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*The truth emerges one piece at a time.*

When a fisherman reels in a plastic bag containing a severed human head from the depths of Cold Lake, Colorado, Sheriff David Wolf and his deputies scramble to the scene, and quickly realize there are more surprises to be found below.

Their grim discoveries reopen a cold case Wolf's father worked twenty-two years ago, and Wolf must try to succeed where his father failed before him. Wolf has the advantage on his dad, however, because he has bodies. Lots of them.

Amid sweeping political changes that have his department and the entire county on edge, Wolf and his deputies come to the disturbing realization there is a dangerous serial killer in their midst—one who will stop at nothing to remain hidden.

Can Wolf and his deputies unveil the truth before someone pays the ultimate price?

This fifth installment of the David Wolf series is chock-full of suspense, mystery, and action that will keep you glued to the pages through the final sentence.

## Cold Lake Details

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## **From Reader Review Cold Lake for online ebook**

### **Leslie says**

Here I go again starting a series smack dab in the middle. This is a book that is mostly stand alone but it takes a couple chapters to get caught up. Set in rural Colorado the sheriff and the sheriff's department is very reminiscent of Longmire.

We have David Wolf - Sheriff. A little rough around the edges, some personal issues, War vet. His staff of younger Deputies, his estranged wife, his 14 year old son and a Cold Case.

22 years ago a young man disappeared on the 4th of July. The next day the father of the girl he was reported to be planning to visit vanished. The day after her mother. Now 7 decapitated heads and their bodies have been found on the bottom of Cold Lake.

Then the cold case gets hot as bodies start piling up anew. That this is happening amid a campaign for sheriff certainly doesn't help. There are a lot of nasty people involved on all sides.

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### **Linda K says**

I started with Book 5 of this series, well because this is how I roll. Just a heads up, I wrote this review to cover Books 5-9 in this Wolf series. Was not expecting much from Cold Lake because this is SO out of my normal reading material. Don't get me wrong I love a good Suspense/Thriller but normally only in the movies. If the story didn't have Alpha males and hot romance then I would just skip over it. I enjoyed reading book #5 in this series so much that I continued through to # 9 in 4 days. Note, these are not short stories(35+chapters)and now I am anxiously awaiting #10 Dark Mountain coming out in March and have made my FIRST pre-order sale ever with Kindle store. There is movement throughout the story line never a dull moment, love the strong characters, each and every one and the author keeps building them with each book. The Plots are remarkable not repetitive and with endings that blew me away. So bottom line Suspense/Thriller with humor. Along with drama and romance but not over board with either but powerful and heart wrenching. I now have a new and favorite Author on my list. 5 stars and 5 thumbs up and while I wait for Book 10 to arrive.....I'll be reading books 1-4, yes backwards but how can I not .

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### **David Midgorden says**

It kept my interest right from the start until the end. It could easily be made into a TV series like "Longmire". Might even be better.

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### **Roger says**

**Good read**

Glad I found this author the books read have been very entertaining and enjoyable to read and would suggest you try

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### **Cindy says**

Twists enough for a rollercoaster or this author's usual. Like the main character and his team. Like to hate their enemies. Standalone, very lite language, sexual situations, and gore. Prayer is treated respectfully but not a Christian novel.

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### **Dale Feagins says**

Another great Dave Wolf Book. In fact I stop reading another book when this one was released. I've read all the books in the series and now I'm hooked. Carson does a good job making you feel like you are right there in Colorado. I thought I had figured out who the guilty party was, but I was way off. Although, I kind of wished one part had spun in a different direction. Looking forward to Book 6.

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### **Liz Wood says**

#### **David Wolf is an interesting man.**

Plot twists and good character development make this book a joy to read. I want to learn more about Wolf because he seems to me to be a "flawed hero" and those are the best kind.

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### **Idamus says**

Hmmm, not sure why, but this one just doesn't catch my attention, I keep drifting away. Might just stop here.

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### **Saddlesoar says**

What am I missing here? Based on reviews, I was looking forward to enjoying a good read but instead, I was seriously disappointed. I enjoy similar series books by authors like Craig Johnson and C.J. Box but a lack of decent editing ruins "Cold Lake". Too often, I found myself having to re-read sentences that were awkwardly composed in order to comprehend them. I'm certainly no grammar expert, but run-on and incomplete sentences, poorly selected words, characters referencing statements that had apparently been removed, the use of the plural when singular was needed, are all things that ruined the flow, making this seem like a rough second draft rather than a polished piece. I honestly don't know if the story line had any merit because I gave up on the book before my Kindle indicated 20% complete. Life is too short to read poorly crafted work, even if when it's free.

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## **Pat says**

This was my favourite David Wolfe story to date (and I have read them in order). Wolfe is the sheriff in these parts but there are changes afoot with the merger of two sheriff's departments. This causes some difficulties when a fisherman pulls up a bag containing a human head from Cold Lake. Jurisdictional difficulties are rife but that doesn't stop Wolfe from throwing everything at this investigation. The body is linked to a case run by Wolfe's father when he was sheriff 20 odd years ago. More bodies turn up. How could a serial killer have been operating undetected all these years?

At the middle of it all is a vulnerable young woman living in an isolated cabin in the forest. Is she, too, in danger? Police have trouble pinning her down and also cannot locate her nearest neighbour. What is going on? But, as usual, things are not as they seem. A few twists and a shock ending finish it off nicely. You never can tell about some people, isn't that the case? This is an enjoyable series with relatable characters that doesn't stray too much into bizarre territory.

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## **Tammy L Hamann says**

### **Captivity**

This book was an easy read. It kept my attention and the twist that was right in front of me was a aha moment.

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## **John Sugden says**

It may not be the best idea to drop into a series of novels at book 5, but this was the one which was free on BB/Amazon so that's the one that was on my Kindle.

Initially it was very promising. The author has done a great job of writing a town and location. I liked the political sub-plot even if the villain is straight out of basic TV tropes. I liked the character of Sheriff Wolf, a good and uncomplicated man without being out and out stupid heroic/Navy SEAL dead shot superhuman. The bodies in the lake was nicely presented. The first half of the book or so was a pleasure to read despite a selection of grammatical errors that speak of a need for better proof reading.

Then the wheels came off the wagon. As the plot developed the book began to come apart. Events and characters seem to jump around with no good reason. Half chapters pop up with no rhyme or reason. At least once I'm sure the author gets his characters names confused. Then the actual solution turns out to be generic and unworthy of the setup. When the action finale appears then the author is so busy mapping out every action and incident and which way everyone faces, the angle of the sun, all sorts of things that a short scene drags out badly. The less said about the two epilogues the better.

By the end it became evident that the author is not writing novels but a TV show. This is just a weekly episode and all these half scenes and sub-plots are continuing themes that will run through the length of the series. That was a sad realisation as with a little more discipline this could have been a decent crime novel.

As it is it comes across as a weakish filler episode of CSI/Bones/Without A Trace or similar.

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### **Satrajit Sanyal says**

I am fairly critical when it comes to books I read. While I don't read them with a score sheet next to me, when I finish the books I always consider whether or not I will read the next book in the series or another book by that author. Typos, misspellings, plot elements that are unbelievable within the context of the book, scientific facts that are bungled or presented incorrectly - all these add up and count against the entertainment value of the book. I didn't give this book a 5 star rating only because it didn't force me to read it all in one sitting. Pretty weak excuse, but that's what it takes for me to give a perfect score. This book was tight - interesting plot, well-written, believable characters and dialogue, bloody, and fast-paced.

It begins with a head in a bag that has been snagged by a fisherman, and that's just the tip of the body-count iceberg. Before too long, the sheriff of the town (who is running for the upcoming election and who has a slightly tangled relationship with his ex) has enough corpses from a 22 year period to keep everyone in the town busy. There aren't enough clues to figure this one out until the plot twist at the end, similar to an Agatha Christie mystery, but it was a fun ride with no complaints from me. I will read this author again

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### **Nancy says**

Another good book in the David Wolf series. I actually got to read an early version, as I did some proofreading on the book. There were quite a few twists in this one. I thought I knew early on who the guilty party was, but I was so far from the truth! Carson creates likeable main characters, with human frailties, and despicable bad guys. His descriptions make me feel like I'm right there in Rocky Points, or in the mountains, and I'd really like to see some of the glorious sunsets he writes about. There was one plot point that I DID NOT like AT ALL, but it was well-done and a complete shock. I'm anxious to see where it leads. I'm also curious to see what happens now that Rocky Points and the neighboring county are under one sheriff's jurisdiction.

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### **Black Butterfly says**

I'VE READ OTHER BOOKS IN THE DAVID WOLF SERIES AND HE IS A CHARACTER I REALLY CONNECTED WITH SO MUCH (feels real) I REALLY LOVE HIM. I GOT SO ANGRY AT HOW WOLF WAS TREATED IN THIS ONE, I HATE WHEN THINGS GO SO WRONG WITH ONE OF MY FAV'S. STORY LINE WAS GREAT FULL OF SO MANY TWIST & TURNS I WAS TRYIN' SO HARD TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT LOT OF POSSIBLES. I LIKE THAT THESE ARE CONNECTED BUT STILL STAND ALONE. THINGS DIDN'T GO THE WAY I HOPED BUT I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL GET BACK TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE . . . THEY BETTER! ;D

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