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It's the summer of 1880, and Thomas Edison's incandescent bulb is poised to put the gaslight industry out of business. Knowing a good business opportunity, former New York shopkeeper Steve Dancy sets out to obtain a license for Edison's electric lamp. Edison agrees, under one condition: Dancy and his friends must stop the saboteurs who are disrupting his electrification of Wall Street.

After two years of misadventures out West, the assignment appears to be right up his alley. But new troubles await him in New York City. Dancy has brought a woman with him, and his high-society family disapproves. More worrisome, he has also unknowingly dragged along a feud that began out West. The feud could cost him Edison's backing ... and possibly his life.

## **The Return Details**

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### Robin says

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### Teressa says

I listened to the Audible version of this book. I gave this an overall rating of 4 stars.

"A Good Western Thriller w/Strong Characters"

THE RETURN: STEVE DANCY TALES, BOOK 4 was a good historical western. I liked the beginning when Dancy was out west and in fact I was drawn in rather quickly. The first part of the story in Leadville was involving but whenever Dancy and (Virginia) set out for NYC to help Thomas Edison, it meandered a little with his family drama and especially his mother who was high-strung and vile. The trouble that followed him reemerged and the story picked back up with fiery suspense. Overall, I think this is a solid tale with great characters, especially Dancy. I didn't listen to the previous episodes but I would suggest doing so because JAMES BEST is a good author and I feel this is more of an epic where one would want to start at the beginning.

JIM TEDDER has a perfect voice for westerns. He showed great voice inflections and maintained a slow drawl reminiscent of a rugged cowboy. This was the first time I've listened to him and found him to be a talented narrator.

"This audiobook was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of Audiobook Blast."

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### Caroline Barrow says

This was an interesting change, getting McAllen to come east to take care of business. We find that he hates crowds but is still the good agent no matter where he resides. We meet Dancy's overbearing mother and her reaction to Virginia and Steve's living arrangements. Sharp is Sharp no matter where he is. Even with McAllen being out of his element in the East he still manages to teach Steve a thing or 2.

An old "friend" shows up and causes problems with our friends and the outcome is quite fun.

As usual this is a well written book and keeps a person interested with the twists and turns.

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### **Dann Dioses says**

Another great read in the Steve Dancy saga. Steve reacquaints himself with Mrs. Baker, in Leadville, who he had left to run his store. In the process of telling Mrs. Baker that he plans to sell the store, he comes to find out that Mrs. Baker was being shaken down by a local thug out to take money from all the businesses in town. Steve and his partners solve the problem and along with defending his store he comes to find out that Mrs. Baker has her sights set on him, and he also finds he likes that idea. He and his partners sell the store and head off to New York to see Tom Edison. This leads to another great adventure. Someone from the Leadville stand off follows him and wants revenge. So Steve has some battles to face. A killer hiding in the shadows and a mother who does not like Mrs. Baker. He and his traveling companions must find a way to deal with both of these issues along with helping Tom Edison with a few problems of his own. Be ready for love, bullets, knives, and overbearing mothers. You will enjoy a page turner of a ride....

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### **Ron says**

You know you're in good hands with James Best. This new "Steve Dancy Tale" is told with the usual economy, clarity, and attention to detail. Best's characters are fully three-dimensional and spring to life in a few words of dialogue. Best of all, you enjoy their company.

I like Steve Dancy. He's an Easterner who has adapted in a few short years to the West, where he has interests in the silver mining town of Leadville, Colorado. He comes with a social pedigree that he never flaunts, and he has grown up the son of a firearms merchant. He has a head for business and is a good judge of character...

Read my review at my blog.

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### **Jeff Benham says**

Dancy and Sharp head back East to try and secure a license from Thomas Edison and, on the way, stop in Leadville to check on their investments. The town is about to be taken over by thugs from NY and they get there just in time to help Mrs. Baker fend them off. (This review assumes you have read previous Steve Dancy books. If you haven't, it might not make a lot of sense.) Captain McAllen also arrives to join in the fun. This is a quick adventure to start the book. Most of the action takes place out east. Virginia (Mrs. Baker) and Steve take a fancy to each other so she sells the store and goes with them. Someone is sabotaging Edison's attempt to fulfill his lighting contracts and Dancy and crew set out to discover who. As with previous books by this author, there is no shortage of suspects. Excellent Western series!

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### **J. Michsel Pinson says**

#### **Good series**

Picked up the first in series in looking for a good western. This was a great surprise. Good character development and great story lines. This is third in the series and really enjoyed reading each one. Different

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story line but remained true to the characters in the stories.

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### **Gracie Mastic says**

#### **I enjoy James D. Best's ability**

James D. Best tells a straight forward but exciting story. I like his characters and his story line is realistic. I enjoyed his inclusion of real people and mostly real events in this book. It was a very enjoyable book.

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### **Ed says**

Steve Dancy and company head for NYC to find and stop cutthroat competitors sabotaging Thomas Edison's electric light project in Manhattan. Steve reluctantly finds himself back in the city for a book tour of his newly published western adventures but is confronted by an old adversary from Leadville bent on revenge. More mystery than western, "The Return" is a wonderfully entertaining read, especially looking at the first four books as an exceptionally captivating 1000 page saga of the 1880's seen through the eyes of Steve Dancy, a memorable protagonist and his equally memorable friends.

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### **Elaine says**

I really enjoy the Steve Dancy books by James Best. I've read them all and especially look forward to the next one.

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### **Sherron L Pace says**

#### **Leadville to New York**

This is such a great book it is entertaining and an illuminating way to spend time. There was a pun there read the book and I'm sure you'll get it. I highly recommend this book have a great time reading James D. Best he's an amazing writer.

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### **Matthew Perry says**

Great book in a great series

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## **BrandonÂ somers says**

### **Nice easy read**

Engaging story with non fictional aspects. If you like old west settings then you should enjoy reading this book in your spare time.

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## **Natalie Gaba says**

I really hope there is yet another book coming in this series. It's been a good western series.

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## **Lawrence Kopecky says**

### **Great**

Very entertaining

With great plots and characters, great scenery and lots of action. I love stories about the pinkertons and

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