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The book tells the tale of a gambler, two orphans and a sweet mother who build a life for themselves filled with joy. A Mississippi riverboat gambler, Benjamin Tate, is thrust into a different life as he is forced to adopt two little boys, who have been horribly abused in an orphanage in St. Louis. He takes the boys out West, buys some land and builds a ranch where he raises horses. He meets the boys' school teacher and falls in love with her. He learns that she's a widow who has suffered terrible physical abuse from her late husband. One of the boys is kidnapped and Tate goes after the kidnappers and recovers his adopted son, who tells him, "I knew you were coming, Pa. I never had a single doubt. And I told that kidnapper you'd beat the 'dickens' out of him." The gambler finds out that love makes a difference in both children and horses. The orphans adopt a young horse named Sunny, which is a pet for the boys, but he's no race horse ... until one of the orphans gives him a little talking to, hugs him and gets in the saddle. Suddenly Sunny is transformed by the love of the orphans into a winning race horse. The family finally learns that Benjamin Tate was the best poker player ever on the Mississippi riverboats. Does he regret giving up that life and being a father to the orphans. Not for a single minute. It's another classic tale from R. O. Lane, author of classic westerns.

The Gambler and The Orphans Details

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Carrol j Oliphint says

A great read

A slightly different twist on this western novel. A riverboat gambler who quits a very lucrative way of life to adopt two horribly abused little boys and, later, marries an equally abused woman. A heart lifting story well told. If you like uplifting stories that still abound in action, you'll love this book!

Jo Lindsey says

Benjamin and Sophie

Benjamin was a Mississippi River gambler and a good one. He only cheated the cheaters. He gets a delayed letter from his sister telling him she was dying and asking him to care for her 5 year old son. Because of the delayed notifications Katie's son Wyatt was pit in an orphanage where all the children were starved and physically abused. Ben rescued Wyatt and his friend Simon and had the owner brought up on charges. He gives up gambling so he can legally adopt the boys and takes Wyatt and Simon West to find a new life. Good plot, characters, dialog, and action. Fans of CJ Petit will like his stories.

Charles Castell says

I have been a follower of Mr. R. O. Lane for awhile, but I must admit that this is the greatest release ever for him. I have enjoyed each and everyone of his realeases, but the compassion and family-friendly episodes of this book is above and beyond what I excitement it was purchased. There is love, compassion, heartbreak and plenty of exciting adventures throughout the entire story. Everything leaves me with a tingling sensation that just seems to be so sensational?I cannot begin to describe.

Five stars is too diminutive for a book of magnitude, but it is what it is. I have no earthly idea how many novels I have read over the past twenty one months but none have ever consumed me the way The Gambler and The Orphans has. I was hooked immediately on Ben Tate as I ever was on the Ben Blue series, and that says it all.

Mr. Lane did an exceptional job with his extraordinary character selection and there was never a disappointing episode throughout the entire story. Too, I cannot praise his exceptionally well written storylines from beginning to end.

There are so many heartwarming adventures, that I cannot begin to describe them, and I was unable to set the book aside until I completed the entire story. I have read other books I declared to me a masterpiece, but to me, this one definitely is much more impressive than any of those. Too, this is also a family-friendly rendition that will definitely tug at your heartstrings.

This is a must read for everyone that owns a Kindle, or has access to a Library. YES! I, most definitely, recommend this sensational story to everyone, and if you don't read it, I can only say you will be the loser. Not just a great descriptive, and sensational story, but the warm feelings are overwhelming. Read it! You

will like it!?

Masina Lane says

Making Changes

When a gambler learns that his sister died and his nephew is in an orphanage, he investigates and learns that the children there are being severely abused. This is a great read revealing what happened to those operating the orphanage, the orphans and the gambler. There is plenty of action and suspense from beginning to the end. I highly recommend this author.

D. E. says

A New West to Far West Western/Riverboat Gambler/Horse Rancher/Husband and Father

RIO has penned a family western from beginning to end. The Gambler discovers he has Nephew in the St Louis orphanage. He rescued his nephew and another young boy and he becomes their Pa. A school Mark crossed their path and marriage is quick to follow. The family starts a horse ranch with Indian trainers. Four girls are born into the family and the family one and all attend the graduation of the two boys from the University of Texas Law School. This is an excellent read for the genre.....ER

Larry Coons says

The Gambler and The Orphans.

This was another truly great book till with lots of action and suspense throughout the storyline. I thoroughly enjoyed the great love story. Like all of your other dozen great books that I have read each and everyone is a five star rating. I highly recommend all of your books to your readers.

N Rathna says

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Mikkel Libby says

Great story.

First, any author that writes an epilogue has my following. The generosity and caring that Ben exhibited is a fine example for all of us. He healed Sophie, Wyatt and Simons hearts and souls. They had been abused and neglected but he gave them a new life. Full of love and privilege.'

Edward A. Gettler says

Perhaps the most beautiful book that I have ever read!

Dear Mr. Lane, Your books only get better the more of them that I read. This Book; "The Gambler and the Orphans", did it ALL for me. I guess it's because the story line fit pretty close with my youth. And then you developed a perfect life for a loving family, regardless of the trials and tribulations that this family faced. I Loved This Book. Thank You..... Ed Gettler

Mary Walker says

Love cures all

Wholesome story, a gambler discovers. To late his sister has died, he must find his nephew. Uncovers the truth, the small boy badly beaten and abused. Orphanage caretaker mistreated all the children. The uncle put a end to the man's cruelty. Meanwhile, the gambler adopts two boys. Feeds, clothes and move out west. Provides a new life and growing ranch.

The boys are the apple of his eyes. Sets for schooling the youngsters. They meet a new school teacher and fall in love.

Soon after their married. Becoming a family of four. The boys have ma and pa, content with life with each other as a family.

Having adventures with troubles. This family has been blessed, most of all the love they share. Worth reading brings tears and joy. Continues till the children are grown. The boys have graduated, becoming attorney. Ma and Pa looking back, children asking the father. About not mentioning river boat gambling

days. This ends on a riverboat and where the story starts.

Alfred Lamar Boatman says

Is Life But a Gamble

This another fine read by R. O. Lane and I've enjoyed it very much. It is an account of the honor and honesty of the men and women that made America the Greatest Nation on earth! I hope that this book will inspire other to follow in the footsteps of these characters.

Bill ROBINSON says

Enjoyable read

This was an joy to read. Such a life message. I am formulating a talk with my 9 year old grandson right now. He has great potential that I think is being let go to waste. Thank you R. O. Lane for the inspiration.

marlene childers says

Gambler is a really fun read. All the cowboy flavor but also a good story.

I liked this story Bout a man that took a Chance when it came up and never looked back on his old life and stepped through the door to his new life with eagerness.

Sandra Whittiker says

The Gambler and the Orphans by R. O. Lane

The story of Ben Tate, Sophie and the boys was a tender romance with plenty action, enough to keep any reader looking for the true western on the edge of their seat. The action is tight , the story well written and the ending was everything that every good book wants to be. Mr. Lane certainly has the formula down to produce a true old fashioned western. BRAVO!!!!BRAVO ???BRAVO!!!!

Barbara Lee Wood says

SECOND CHANCES??

A GREAT story of devotion, respect and a gambler who adopted two little orphaned boys. These little ones were abused and borderline starvation by the owner of an orphanage in St. Louis. There's respect and dignity extended to the Mescalero Apaches, who lived on a reservation in New Mexico, who helped "The Gambler"

buy and train horses. These were racing horses, who ran all over New Mexico, winning every race they entered.

A wonderful story that will bring tears to your eyes. Respect for everyone regardless of their ethnicity will always win out. Sometimes it never wins but you give it a chance, it will...just a little faith which can be as small as a mustard seed. Again a wonderful wonderful story to read...?
