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Tim Carlow is a Texas Ranger with a mighty dangerous job to do. A half-crazy killer named Silver Mallow has escaped from the jail in Bennett, Texas, and it's up to young Carlow to bring him back. All by himself. The killer has a three-day lead on him, and everything from luck to the weather seems to be against Carlow. Silver Mallow will do whatever it takes to stay out of jail, and he won't hesitate to use his gun. But he never counted on one determined Ranger.

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Daniel says

should be a movie, if its not. A great mix of western and other cultures,which is not too often seen in a western novel. Great read.

Peggy Barnett says

A very good book

Well-written and interesting story . I like the way it flowed . The Irish tent was really good and made it different than most

Bookworm Smith says

his it the first Western I've ever read, and I can tell you it won't be the last. This genre kicks some major a\$# - with a cowboy boot, to boot!

The story is predictable, in that you know the Ranger is going to beat a few roughnecks, but like many other things it's the journey that counts. Well this journey is full of cliches and fluffy cheese, and I love it. It just makes the book easy to read.

The story starts with the Ranger on the trail of some nasty criminal, who wears a black hat of course. Within the first dozen pages he's ambushed where he takes a gunshot in the head and a bullet in the shoulder. But, this Ranger toughs it out and continues the chase. A few pages later the Ranger ends up in a saloon where a barfight breaks out. He manages to beat up a roomful of hired thugs and still sweet talks a 'snaggle-toothed' prostitute. A few pages after this he takes a stand, I'm guessing in reference to the title of the book, and gives up chasing the long gone murderer and takes on the corruption in this tiny town to save a poor widow's farm. There is another gunbattle, a cattle stampede, and everything ends happily ever after. See what I mean about cliche. The only thing missing is a bank robbery or a train heist.

A few things I found strange: In the barfight the Ranger takes on this 'huge' man and beats him by kicking him in the crotch! That struck me as uncowboy like.

Another thing that is hard to get past is the names. The black hatted 'bad guy' is named Silver Mallow. What is that all about? There is a native named Two-wolf-feet, or something just as borderline racist? Ranger Chase or Chance. Definitely not literary names.

Then there is the side story about a one armed drunk who stays to help the ranger fight. A bit far fetched, me thinks.

Another thing is the view of women by the cowboys in this book. It was terrible. There is the widow, who is a tough ranch women, who makes wonderful biscuits and ends up shooting someone point blank in the neck!

But, her toughness is not the main concern of the one Ranger. Nope, he keeps comparing all her qualities to those in bed. The prostitutes only get a quick mention, again in light of their bedroom skills. Then there is the crazy wife of the evil Doctor (I know doesn't that just sum up the cheese factor?), who is constantly being seen by everyone as a sex fiend. And, it doesn't help that she gets naked to do weird voodoo stuff.

My conclusion, not rocket science, is that this book is aimed at men...which is just fine with me.

I really picked this book up because I am doing a challenge to read books written by a Smith. Nothing in my local library caught my interest, and I've been meaning to read a western for some time. I'm shootin' my guns in the air to celebrate this great pick and plan to read more Cotton Smith in the near future

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Max R. Tyler says

Ok western.

It was hard to get used to the characters at first, but by the end they were likeable. The story seemed to ramble a little. All in all it was a pretty good western story.
