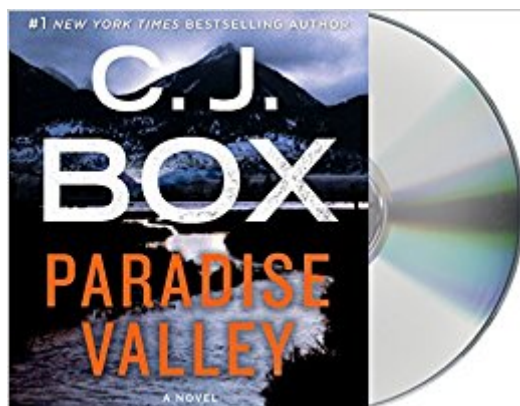


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# Paradise Valley: A Novel (Highway Quartet)



## Synopsis

She almost caught him once. Now, he's back. For three years, Investigator Cassie Dewell has been on a hunt for a serial killer known as the Lizard King whose hunting grounds are the highways and truck stops where runaways and prostitutes are most likely to vanish. Cassie almost caught him...once. Working for the Bakken County, North Dakota sheriff's department, Cassie has set what she believes is the perfect trap and she has lured him and his truck to a depot. But the plan goes horribly wrong, and the blame falls on Cassie. Disgraced, she loses her job and investigation into her role is put into motion. At the same time, Kyle Westergaard, a troubled kid whom Cassie has taken under her wing, has disappeared after telling people that he's going off on a long-planned adventure. Kyle's grandmother begs Cassie to find him and, with nothing else to do, Cassie agrees to all the while hunting the truck driver. Now Cassie is a lone wolf. And in the same way that two streams converge into a river, Kyle's disappearance may have a more sinister meaning than anyone realizes. With no allies, no support, and only her own wits to rely on, Cassie must take down a killer who is as ruthless as he is cunning. But can she do it alone, without losing her own humanity or her own life? Paradise Valley continues the Highway Quartet series from bestselling author C. J. Box.

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C. J. BOX is the New York Times bestselling author of many novels including the Joe Pickett series. He has won the Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Novel (Blue Heaven, 2009) as well as the Anthony Award, Prix Calibre 38 (France), the Macavity Award, the Gumshoe Award, and the Barry Award. Over four million copies of his novels have been sold in the U.S. alone and they have been translated into twenty-seven languages. He lives in Wyoming. CHRISTINA DELAINE is a successful audio book narrator who has voiced the works of several New York Times bestsellers such as Chelsea Cain and Erica Spindler. She won AudioFile Earphones Awards for her readings of Susan Wilson's The Dog Who Danced and Chelsea Cain's Kill You Twice.

Love C.J. Box stories. This one was a continuance of The Lizard King from, his books Back of Beyond and Highway about a creepy truck driver who kidnaps women from Truck stops or wherever else he can find one that will go with him or that he can nab. He is a cross country murderer that they have never been able to catch. They caught him once but he got off on a technicality so he was set free and Cassie Newell was determined to get him permanently this time. I started this 29 chapter book on a Sunday afternoon and read a couple chapters but had to go somewhere and then read the rest Mobday...HAD to keep reading!! Great read....I also LOVE Box's Joe Pickett stories. I have read all his books and loved each and every one of them! Great Wyoming man! :)Love the descriptions CJ gives on the areas. Being from ND am very familiar with Montana & Wyoming. Lived in Sheridan for 5 years & had 2 children there!! Love C.J.Box & am anxious for his next one with Joe Pickett & Nate!!

He has great heroes; diabolical villains; panoramic venues; and non-stop action. His writing is vivid and clear, and his stories are compelling. This reading is pure entertainment and escapism, and well worth your time and attention.

Gripping story, full of memorable characters. I hope Cassie will get her own series.

Another excellent read from C.J. Box. An excellent story with some good twists.

Suspense builds to surprise ending. Thoroughly enjoyed as always for CJ Box.

Have read all of C.J. Box's books so far and this one is very good also.

Cjbox has NEVER disappointed me. I have enjoyed all his books and this one is no exception. I wanted to stay up and finish the book but went to bed. Thought about Cassie and Kyle the whole night. Excellent!

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