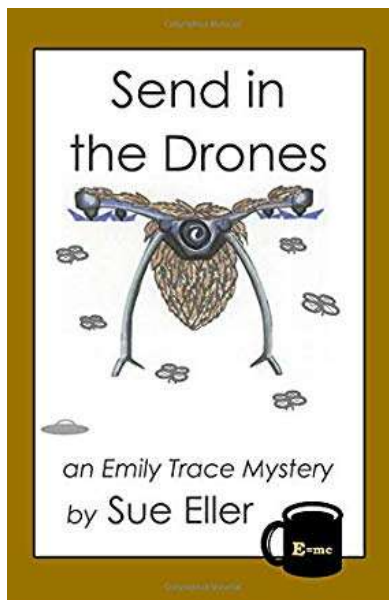


SEND IN THE DRONES



by Sue Eller

Reviewed by Joyce Caudel

E.T. Investigations, some think the E.T. stands for Extra Terrestrial, therefore Emily Trace's client list consist of some strange creatures from outer space and some strange creatures from right here on earth.

Emily, high on caffeine, is told she has two days to vacate her office. The new owner wants to make the building into condos. That alone is enough to keep her whole staff and all her friends busy.

Control freak bully, Charley Russell, wants Emily to close her agency and marry him. Emily's house erupts in flames while she is sleeping, she escapes with her life. Later her car is totaled by a runaway driverless semi-truck. Detective Burton decides Emily needs protecting. Of course, there are all those drones!

Emily finds the key to unlock the mystery of who killed her husband. I hope she can relax for a while, but I'm sure Sue is busy writing the next book in the Emily Trace Mystery series. I thoroughly enjoyed this story as I did the first two in the series. Sue's characters are very believable, in an out of this world sort of way. If you enjoy a good mystery with a Sci-Fi edge to it, you will *enjoy Send in the Drones* by Sue Eller.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Send in the Drones is the third book in Eller's Emily Trace Mysteries series. Like her other books this story is about Emily Trace's detective agency called E. T. Investigations and the current case they are trying to solve. This time it's about tiny drones that attack and then disappear in thin air.

Emily and her employees and friends, three of whom are from outer space, are interesting and well-defined characters. One character is Jake, her former beloved teacher; another is Darla, her trusty secretary; and Detective Burton, who becomes her very good friend. And then there's her wannabe fiancé, Charlie Russell, who turns out to be a control freak and not a very nice person.

Plus, there are a few things stressing Emily out like having to move her agency in just a few days, her house catching on fire while she is sleeping, and her car being totaled by a driverless semi-truck. Who wouldn't be stressed? And I loved the descriptive way she described her beloved car, Silver Bullet, after it was hit, writing that it sat like a giant silver turtle, resting on its roof with its tires up in the air.

This book is a good read with a surprise ending that calls for another Emily Trace Mystery. I enjoyed reading this book and if you like a mystery with quirky characters, you will too.

Reviewed by Fred Jessett

Send in the Drones is a worthy successor to *Meadowlark Madness* and *Taming of the T-Bird*, the first two books about Emily Trace and her unwittingly named detective agency, E.T. Investigations. As with the first two books, her goal is to find who killed her late husband but she is constantly called on to look into unearthly matters. In doing so she has gained some important allies from another world. Now her friends help her close in on the murderer, while trying to protect her. No spoiler here, but Emily does have a serious coffee addiction. Read the book, her characters are real and the story is a most enjoyable read.



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