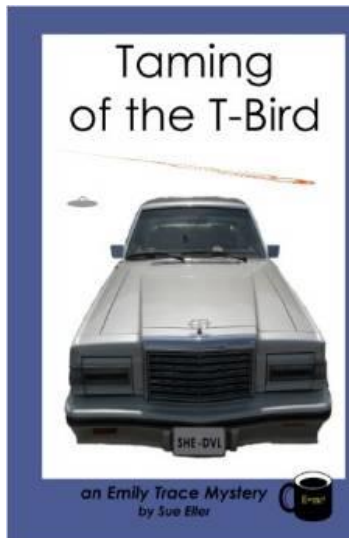


Taming of the T-Bird



By Sue Eller

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

Private investigator Emily Trace is called upon to determine why the classic car runs great, except at a certain spot along the road. Delving into that situation also reveals problems with the internet and strange lights in the sky. As Christmas time approaches, and as the coldest snowiest winter in years engulfs the town, she tackles these mysteries while also investigating the deaths of her late husband, his grandfather, and most recently, an arson fire. She is aided by a deputy sheriff, her office staff, a former teacher, and friends who are not from this world. Is there an extraterrestrial plot to conquer Earth? Will she discover and stop it in time?

Sue Eller writes in an easy conversational manner. The story is in first person; as if the reader is listening to Emily relate her tale while sitting at the kitchen table drinking cup after cup of coffee. Even the little asides, which writers today are admonished to avoid, fit right in with the casual tone and add, rather than detract from the narration. While the story is for the most part light and perhaps even *cozy* in nature, it also touches on some deeper darker aspects of human nature.

This blend of Science Fiction and Mystery is enjoyable, easy to read, and hard to put down. *Taming of the T-Bird* is available on-line in both e-book and paperback versions, and in bookstores near the author's home of Spokane, Washington.

Reviewed by Bob Hildahl

This is the second book of the *Emily Trace Mystery* series. It's about Emily Trace who has a detective agency in Spokane, Washington called "E.T. Investigations." She drinks coffee

to excess, which I can clearly identify with, and she has an amusing "bird" clock in her office that sings out different bird songs on the hour. It's wintertime, snowy and freezing cold.

The story begins with her first client telling her a strange tale. He purchased a used T-Bird, but every time he drives it home from work, it quits on him at the exact same spot. At the same time, bright lights swoop over him and seem to be headed for Tekoa Mountain. Then the car starts right up again! Can Emily solve this mystery?

While she is working on the T-Bird mystery and the possibility that aliens are trying to take over our planet, her mother-in-law's house burns to the ground. And the fire marshal suspects arson. Could this be related to her husband, Jared's unsolved murder? After all, this was the reason she started her detective agency to begin with.

If you like science fiction and mysteries, you must read this book. It is well written with great characters. The story is exciting and it's a hard book to put down from the first chapter to the end.

Available in Spokane area bookstores and on Amazon and Kindle.

Reviewed by James Parry

In this, the second in the Emily Trace Mystery series, Emily, through her E.T. Detective Agency, continues her relentless pursuit of her husband's killer. However, she, once again, (because of the misinterpretation of "E.T.") finds herself entangled with clients wanting to find the cause(s) of supernatural happenings. Emily is able to solve all of their extraterrestrial problems, but we will have to wait for the third book to find out who caused her husband's death. Is it related to the alien problem or is it a totally separate case? Stay tuned.

A well-written, fast-paced book in which Emily speaks to the reader in a first-person, conversational tone. A wonderful, easy read that's out of this world! Great for the sci-fi fan and/or the murder mystery aficionado.

Available at Auntie's, Hastings, & Amazon (*I think?*)

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

Well, Sue Eller has done it again! The sequel to Meadowlark Madness is every bit as engaging and entertaining. The whole gang is there with a few new additions. Emily is getting used to clients "from out of town" and handles them with her usual humor and quirky asides. But all is not fun and games. There are sinister things happening in her private life and Darla might also be in danger. Ms. Eller touches on the pain and fear of domestic violence with grace and sincerity. If you liked the first one, you must get 'Taming of the T-Bird'. Dang, I must have a cup of coffee ...

Reviewed by Larry Danek

A really entertaining book!

This is the second in the Emily Trace series by Sue Eller and I found it to be as good or better than her first one. It's a scifi / mystery story that is entertaining and fun to read. I couldn't put it down

I recommend this book to one and all.

Reviewed by Elena S. Smith

What a delightful adventure! While I don't usually gravitate toward sci-fi, this novel effortlessly won me over with its perfect blend of mystery, romance, and humor. The plot is both intricate and enchanting, keeping me eagerly turning the pages to uncover its surprises.

What made it even more special? The story unfolds right in my own city in Washington state! Recognizing familiar landmarks, the local culture, and even the quirks of the climate added an extra layer of magic to the experience. Sue Eller has a true gift for storytelling—her words pull you in and refuse to let go. If you're looking for a read that's thrilling, witty, and wonderfully immersive, this one's for you!



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