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A Texas Ranger must protect the daughter of a serial killer from becoming his next victim...

Breaking into the home of the woman who shared his bed three months ago isn't Weston Cade's usual MO. But the Texas Ranger is on a personal vendetta to catch a killer, and Addie Crockett is the man's biological daughter. The beautiful rancher also happens to be carrying Wes's child...

Addie can't remember her birth father, but she'll never forget the lover who took her to bed—and then disappeared. Now she has to trust Wes with her life. And the life of their unborn baby. As desire reignites, Addie quickly discovers that with this lawman by her side, she just might escape the target on her back.

## **Lone Wolf Lawman Details**

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## From Reader Review Lone Wolf Lawman for online ebook

### Sharmila says

I don't expect much from a Harlequin book but this one just rubbed me the wrong way.

A called B to tell C and D that E called A about a call F got from G and H.

Phone calls- that's a third of the book (the root word 'call' is used over 125 times in the book) and how the plot is pushed forward in this "mystery thriller romance." The real mystery is how this book managed to get so many 4 and 5 star reviews.

Other than the phone calls, another third of the book is dedicated to the myriad of characters asking each other (but mostly Addie) if they are okay and answering each other with the 'routine lie' (actually what it is called in the book) that they are okay.

You okay?" Jax asked, his gaze nailed to Addie.

"No, she's not," Weston answered for her. "I'm taking her to the break room." There was a cot back there, and maybe she could get some rest.

"I'm okay, really," she insisted.

That was partly true.

"Convince me you're okay," Weston challenged. She kissed him.

"Not very convincing," he grumbled. "The kiss doesn't prove you're okay."

These are actual lines from the book. I can't make this stuff up.

The other third of the book is equally divided between guns and romance. The guns were pretty good. Kind of exciting.

Pathetic romance though.

The romance aspect of it is more about the 'broken heart' the 33 year old Addie has about a 3 night (knocking up) stand she has with West, a stranger she slept with the night they met. I'm not saying there is anything wrong with sleeping with a person you just met, but it doesn't leave any mature adult with a broken heart or, as Addie describes herself, 'crushed into a million little pieces.' Addie, sure he is a jerk who lied to and manipulated you 3 months ago, but you are the one sucking face with him within a few hours of seeing him again, even though you just found out that he lied to and manipulated you. Addie, someone has to say it- you are weak, dramatic and indulged.

The only women in this book are either dead, about to be dead or poor, 'broken hearted' Mary Sue Addie. Protected by 4 adoptive brothers, protected by the twin brother (who doesn't even know her until about half way through the book and meets her twice), protected by lotsa other official lawtype men, (view spoiler) They spend a lot of time pushing Addie down, you know, to protect the baby her from bullets. No female police officers or FBI agents or Rangers or Marshals or ranch hands or other useful characters in Appaloosa. Just Sueful victims. Oh, and Addie's mom. Ok, there is the token female hypnosis doctor too. She's useful in the the one whole page she appears on. I swear.

Addie is a couple of months pregnant so its the perfect excuse for why she is too shaky to walk on her own and tends to tip over a lot and needs to be picked up or caught on the way down or helped to sit on the nearest chair or bed. And sure, at any other time, the 33 year old would NEVER let her brothers or lying, manipulative face-sucking partner make decisions for her or talk to her like they own her or like she is a helpless child or like she doesn't have a mind of her own, but 'extenuating circumstance' excuses for EVERY instance when it happens in the book. And it happens a lot. She is just too tired to argue, they have her best interests at heart, she is pregnant with the lying manipulator's baby so he has an excuse to be overbearing etc. These brothers and West can't even be harmonious in lording over Addie. There is so much brotherly glaring at West when he touches Addie, I'm wondering how these bros let her escape long enough to get knocked up in the first place.

Now you may be thinking, 'Give the book a break. It probably came out in the 80's or 90's.' Think again. It was published in 2015. You may also be thinking, 'What's the big deal? Every book targeting grown women as an audience has this kind of macho, possessive harem of males crowding and infantilising the female lead.' Alas, you are right. (On that note- please do let me know if anyone has some good suggestions of books with kick-ass leading ladies who aren't coddled through life by their owners significant others.)

I wish I could get back the couple of hours I spent reading this dumpster fire. As to why I persisted? I wanted to find out about the serial killer- the only marginally interesting part of this book. Buuuuut no. (view spoiler)

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### **Teri-K says**

I have to admit that my experience of this book was colored by the narrator. I've never listened to one of these before, but I love audiobooks in general, so when I had the chance to hear this one essentially free, I gave it a try. The book takes place in Texas, and the narrator used such thick accents for some of the main characters that they sounded like hillbillies - not educated professionals. Also, one of the men sounds exactly like a woman I know from West Tennessee, so I suspect the accent isn't very Texan. Really, it would be better if narrators just added a little twang here and there and didn't try to layer it on so thick.

Allowing for that I tried very hard to like this book anyway. But I ended up finding it highly amusing rather than exciting or puzzling. The problem is that all the cops, Texas Rangers and other "professionals" were like the old Keystone Cops. Everything they tried went wrong. Prisoners escaped, witnesses disappeared, safe houses got attacked - they were plainly incompetent. It didn't help that most of them were related to our heroine/victim. If they cared about her they did a lousy job of taking care of her; bullets and bombs flew around her in just about every chapter.

Then there's the problem of the bad guy. For one thing, there are too many potential killers running around and it just made things confusing. Worse, (view spoiler)

If you're reading this for the MCs relationship, don't bother. It's dry and dull; even though they hop into bed a couple of times I never felt they had any attachment. And be warned, reader, you don't find the identity of the Midnight Strangler till book 6. If for some reason you want to know.

This author has published a number of books and I've tried two. One I couldn't finish and this one wasn't much better. So I think I'd have to say she doesn't write the kind of books I enjoy reading.

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### **Kateyz says**

Possibly the worst book, story and writing, I've ever read. Seriously. I'd like the 90 minutes spent reading it added back to my life bank, please.

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### **Margie says**

Holy Whiplash Batman! The action in this story rushed at me so fast and furious that I couldn't turn the pages fast enough to keep up with the goings on. Delores Fossen is an expert at writing stories with lots of action and suspense. She sure doesn't hold back on any of that in her latest treat for her readers, Lone Wolf Lawman (Appaloosa Pass Ranch #1).

We are introduced to the hero and heroine at the beginning of the story by witnessing a rather terse reunion between Addie Crockett and Weston Cade. Addie confronts Weston with questions about his sudden reappearance after spending three nights together and then disappearing. Weston has a logical explanation but will Addie buy it? Weston gave Addie a fake name when they first met and now claims to be a Texas Ranger there to protect her. How will their earlier interaction affect the dangerous situation happening now?

Addie, who was found wandering alone and was adopted by the Crocketts previously discovered that her birth father is a serial killer nicknamed the Moonlight Strangler. Is he the cause of all the danger and turmoil disrupting her life now? Why is Weston back in her life? Does he really want to protect her? All these questions and more will be answered when you read Lone Wolf Lawman.

I love Delores Fossen's writing style. She always gifts her readers with thrilling suspense and lots of action. She always keeps you guessing until the very end. I hope all of you will grab a copy of Lone Wolf Lawman and treat yourself to a truly super read.

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### **Susan says**

Good book with lots of action. Addie recently discovered that her biological father is a serial killer, something that has turned her life upside down. Three months earlier, right after she found out, she had a one night stand with a rodeo cowboy and is now pregnant with his baby. Then that same cowboy breaks into her house and she finds out that he's not a cowboy, he's a Texas Ranger. He's determined to catch the killer, and she's his only link.

Wes hadn't planned to sleep with Addie that night, just get to know her a little and find out what she might

know about her father. Instead, the immediate attraction that he felt for her took over and things got out of hand. He left, and didn't contact her again because he felt guilty about lying to her and had received letters threatening death if he contacted her. Now he's back because she is in danger, too. He's ready to use her as bait, until he finds out about the baby, then protection is the first thing on his mind.

Wes barely finishes his explanations before the first attack comes. From there on the action is nonstop as the killer focuses on getting rid of Addie. As she hadn't seen her father since she was three years old and had no memory of him, she didn't know why he was after her. But after trying hypnosis to recover something from the past, it becomes obvious he is afraid of what she might remember. No one has ever seen his face, and all they have is DNA to identify him. As Addie, Wes and the others follow various clues to find out who he is, the attacks continue and intensify. There are multiple suspects and each one seems to have an equal chance of being the one. Another attacker shows up with a surprising connection to Addie, and no one is sure exactly what his motives are. There are several twists and turns before the final confrontation comes, including another law enforcement officer with a personal reason to find the killer. The final confrontation was intense, with multiple players. Some questions get answered by the end, but others are left hanging, waiting for the next books in the series.

The relationship between Wes and Addie moved fast because of the baby and the danger. Being with each other constantly gave them the chance to get to know each other and the attraction to grow into love. I liked the way that Wes was sensitive to Addie's inner turmoil and helped her cope with her feelings about it. Wes knew that he wanted to stay involved with Addie and the baby, but his true feelings didn't hit him until the end. I loved the scene in the sheriff's office when he finally accepted the truth. I'm looking forward to seeing more of them in the later books.

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### **Sparkymom says**

I enjoyed this author's Sweetwater Ranch series, so when I found this book on Net Galley, I immediately requested a copy for review. The story focuses around Addie who has not only discovered recently that she is the biological daughter of a serial killer but had also found out she is pregnant by the man who seduced her for there glorious nights then left her without even his real name. With the help of her family, she is making the best of it until Wes, her former lover, shows up out of the blue with the news that her biological father wants to kill her. He reveals his real name and his position with the Texas Rangers then shares his plan to use her as bait to draw her father out. The only problem is that he has no idea she carries his child. When the danger picks up and you throw in a few of Addie's overprotective law enforcement type brothers, things get pretty interesting. The story had plenty of action, suspense, and twists. While the couple from this story gets a resolution, a few loose threads are left dangling to continue the series. I really enjoyed Addie's brothers and can't wait to read their stories.

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### **Samantha Clysdale says**

I felt too much was crammed into the story. Which took away a lot of the story build up.

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## **Stephanie says**

This book was really well written, and holy crap did this book take you for a ride. I loved that this book had so many twists and turns, and how it evolved throughout the whole book. Weston is a badass guy who lied to the one person who he thought he could settle with in his search for justice. Addie is the daughter of the moonlight killer who murdered many, including someone important to Weston. When these two met, their lives erupted. The first time, a baby was created. The second time, they ran from those who wish them dead. These two were great characters who although pigheaded would do anything for those they count to be theirs to protect.

I loved this book, and I really appreciated the writing style. If you like books with a mystery and a bit of romance thrown into the mix with many twists and turns then this book is definitely for you.

P.S this book has sexual content.

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## **Jessica says**

[ that we never found out who the killer was. (hide spoiler)]

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## **Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says**

Blog Review: <http://www.sweptawaybyromance.com/201...>

### **3.5 Stars!!**

*Lone Wolf Lawman* is the first book in the new Appaloosa Pass Ranch series. The series is off to a great start, the characters are interesting and there's a great plot that's full of twists, turns, danger, and romance.

The story focuses around Addie, who has only recently discovered that she is pregnant by the man who seduced her and then disappeared. Later she learns she doesn't even know his real name, and then she is told her biological father is psychotic serial killer from the man who seduced her. With the help of her supportive adoptive family, she is making the best of it until Wes, her former lover, shows up out of the blue with the news that her biological father wants her dead.

He then reveals to Addie his real name and confesses that he's a Texas Ranger. He then informs her of his plan to capture her biological father....using her as bait. The only problem is that he has no idea she's pregnant with his child. When Addie's overprotective law enforcement brothers get involved, things get pretty interesting.

Addie and Wes get their HEA, but there are a few loose ends left dangling to continue the series. I really enjoyed Addie's brothers and look forward to their stories.

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## **Cynthia says**

This is a very interesting read and is going to be an outstanding series as the author takes you on the hunt for a serial killer. This is full of twists and turns as the author grabs your attention and doesn't let it go. It is full of mystery not only of who the killer is but why others are dying and who is hiding secrets and for what reason. Someone wants Addie dead she is being hunt down and shot at for the secrets she may hold to what happen many years ago. If these things are found out it could harm people and their careers. As more people end up dead and letters sent is there a copy cat of is the serial killer still out there killing? The chase is on to find the answers before Addie and her unborn child are killed.

Addie is a lovely headstrong woman who just found out that her true father is a killer and might be out to kill her. Weston will have his hands full keeping her alive as he tries his best to keep his hand off her. One night is not going to be enough to get this hot blooded women out of his mind. He breaks into her home after months of last being with her only to find out he will be a father soon. Their one nightstand has made a new life. Not only does he have to keep her alive but he will have to win her heart after the way he left her. He has a few secrets of his own that he must clear up which doesn't make him look very well. At every turn there seems to be bullets flying and more people mixed up in the mess than just her father. Weston will also have to not only win over Addie but her family as he tries to keep one step ahead of the killer. I really like Weston he is strong, he has his own reasons for wanting to find this serial killer. Now with Addie expecting just adds more to the list of reasons why this man must be found.

Addie isn't having nothing to do with Weston it was a shock to find out he lied about his name. That he used her to get answers she didn't have in return putting her in danger. She finds this is a big mystery with answers she might not want to find out. Not knowing who you are and where you came from with no memory of before you were found in the woods is trying enough. But to find out your true father is a serial killer and wants you dead is just mind blowing. Now with Weston back in her life trying to keep her safe she doesn't know where or who to turn to. As the killer closes in she finds herself in Weston's arm trying to find comfort as she finds more questions than answers.

This author gives you a wonderful plot with so many twists that will blow your mind. Just as you work out one detail she throws you a curve you do not see coming. This is one story that has lots of action, suspense and thrills along with a few love scenes as she turns up the heat for Addie and Weston. You the read will not be sure who you can trust or which way to turn. At times the story is a little slow but it doesn't take long for the author to get your heart pumping again with new mystery of not only who the serial killer is but who is really after Addie. It is going to be interesting to find out all the secrets as this serial unfolds. I am really looking forward to the next read from this author.

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## **Lindsay says**

Lone Wolf Lawman Looking for an action-packed book. Well, Lone Wolf Lawman is packed to the brim with action. You get quite a few things in this book. There a romance as well. We meet Angie and Wes. When Addie is pulled inside her barn by someone. She starts fighting him as she thinks she is attacked or dragged. But when we find out it Weston. He has come back and he when to warn Angie that the

Moonlight Strangler may be after her and want her as his next victim. Who is Moonlight Strangler? Who wants Addie dead. There is the twist and turns throughout this page-turner. Once you get started you are pulled in. Who is after her and Weston? Delores Fossen plot is great, She tells the story like no other romance to a point that it has action throughout the story plot. There a surprise that Addie tells Weston? This brings in the sheriff and Addie family and you will find that there are more surprises and twisted along the way. You will not be disappointed and you will be surprised at how it ends.

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### **Terri says**

This was the first book I've read by Delores Fossen and I really enjoyed it. I don't usually read romantic suspense that often, but it got my attention and kept my attention. I started out with a somewhat hidden pregnancy and a serial killer all in about the first 15 pages or so! Okay, here we go! There's all sorts of stuff going on in this book! If you like action and suspense, this is definitely one you should try. I will be sure to try more from Ms. Fossen.

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### **Julie says**

Lone Wolf Lawman by Delores Fossen is a 2015 Harlequin Intrigue publication.

I received this book from Harlequin as part of their 'Ambassador' program, which was very exciting, and I felt honored to have been a participant in such a generous promotion.

Addie Crockett has had a few major shocks come her way in quick succession. First, she discovers her biological father is a serial killer. Secondly, the Texas Rancher working undercover, who was trying to catch him, took advantage of Addie's vulnerability, which had consequences. Now, three months later, Weston Cade, the man who broke her heart, is back, hoping to keep Addie from becoming the "Moonlight Stranglers" next victim.

The idea of finding out one's birth father is a serial killer was intriguing to me, and so after reading the blurb/synopsis, I was eager to see where this might lead.

However, the story got off to a rocky start. This is a first in a series novel, but the way it started off, I'd have sworn it was part of an ongoing storyline.

I think Addie's story, leading up to the discovery that she was the daughter of a killer, the way she met Wade, describing the intensity of their affair, and the full explanation of how he left her, would have made a great first installment for this series and this story would have been terrific as the followup.

As it was, I never felt the chemistry between Weston and Addie, and for the most part the romance was as flat as a pancake.

The testosterone in this story was also a tad over the top with Weston and Addie's brothers surrounding her and pulling the protection card at every turn, pushing and shoving her around and ordering her this way and that. Addie's character was swallowed up, and she came off as being a little too sheltered and obedient.

The action is plentiful, with a lot going on, but it did at least keep the story moving at nice clip and works to keep readers engaged and involved.

The serial killer angle was not resolved and apparently one must read the subsequent installments before learning who he is. This was pretty disappointing to me, especially since I'm not sure I want to invest more time in this series.

However, on a brighter note, the happy ever after portion of the conclusion was very nice, done with a touch of humor, and did make me smile. So, at least the story closed on a positive tone, and was really very sweet.

Overall, this is a quick, easy to read story. It's not great, but it might be just the ticket if you are in need of a light escape read or palette cleanser.

2.5 stars

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### **Myra Blake says**

This book was a gift from a friend (Thank you, Colleen). I really enjoyed it. It was intriguing and fast-paced with plenty of plot twists.

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