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TRAIL OF SECRETS

Jewel Caraway thought she'd left her mistakes in the past—but then her past arrives at her door. Though she's thrilled to reunite with her estranged sister, something about her sister's new husband makes Jewel uneasy. Does he know her secret? Is he the one behind the growing list of attacks against her? And if he is involved...does that mean her sister is, too? With nowhere else to turn, Jewel must rely on police chief Colin Winters—the first man to make the widow question her resolve to never love again. But will he stay by her side when her guarded secrets are revealed?

Mountain Cove: In the Alaskan wilderness, love and danger collide

## Deception Details

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## From Reader Review Deception for online ebook

### Trixi says

The first 3 lines drew me in & had me mesmerized! “Powerful and dangerous. Beautiful and terrorizing. Dead Man Falls was a force to be reckoned with”. From there, it was a wild ride trying to escape from someone who is after Jewel Caraway! With the help of police Chief Colin Winters, can they outrun the danger that follows them with every turn? Or is the killer in their midst already?

Mystery, mayhem, and danger lick their heels everywhere they go. It seems Jewel has a 20-year-old secret coming back to haunt her. Colin holds back due to past mistakes he feels were his fault. Is God calling them to deal with their past so that He can carve out a new future? I love how the author bases this story on Psalm 103:12; “As far as the East is from the West, so far He has removed our transgressions from us.” We’ve all made mistakes and have many regrets, but she reminds us that we can give it to the Lord and He will make it right in us. I absolutely love Elizabeth’s writing; she has all the elements I so love in a book! Suspense with many twists and turns to keep you turning the pages, spiritual lessons to be learned and applied to my own life, characters to befriend and fall in love with, all with the underlining of romance waiting in the wings! The Mountain Cove series is one not to be missed, or any of her books for that matter!

This is from the authors note in the back, I hope it encourages you as much as it did me; “If only we could know the future, there are probably many decisions we would have made differently. Though we can’t know what will happen, the good news is that we can trust God for our future, and we can also trust Him to take care of our past. Sometimes there are still repercussions, but those are easier to bear when we give the burden over to God and accept His grace. “

\*\*I received a complimentary copy in exchange for my honest review which I have provided here. Thank you Beth for taking me on another ride of my life and making me fall in love with your writing more! I look forward to many more future stories!\*\*

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### Elizabeth says

Deception ( Mountain Cove # 6 )

By: Elizabeth Goddard

Even though this is the sixth book in The Mountain Cove series you can read it as a -stand -alone. I love to read Elizabeth Goddard’s books, she does not disappoint me. She had me hook right at the start and did not turn me loose till the end. There were so many twist and turns that you have to hold on for your life. You feel like you are right there with them . The author weaves of action, adventure, suspense , and some romance in her novel that will keep you turning the pages and guessing till the end. The story starts off with Jewel’s life is in danger. Someone is after her . This is a mystery all through the story. Who would want Jewel dead and why.

I was given a complimentary copy of this book by the author for my honest review.

## **Laura says**

DECEPTION is Ms. Goddard's newest suspense, and it is edge of your seat fiction for sure. Someone is trying to kill Jewel, but why and who? The trouble always seems to start when her sister and her new husband arrived on vacation. Jewel is happy to see her sister, since the family was estranged, but she is a bit uncomfortable with her sister's new man.

Jewel is a bit older than the average characters in Love Inspired Suspense, since she's in her mid-to-late forties and Colin is in his fifties. It was nice reading a story about a middle-age couple who've loved and lost. That was a surprise since the average age in most LIS are late twenties to mid-thirties.

The :who-dun-it and why are fairly obvious in this story, but when a female turned out to be assisting, the suspense level went up. Who is helping? How did they discover Jewel's carefully kept secret? I had to keep reading to find out that part of the suspense and how the "bad guys" were caught.

If you like romantic suspense, then you might like DECEPTION.

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## **Deloris Mercer says**

### **Fantastic book**

Thank you Ms. Goddard for writing such a great story.  
A really awesome love story and a great mystery too.  
The setting was just right and the characters were wonderful.  
Lot's of twists and turns. Will recommend to anyone.

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## **Debora Wilder says**

This is another intense romantic suspense novel!

Even though this is the sixth book in the series the actual plot is a stand-alone story. The only thing that connects it to the other books is that a number of the secondary characters in this book were main characters in previous ones. There are hints to where their lives have gone since their stories were told.

I love picking up a book by Elizabeth Goddard. I know that I'm in for a real treat. There was no disappointment for me in this one. She has once again crafted wonderful characters. Both of the main characters made appearances in previous books in the series. This time they are front and center claiming all of our attention.

The story starts off with an incredible adrenaline rush as Jewel's life is endangered almost from the beginning. It continues its roller coaster ride through danger and brief periods of rest and contemplation. Who is after her? What is her secret and is it the reason she is in danger? Can she trust her heart and her life to Chief Colin Winters?

There were so many twists to the story that I was kept guessing how it all tied together until the very end. If you have any interest in suspense novels you won't go wrong by picking up this wonderful book.

I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **Carol says**

Waterfalls, Ice Caves, murder, danger, suspense, drama, intrigue, faith and love are all contained in "Deception". Jewel Caraway owns a B&B. After being estranged from her family for many years, Jewel's sister and her new husband appear in Mountain Cove. During a hiking trip with her sister and new brother-in-law, Jewel gets separated from them. Next thing she knows she gets a shove in the back sending her falling into the waterfall!!! Colin Winters is the Chief of Police in Mountain Cove. He believes Jewel is hiding something from him but she will not share what it is.

Both Jewel and Colin have to face prior horrible personal experiences. They will need to learn to trust and support each other in order to survive.

The scenery is described so vividly that the reader feels like they are right there. The story is filled with many faith references and inspirational reflections.

This is the sixth book in the Mountain Cove series. It can be read as a stand alone.

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### **Marji Laine says**

I find it hard to believe that Elizabeth Goddard didn't grow up in Alaska. Her descriptions of the beauty, intricacies, and uniqueness of this land are so vivid. I felt I was in the ice cave (and feeling a little claustrophobic, by the way), and getting slapped by juniper trees as I fled through the forest.

And yes, I ran right alongside Jewel Caraway. (Though my running days are long over!) I lived her panic with her, though I don't think I would have put myself in some of the questionable situations that she chose. Yikes!

I must say that Chief Winters was my favorite character in this story. His internal battle was so true to life, and he had just enough faults to make him an incredibly sympathetic character. And what a satisfying romance! The two mains were like chocolate chip cookies and milk. Every page made me anxious for their next encounter - and I was never disappointed.

I'm grateful to the author for a free copy in return for an honest review.

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### **Lisa Johnson says**

Title: Deception (Mountain Cove)

Author: Elizabeth Goddard

Pages: 224

Year: 2016

Publisher: Love Inspired Suspense

My rating is 5 stars.

One of the best things I love about these novels is that they capture the attention of the reader from page one and keep it till the end! Another is that these books are entertaining, adventurous, filled with suspense and not overly focused on romance. I like romance, but with it in the background and a great tale wrapped around it.

Deception is a gripping novel that begins with a woman being pushed to the rampaging falls below. The main female character is a widow who is in her mid-40s, which I like, plus how she faces her trials which seems to run concurrent. Now it appears the author leads us to know pretty quickly who the person was who attempts to murder Jewel Caraway. However, don't be fooled too easily as you will enjoy reading and discovering there is more to the mystery than meets the eye!

If you're the type of reader who loves suspense and adventure with a smidgen of romance, then these types of books are for you. I don't tell you much about the story because of the brevity of the book and I don't want to ruin the enjoyment in reading it for yourself. I signed up to get books from Love Inspired Suspense every month and I am never disappointed in the selections I receive.

These are faith-centered, clean and enjoyable books that can be shared with family and friends. Plus one can build up a nice personal library from which to be able to grab a book at a moment's notice while never being disappointed. I think at times the only disappointment is in not being able to finish a section before life calls! Elizabeth Goddard writes really captivating stories in the Mountain Cove series as well as stands alone, so there is plenty to choose from. Plus one Mountain Cove book is dependent on the other, each story can be enjoyed without reading the others. But then again why miss the fun?

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### **Patricia Bradley says**

This was my first book by Elizabeth Goddard, but it won't be my last. Goddard kept me on the edge of my seat from start to finish. Her characters were well drawn and I cared what happened to them. Just when you think you've figured out the mystery there is a twist in the story. And I loved the Alaskan setting.

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### **Judy Morris says**

Good book, good author. It was a edge of the see at thriller. It had suspense and was thrilling book

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### **Pam says**

Love inspired suspense.

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## **Brittany says**

Deception was action-packed right from the start and it didn't let up til the very end! This was a very exciting story full of twists and turns, possible suspects, and hidden pasts.

I really liked Jewel and Colin. These two characters had things hanging over them that kept them feeling guilty and stopped them from being able to live their lives to the fullest. It was nice to see their journey to emotional freedom and trust in God.

There were definitely characters that I cared for and those I didn't. It was hard for Jewel and Colin to know who could be trusted. I thought that the description of the wild Alaskan scenery was breathtaking and that it made me feel as if I was there. I especially felt awe, yet a sense of worry at being in the ice caves! A good addition to the Mountain Cove series, Deception can also be read as a stand alone novel.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at:  
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

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## **Wilani Wahl says**

This book had me hooked from the start. I kept trying to figure things out but it took till the very end. A true page turner with characters that seemed real as well as a great inspirational message and theme. I hate to see this series end. Would love to see these characters again. Can't wait to read the next book by this author.

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## **Katrina Epperson says**

This is a wonderful book!! Elizabeth Goddard brings us the sixth and last installment in the Mountain Cove series. This story has elements of mystery, suspense, faith, and romance. I was immediately drawn in from the first page.

Jewel Caraway owns a B&B and has managed it single handed since her husband, Silas, was killed.

Presently she is taking a few hours for herself to hike the trail around Deadman Falls with her sister and new brother-in-law. She was waiting at the agreed upon spot to meet and while gazing out at the falls suddenly feels a push then nothing but air as she starts falling. Jewel is a strong woman full of grit and determination which helps her battle to survive. Being found by SAR on the river bank with her body battered and bruised her fight to live has only started.

Colin Winters is the Chief of Police in Mountain Cove and has been friends with Jewel and Silas for many years. He vows to help Jewel uncover the identity of her attacker and to go to whatever lengths necessary to protect her.

I really enjoyed this story. It pulled me in quickly and kept me turning the pages. The characters are complex and endearing. The plot is fast paced and the imagery will literally bring the story to life. This story is part of a series, but for me it was definitely a stand alone story. This is a book I would recommend to anyone.

\*I received this book from the author for a honest review, free of bias or outside influence. I was not required to write a positive review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

## Kara says

Waterfalls are my favorite in nature and this book has TWO of them, one in the beginning and one at the end. As stunning as they are to observe in nature, and in this case the Alaskan wildlife, they are also extremely dangerous.

"Part of a rainbow, transparent and fading into the mist, caught her attention. Mesmerized, Jewel stood at the edge of the rocky, moss-covered ledge that was flanked by spruce and hemlock, firs and cedars in the lush, temperate rainforest. She watched the churning at the bottom of an endless vortex that would trap anyone or anything unfortunate enough to fall. She wondered what secrets it held in its depths--then flinched at the memory of how she had buried a secret of her own and never thought about it again."

Someone is definitely after Jewel Caraway, so much so that she is trying to consider what to do with the secret she buried twenty years ago and desperately trying to figure out who to trust for help. She has a B&B to run, but the attacks won't stop and she's not sure how much her sister, Meral, really knows.

Police Chief Colin Winters taught Jewel in a self-defense class how to defend herself should she ever need it. He has even helped her learn how to handle a gun. However, Colin has his own past secrets and because of that he vows never to get close to anyone again.

I didn't have a fave character in this story, but there was definitely someone I could NOT stand....Buck, Meral's new husband. He's creepy, he's hiding something, he is sinister looking when Meral's not aware of it, and he seems to be hiding something. I felt bad for Meral, but since she married a guy she knows nothing about, it made the plot more complicated.

I suspected one person as the bad guy from the start and I was right, but there were still twists I never saw coming so the intrigue kept me fully alert until the end of the book :)

I have truly loved this series from the first book (Buried), but I think my fave one was Tailspin :) It was nice that the characters from the previous books are mentioned in this one. I also loved the scripture that is the theme of this book: Psalms 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. I always enjoy the Dear Reader at the end, get a copy of Deception and enjoy!

I want to thank the author for the review copy provided in exchange for my honest thoughts.

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