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Enlisting young state game and fish officer Jim Stiles to help solve the crimes, Kerney slowly uncovers evidence connecting the ruthless Cox feud with another suspicious death—and the radical actions of New Mexico's present-day county militia. But new assistant district attorney Karen Cox—Edgar's alluring daughter—is torn between hiding her father's long-buried secret and helping Kerney find the truth. Now someone wants Kerney dead—and the deeper he investigates, the more he may be digging his own grave...

## **Mexican Hat Details**

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## **From Reader Review Mexican Hat for online ebook**

### **Nancy says**

Second in series, and better than first. This is a stand-alone and can be read without number one, but for the full enjoyment read them in order. Really enjoyed this book and have started number three - "Serpent Gate".

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### **Karen Murphy says**

I always enjoy Michael McGarrity's books. I especially enjoyed this one because it took place around Silver City, where I live.

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### **Debbie Standard says**

great read

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### **Jean says**

This is a great series with a non macho hero/lawman. I really enjoyed the plot and complexity of the mystery. His sidekick, a Fish & Game employee, was a plus along with his girl friend. A smattering of New Mexico history is thrown in along with a backdrop of smuggling and anti-government ranchers.

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### **Dale says**

easy, fun to read western, a Kevin Kerney Novel; Rita bought at Madison Co. Book Sale, 1997 hardback 316 pgs.

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### **Cheryl says**

Kerny is my new favorite leading man!

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### **Al says**

I am enjoying Mr McGarrity's writing style with each new book in the series I read. His characters are believable. No super heroes here just folks living their lives. He keeps my attention without being repetitive. Yes the stories are about solving crimes and murder, but he has a very interesting way of working through the details while taking you on a scenic tour of his world.

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## **Kevin says**

Time travel

Very attractive series based on a lawman in New Mexico and his family. This is part of the series called the *Kevin Kerney Novels*. This paragraph applies to all books in this series. The story's are great, but what makes this series stand out is how the country is worked into the story, It's almost as if you are there. The author is a gifted story teller.

Do you need to read this series in order: Yes, it helps a lot. Note that Hard Country and Backlands (and one pending maybe) are the prequels.

Triggers: Cops and police situations, there are rapes, homicides, and crime.

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## **Ellen says**

I'm on a roll with Michael McGarrity books. Kevin Kerney is a close acquaintance now and I love the plot twists and the characters that appear in the books.

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## **Judy says**

I guess I am in a funk, as none of the books I've read lately seem to grab me. I do like this series. Kevin Kerney is an interesting character, and I like the locale--not many books feature New Mexico. This second book in the series is more bloody than the first, and involves many characters, which makes following the audio version more difficult. Still, I plan to read more of McGarrity's work.

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## **Tory Wagner says**

Mexican Hat by Michael McCafferty continues the series featuring Kevin Kerney. In this outing, Kearney is working as a seasonal forest ranger and gets caught up in a case about wildlife poaching. It quickly develops into a matter of life and death with Kearney and his friends on one side and a deadly militia on the other.

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## **Tom Gorski says**

I'd read the entire series plus the Kerney Trilogy but not this early one (library didn't have it). Found it in an electronic version and very glad I did...McGarrity writes a great story and the fact that it is always centered in an area I have always loved (New Mexico) is icing on the cake.

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## **Cybercrone says**

Nice to find a good mystery series where the 'hero' is someone you can actually relate to.

Thoroughly enjoyed this.

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## **Solitarius Lupus says**

While this series of mysteries is not new, it is new to me, and I'm really enjoying it. I particularly like the New Mexico setting and the former rodeo champion-retired police detective protagonist.

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## **Chrisl says**

About Michael McGarrity:

Read the first five books in this series before losing interest. Also read 1.3 of McGarrity's HF set in New Mexico. Doubt I'll start another book by him. (In grade school, the teachers wrote notes on my report cards about my not completing tasks.)

Positively, I'd suggest reading the Kevin Kerney opener, Tularosa, and continuing the series if the setting and character appeal. This series was popular and praised by the library's patrons, for the early books. In large print and audio, too.

Referring to library book borrowers as "Patrons" in library context leaves a slightly unpleasant residue conceptually. For me, "Patron" is most aptly used in Steve Havill's New Mexico set series featuring Bill and Estelle.

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After reading Norman's magnificent Riders to Cibola, it would be difficult to match his portrayal of New

Mexico. In his historicals, McGarrity didn't come close.

Riders To Cibola

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