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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Bestseller Johnson (*A Serpent's Tooth*) delivers a nail-biter with this seasonal Walt Longmire novella. On a snowy Christmas Eve, while reading *A Christmas Carol*, the Wyoming sheriff receives an unexpected visitor: a part-Japanese young woman who says she needs to see Walt's predecessor as sheriff, Lucian Connally, a WWII vet who flew in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in 1942 and is now in a rest home. Flashback to December 24, 1988. A girl seriously injured in a traffic accident has to get to Denver fast for treatment, but a blizzard makes flying her there hazardous. Furthermore, the only plane available is an antique B-25, named Steamboat after the bucking bronco on Wyoming's license plate, and the only pilot who can fly Steamboat is Lucian. Soon, the two lawmen, their team, and the patient are aloft, fighting the weather and a host of mechanical problems. While the outcome is never in doubt, the woman's meeting with Lucian in the present day holds more than one surprise. 5-city author tour. Agent: Gail Hochman, Brandt & Hochman Literary Agents. (Oct.)

From [Booklist](#)

Set on Christmas Eve—a strong clue that it started life as one of the author's annual holiday short stories—this entertaining novella offers the earliest glimpse yet of Walt Longmire's tenure as sheriff of Wyoming's Absaroka County. Longmire is reading Dickens in his office when an unexpected visitor arrives bearing a mysterious gift, triggering memories of an eventful night long past . . . when, with a huge storm blowing in and the highways closed, the only way to transport a burn victim to the hospital in Denver was via a WWII bomber gathering dust in the hangar of Durant's tiny airport. The only person who could fly it? Lucian Connally, Longmire's crusty predecessor. Johnson is a born storyteller, and he spins this old-fashioned adventure tale deftly: everything that can go wrong does, and problems are solved by men who set their jaws and do what needs to be done. As always with these detours, it's fun to see the characters' histories come to life. An extremely pleasant present for fans of this popular series. --Keir Graff

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"Johnson is a born storyteller, and he spins this old-fashioned adventure tale deftly....An extremely pleasant present for fans of this popular series."—*Booklist*

"A suspenseful adventure story....Series fans along with adventure and Western readers will raptly devour the details."—*Library Journal*

"Like flint to stone, the sparks fly and the humour is brilliant and barbed. . ."—*Fresh Fiction*

Praise for Craig Johnson and the Longmire Series:

"Like the greatest crime novelists, Johnson is a student of human nature. Walt Longmire is strong but

fallible, a man whose devil-may-care stoicism masks a heightened sensitivity to the horrors he's witnessed. Unlike traditional genre novelists who obsess mainly over every hairpin plot turn, Johnson's books are also preoccupied with the mystery of his characters' psyches."—*Los Angeles Times*

"Johnson knows the territory, both fictive and geographical, and tells us about it in prose that crackles."—Robert B. Parker

"The characters talk straight from the hip and the Wyoming landscape is its own kind of eloquence."—*The New York Times*

"[Walt Longmire] is an easy man to like...Johnson evokes the rugged landscape with reverential prose, lending a heady atmosphere to his story."—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

"Stepping into Walt's world is like slipping on a favorite pair of slippers, and it's where those slippers lead that provides a thrill. Johnson pens a series that should become a 'must' read, so curl up, get comfortable, and enjoy the ride."—*The Denver Post*

"A winning piece of work...There's a convincing feel to the whole package: a sense that you're viewing this territory through the eyes of someone who knows it as adoring lover and skeptical onlooker at the same time."—*The Washington Post*

"Johnson's pacing is tight and his dialogue snaps."—*Entertainment Weekly*

"Truly great. Reading Craig Johnson is a treat...[He] tells great stories, casts wonderful characters and writes in a style that compels the reader forward."—*Wyoming Tribune Eagle*

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