief Trace Bowman has ever seen. And she doesn't seem particularly maternal toward her little girl, either. Still, one look in her vulnerable green eyes and his protective instincts go into overdrive. Attention from local law enforcement is the last thing Becca needs. She'll do anything to protect her little sister Gabi from their con-artist mother, even lie about their identities. When Trace shows up at their house carrying a Christmas tree and stirring desires she can't afford to indulge, she longs to surrender to the magic of the season with him. But Becca's past is catching up—fast. Can her sexy police chief perform a Christmas miracle? *Originally published in 2011*

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Lila Hunter says

My view

When I like an author I normally get a second, even third book shortly after. This was the case with RaeAnne Thayne and Blackberry Summer (<http://wp.me/pAHhC-tS>). I really enjoyed her writing style and her character development. I got Christmas in Cold Creek as a Three Kings present from me to me. I was doing some last minute shopping and saw a pile of bargain books and could not resist temptation. I looked around and was surprised to find it with such a deep discount, but I was glad at the same time.

Once again, the author presented a great story with simple characters. The book is an easy read, sometimes a little difficult to put down. Since it is part of a series it feels that too many characters were introduced, but I guess it will pay for those reading the complete series (not me). The setting was very similar than the one on Blackberry Summer and the characters could be interchangeable between books.

What I liked the most

I really enjoyed the familiarity of the characters. They read as everyday people.

I wanted more of

A twin brother to the main male character was mentioned several times during the book, but it was not developed. I wanted to know more about him and how he could change the story.

Who should read it

Any romance book lover. Perfect sweet and easy read.

Terri Wino says

A sweet story about a woman trying to protect her little sister from their grifter mother while trying to not fall in love with the hunky police chief.

This wasn't my favorite of RaeAnne Thayne's, but it was a good story.

Carla DeWindt says

This book was wonderful

This book was wonderful! I loved the storyline and I love pine gulch! I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

Cathie says

Another good story in the series!!!

RosEanne does another good job! Great characters as always! Can't wait to read the rest of the series!! Such fun to read!

charmaine White says

Great

A fast moving exciting read. Mystery, thrills and suspense has you sitting on the edge of your seat. I never guessed what was going to happen next.

Samantha says

Rebecca Parsons is trying to lead a simple life with her little girl. When her grandfather's attorney calls to tell her that she inherited his house in Pine Gulch, Rebecca jumps on it. Now she is stable with a job at the local diner but trouble comes to her in the form of Chief Trace Bowman. The man oozes sensuality but his law enforcement background keeps Rebecca at bay.

Trace can spot a fraud in Rebecca. She doesn't belong in the diner and her little girl is unusually quiet. He inches his way into their lives to find out why they are really in Pine Gulch. Trace doesn't know that Gabby is not Rebecca's daughter but her sister and that their mother is a con artist who dropped Gabby off at Rebecca's house and nearly destroyed Rebecca's career as an attorney.

My problem with this book is that the author did not focus on the romance at all. It is almost as though she forgot this is a romance novel. Trace and Rebecca have a mutual attraction and there is some kissing but they never acted on their emotions because the story focused more on Rebecca's secret and her struggle to protect Gabby. I became more interested in knowing how Rebecca was going to keep Gabby than in Rebecca and Chase. The characters are great individually but together there is barely a spark.

The holiday theme is still strong in the book but it became overshadowed with Rebecca's issues as well. I really wanted to give this a higher rating but the story lacked passion and romance which is exactly what I wanted.

Pam says

An enjoyable romance to get you in the mood for the holidays

Ami says

2.5 stars

I usually enjoy RaeAnne Thayne's Christmas stories (well, based on those I have read, of course) so I actually had hopes for this one as well. Unfortunately, I thought that the secret that Becca kept from Trace grated on my nerves!! I mean, it would be *better* if Becca told Trace about everything. It wasn't like she did anything wrong. Trace could actually help her before her mother came to wreck everything. I thought it was a stupid move that she made, and it annoyed me.

I wasn't particularly fond of the little girl this time around too. Seriously, that girl was a BRAT! The thing that she did behind Becca's back ... and the way that she manipulated her friends?? Yeah, no cookies for you, missy!!

The savior of this book was Trace ... because I loved this chief of police :). I am pretty intrigued with his womanizer twin as well.

Being annoyed is NOT a good reading experience. Hmph.

Bernie says

Christmas in Cold Creek review

Christmas in Cold Creek is the ninth book in the Cowboys of Cold Creek series written by author RaeAnne Thayne.

Beth says

This was a cute Christmas story mixed with romance.

Laura says

Rebeca comes to Pine Gulch with her half sister to claim the house her grandfather left her. She is hoping for some peace after getting away from their con artist mother. Starting a new life they decided to change their name. The sheriff think something is not quite right but will the two sisters put their trust in him. This book will put you in the Christmas Spirit.

Sue Stewart says

Another outstanding book in an outstanding series!!!

Susan says

Excellent book. I loved the way that Becca was taking care of Gabi and trying to give her a normal, stable life. She felt bad about the lies she told, but it was hard for her to overcome her early years of life with her mother. Trace knew she was hiding something, but didn't know what it was. He did know that she was coming to mean a lot to him, and he wanted to be able to pursue those feelings. I loved the way that he came to her and Gabi's rescue. I look forward to seeing them again in the next Cold Creek book, whenever that is.

Rhonda says**Love a Happy Ending!**

I stayed up way past my bedtime to finish this novel. Looking forward to the next book and going back to find the ones I haven't read yet.

Chele says

**3.5
