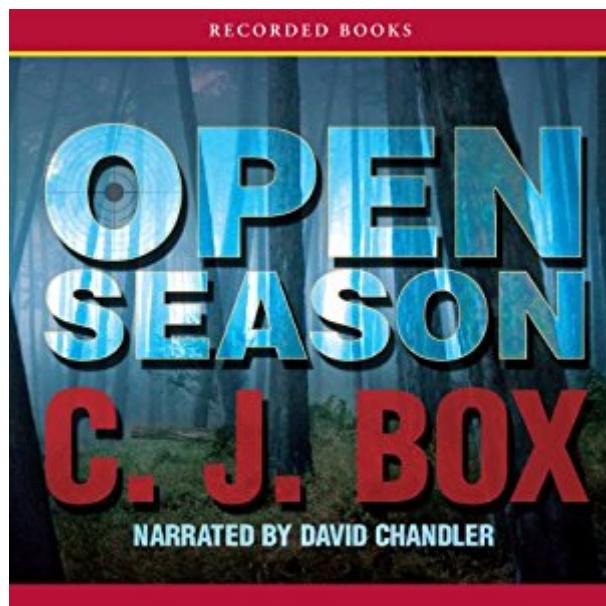


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# Open Season: A Joe Pickett Novel



## **Synopsis**

Joe Pickett is the new game warden in Twelve Sleep, Wyoming, a town where nearly everyone hunts and the game warden—especially one like Joe who won't take bribes or look the other way—is far from popular. When he finds a local hunting outfitter dead, splayed out on the woodpile behind his state-owned home, he takes it personally. There had to be a reason that the outfitter, with whom he's had run-ins before, chose his backyard, his woodpile to die in. Even after the "outfitter murders," as they have been dubbed by the local press after the discovery of the two more bodies, are solved, Joe continues to investigate, uneasy with the easy explanation offered by the local police. As Joe digs deeper into the murders, he soon discovers that the outfitter brought more than death to his backdoor: he brought Joe an endangered species, thought to be extinct, which is now living in his woodpile. But if word of the existence of this endangered species gets out, it will destroy any chance of InterWest, a multi-national natural gas company, building an oil pipeline that would bring the company billions of dollars across Wyoming, through the mountains and forests of Twelve Sleep. The closer Joe comes to the truth behind the outfitter murders, the endangered species and InterWest, the closer he comes to losing everything he holds dear.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Joe is a ranger with the Wyoming Fish and Game. He stumbles upon a scheme to build a pipeline through land that an extinct species has been spotted on. Despite threats, he manages to right the wrongs and secure the future of the species.

I love to listen to the audio books of the adventures of Joe Pickett, Wyoming game warden. Excellent character development. The story advances at a good pace, but always with a few surprises!

A local Dr. friend told me that if I liked Longmire I would love Joe Pickett... He was right. I had never heard of C J Box but was willing to try out a new author. I am so glad I did. Box just quietly introduces you to a fairly bright, kind of slow reacting, likeable "new on the job" game warden in Wyoming. Just an ordinary guy with a wife, two and a half kids, and a dog trying to make ends meet as he finds his way on a job vacated by a much respected, state wide legend. How he manages to keep from getting fired after a series of political gaffs, attempts on his family's lives after he discovers several dead bodies, one of which appears in his wood pile keeps you page turning well into the night. His wife and kids are well fleshed out as are the other characters in the story. By the end of the book you feel like they could be your neighbors, that is, if you lived in a small town in Wyoming where time is measured by two seasons - hunting and fishing. Lots of twists and turns but not contrived. The twists just appear naturally and you will have several times where you say to yourself "Well, if I was Joe, I wouldn't have seen that coming either." A darn good yarn and I look forward to reading the rest of the books in the series. Edwina

Joe Pickett just can't seem to catch a break. Long hours and low pay doing a job that few appreciate and even fewer would want to do. On the surface you may think that a story about a game warden in a remote location would be of little interest given the more mainstream adventure themed novels that are available. But if you take the opportunity to dive into Open Season, you will experience the day to day activities of a game warden Joe Pickett come to life through the pages of C.J. Box. The storyline is solid; the verbal painting of the Wyoming outdoors is spectacular and the characters dimensional and believable. The author takes some risk in putting his franchise character, Joe Pickett and his family in great peril and comes away leaving the reader amazed at how he set all of the traps but managed to equip Pickett with the skills, opportunity, and just plain good luck to exit extremely bad situations. Box is a great author with the ability to entertain and his efforts rank right up there with the best. He is quickly moving up my list of preferred action and adventure writers.

An exceedingly well crafted, suspenseful and readable story. I'm about to download the second

book in the series and will share this author's name with friends and family.

A very nice story that reads easy. A mystery combined with a tale of a good man fighting to take care of his family. Overall a "feel good", well moving, tale.

I bought this book to check out the Joe Pickett character. Too slow for my liking. I may buy a paperback at a garage sale but I won't waste my money on a Kindle version.

Once I heard of author C. J. Box, I had to try the Joe Pickett novels, and starting out with the first book was all the hook I needed. He jumps right in with the feel of the landscape of Wyoming, and the people who historically populate those lands. There is always a push pull in the political position of Wyoming, that influence most everyone who make a living there. And C. J. Box makes full use of this with the factual introduction of the endangered species act and the species that are on that protection list that reside in Wyoming. I love how he brings out the atmosphere of the landscape, the relationship of the animals in that land and how it affects the people who sustain themselves with hunting practices. But, especially how everything is connected and dependent on one another for survival.

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