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# Sudden Second Chance (Target: Timberline)



## Synopsis

A man with too many secrets. A woman with everything to lose. As if the Timberline Trio cold case isn't nightmarish enough for FBI agent Duke Harper, he runs into the TV reporter who loved and betrayed him; beautiful Beth St. Regis. Duke quickly concludes she's not after a sensational story. She's there to solve the haunting mystery of who she really is. But all her questions unleash a killer, and Duke steps up to protect her when she becomes a target. Despite their bitter past, Duke finds he's still attracted to Beth, and maybe they deserve a second chance. First, though, he has to keep Beth alive; and from discovering the shocking truth about her past;

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## Customer Reviews

• Sudden Second Chance • is Book 2 in author Carol Ericson's Washington State-set Target: Timberline • series. FBI agent Duke Harper's abusive childhood had left him with trust issues, and the betrayal by the beautiful woman he had loved had left him with embittered emotions. Working on a cold case kidnapping that was now possibly tied to a current, similar crime, Duke is taken aback when his former lover, Beth St. Regis, appears in the area to cover the story for her Cold Case Chronicles • TV show. Seeing Beth again stirs unwanted longing in Duke,

but he hasn't forgiven her for breaking his heart and his trust. Beth has never stopped caring for Duke, but she didn't get to tell him what really happened when their relationship fell apart. She also has a very deep personal secret that was too devastating to share. Beth is really in Timberline to solve the mystery of her adoption, but someone definitely does not want her to bring the truth to light. When she becomes a target, Duke goes into full protector mode, and he finds the wall between them beginning to crumble. As Duke and Beth grow closer, the attraction between goes from cinders of the past to flames of undeniable desire. If they can keep each other alive, will they get their second chance at romance? When all secrets have been uncovered, can trust be rebuilt along with a new start toward a happy life together? If you enjoy romantic suspense where the story keeps building, then you will the "Target: Timberline" series from author Carol Ericson. Review Copy Gratis Author

**Sudden Second Chance** This second book in the Target: Timberline series is as good as the first: Single Father Sheriff. We get more of the back story about the Timberline Trio kidnappings from 25 years earlier and it ties into this story seamlessly. Beth St. Regis, television reporter has come to Timberline under the pretext that she is going to investigate the cold case of the Timberline Trio, which have been brought to attention again after three more children were kidnapped by one of the Trio's family members. Beth has an entirely different reason for being there, but the television show is good cover for her own investigation into who she really is. Duke Harper, FBI agent has been assigned a case in Timberline to dig into drug trafficking. He and Beth crossed paths a few years earlier, but not long enough for him to forget that the beautiful woman betrayed him. He is determined that she won't get to him again. However, when Beth's questions get the attention of someone that doesn't want her digging into her past, Duke steps in to protect her. With their feelings heating up, both Duke and Beth think they might have a second chance. Carol Ericson develops great characters – both good and bad as well as a great mystery with plenty of interesting twists. I found this book hard to put down – I wanted to read it end to end in one sitting. I was given this book for an honest review, which this is. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a good mystery/romance.

Gave five stars--- an excellent read by Carol Ericson--- intrigue & romance ---- like mos in the. This book felt a little rushed to me, but, still an excellent read. I enjoyed it & highly recommend it to everyone!

I loved this second book in the series! Carol always knows how to bring the reader into the location, the storyline and click with the characters right away so you feel a connection and want to continue reading the book from the first page. In this book, Beth feels she might be connected as a victim to a long ago crime in a small town in the Northwest. She keeps having flashes of memories. Now that she's a TV reality host about cold cases, she chooses to go to this town and check it out on her own, using the "crime" as her cover. Never in a million years does she expect that the FBI has sent her former boyfriend, Duke, there also to tie up some loose ends on the same cold case! When someone starts targeting HER, she and Duke don't understand why. Beth and Duke begin to investigate, all the while getting close again. I did NOT expect the ending that the book had!!!! I highly recommend this book! The action and storyline will keep you turning pages constantly! It would help if you read the first book in the series but you don't absolutely have to!

The second book in the Target:Timberline series is a must read as a standalone or as part of the series. Beth St. Regis thinks she has it all figured out. She just has to find the evidence that has eluded her before she can stake claim to her long lost family. Having been burned by Beth in the past, Duke Harper is not eager to help her. What he really wants is her out of town before she has the chance to ruin his investigation. Bullets, a shaman, and a decapitated toy frog act as catalysts to rekindle a romance they had both left in the past. The story was well penned and fast paced. I loved the hero in this one. Duke is sizzling hot and every bit the alpha man we have come to expect from an Ericson novel. I am eagerly anticipating the third book in the series

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