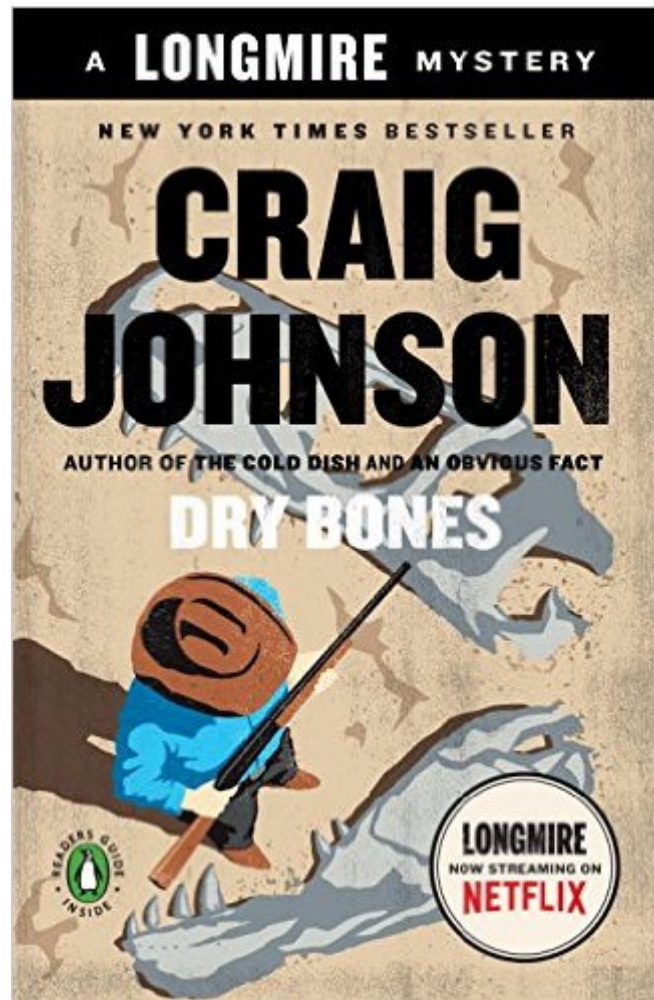


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Dry Bones: A Longmire Mystery



Synopsis

The latest installment of Craig Johnson's New York Times bestselling Longmire series "the basis for LONGMIRE, the hit drama series on Netflix" Craig Johnson's The Highwayman is now available from Viking. An Obvious Fact will be available in September 2016. When Jen, the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever found surfaces in Sheriff Walt Longmire's jurisdiction, it appears to be a windfall for the High Plains Dinosaur Museum until Danny Lone Elk, the Cheyenne rancher on whose property the remains were discovered, turns up dead, floating face down in a turtle pond. With millions of dollars at stake, a number of groups step forward to claim her, including Danny's family, the tribe, and the federal government. As Wyoming's Acting Deputy Attorney and a cadre of FBI officers descend on the town, Walt is determined to find out who would benefit from Danny's death, enlisting old friends Lucian Connolly and Omar Rhoades, along with Dog and best friend Henry Standing Bear, to trawl the vast Lone Elk ranch looking for answers to a sixty-five-million-year-old cold case that's heating up fast.

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Eleven years ago, after reading a review in our local paper, I picked up a novel by then-debut author Craig Johnson called The Cold Dish. And I was hooked. His characters were vivid and human and likeable. The humor was cheeky, yet cleverly worded. There were elements of Indian mysticism and Greek philosophy. With the Wyoming terrain playing a volatile supporting character to the fallible

human cast, *The Cold Dish* was one of the best books I had ever read from a debut author. Still is. Now ten books, 1 novella, and a collection of short stories neatly tucked under his cowboy belt, Johnson proudly, and rightly so, presents *Dry Bones*. With Sheriff Walt Longmire, the renaissance man of Wyoming lawmen, at the helm and his deliciously salty undersheriff Victoria "Vic" Moretti as his wingman, the fictitious Absaroka County is faced with a mystery that kind of began 65 million years ago. When the bones of probably largest and most intact T. Rex skeleton is discovered on Danny Lone Elk's ranch it is cause for celebration. Until, that is, the body of Danny Lone Elk is discovered face down in a pond of carnivorous snapping turtles. The imagery is not lost on the reader as Lone Elk's family, the Cheyenne tribe, the High Plains Dinosaur Museum, and the federal government all lay a claim to the dinosaur nicknamed "Jen". Walt's tiny town of 2483 citizens is immediately overrun with bureaucrats, media, and the FBI--that's the government agency FBI, not the Longmire sobriquet for big Indians. Henry Standing Bear, the sage Indian who has had Walt's back since elementary school, helps Walt navigate through the politically and culturally delicate dance with the Cheyenne tribe.

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