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It seemed the perfect place to lie low. The owner of the ranch was an attractive gray-haired lady who had once been an actress. The other woman was a beautiful, fragile-seeming blonde. They needed repairs done, and he needed to disappear for a while.

The first sign that things were not as they should be was when a Pinkerton man questioned him about a missing woman. Then he accidentally found a will belonging to the previous owner of the ranch. After that, a young lady showed up in town making claims that the place belonged to her.

Worried that his hideout was turning into a battleground, he didn't know what would be more dangerous, staying or leaving. For a man interested only in passin' through, he suddenly found himself entangled in a deadly struggle....

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From Reader Review Passin' Through for online ebook

Benjamin Thomas says

I have read more than 30 Louis L'Amour books and I rank this one in the top 5. It is a bit more involved than most, combining the western story with a mystery plot. And as always, I love to read the descriptions of the landscape and the people of the South West. Life is full of choices but you could do worse than choosing to spend an evening with "Passin' Through"

SouthernAngel says

This has to be one of my favorite Louis L'Amour books. I just finished reading it for probably the tenth time and I couldn't get enough of it. All of Louis L'Amour's books are like this. They make you feel like you are actually living back in the old west. Passin' Through is one of those books that keeps you guessing on what is going to happen next. Makes you love certain characters and hate others. It is an amazing old western that will never get old to me. I honestly suggest anyone who loves westerns read any of L'Amour's books. They will never want to read another western after.

Sharon says

Short stories - perfect plane fare.

Conan Tigard says

Like every single book I have ever read by Louis L'Amour, I greatly enjoyed this story. Did I figure out what was going on? Sure...that wasn't too difficult. Maybe he wasn't such a swift Mystery writer, but he is one of the best Western writers that has ever lived. Louis L'Amour's vivid description of the old west really bring the picture to life in the mind's eye.

I was wracked with anticipation on who Passin' Through really was. Was he a famous gunslinger? Was he someone we all know of today? Or was he just a local hero, or desperado, known only to those around where he lived? The way he handled a gun, I knew he had to be someone famous. As for the plot, it was simple, but fun, as a good western should be.

Overall, Passin' Through is a great story that can be enjoyed by everyone. I have always liked how Louis L'Amour never gets graphically violent and how there is no need for explicit sex in any of his stories. They are fit for all ages.

I rated this book an 8 out of 10.

Berkley says

Its a good book about a cowboy that wanders through the west doing random jobs and what he needs to to get by. He goes into a town and a man challenges him into a gun fight and he beats him but a group from the town take revenge and try to hang him but before he dies and after they leave an indian lady cuts him free and he takes the horse they used to hang him and travels as fast as he can to get away from them and he finds a ranch with 2 ladies on it and they welcome him and he thanks them by helping them with there ranch but he finds letters in the barn and finds a will saying the ranch belongs to a different women. he asks one of the ladies for a deed and they show him one but he goes to town and looks for the lady and finds she just arrived from town with a man to take back her ranch but after hw leaves her and the guy and her go to the ranch to see the ladies he follows them and listens to them talk inside the house and the women and him find out there con artists that plan on killing her for the farm. (The main character called Mr. passin) helps the women who rightfully own the ranch escape and he takes her back to town and comes back to the ranch and get shot but takes out one of the con artists and the man and one of the lady con artists run away and he finds the lady and lets her go but the lady who rightfully owned the ranch married mr. passin and after they marry and walk out of the church the man con artist shows up and talks about how sad it is to widow a newly married women and goes to shake his hand but mr. passin shots him after he finds out he is wearing a concealed sleeve gun and he and his new wife go home to there ranch.

Steven Walle says

Passin through was about a drifter in the old west. He was a hard man and preferred to be alone. He would kill a man if he was put to it though. The man Passin Through stopped out at a ranch that was in some trouble. There seemed to be a discrepancy to who the owner was. It was a fast paced book full of colorful charictors.

Enjoy and Be Blessed.

Diamond

John says

Engaging story that was hard to put down. We never learn the main character's name. When he stops by a ranch for some food and water he finds it run by a gray haired former actress and a young woman who had been in the same company. The older woman had received the ranch as a gift from an admirer and neither knew anything about ranching. Noticing the place is a bit run down and in need of work he volunteers to stay for a while and fix the place up in exchange for a horse. He tells them he is just passin' through and from them on everyone refers to him as Passin Through or Mr. Passin. There is a nephew of the original owner who claims the property should be his, but it is only when a Pinkerton detective comes nosing around looking for a woman wanted for murder and then another young woman comes to town claiming part ownership in the ranch that Passin realizes that he would best pass on through before he finds himself in the middle of big trouble. Louis L'amore's rich descriptions of the country are part of the story. I liked that the story takes place around Durango and Mesa Verde in Colorado where I recently visited. Enjoyed the book so much that I am jumping straight to another Louis L'amore.

Peter Pactor says

One of my favorite books by one of my favorite authors.

Marshall Pickens says

I had forgotten how much this book influenced who I am, or at least who I wanted to be when I grew up. My father had every L'Amour book and I believe I read them all a few times, but this book in particular stuck with me. The main character is never named, but he is such a great example of how I believed, and still do believe, a man should act. Do the right thing no matter if anyone is looking or judging you. Help people because they need it and for no other reason. Never start a fight, but don't let yourself get pushed around either. And end up with the pretty girl in the end because being a good man is really all pretty girls want in life... right?

An Odd1 says

"I'm anything it takes to..." "I do whatever will" get the coon" p34,55 from lofty age of 28 p271,2 "I don't know what the young folks are comin' to these days. All kinds of gallivantin' about. Restless, that's what they are, restless. They ought to have more chores to do." p317 when Burrows brothers "looked kind of beat up and shot up"

<http://www.louislamour.com/novels/pas...>

'Passin' Through' is the nickname Mrs Holyrood bestows on the stranger who stops by the ranch she inherited from admirer Mr Phillips in Denver. The narrator likes the alias, and stays to make repairs in return for the blue roan he had to ride out on quick when cut down from a noose by a Ute squaw and youth after he stopped in a small town bar for a meal. Shooting bully Burrows in self-defense brings down a mighty passel of trouble on the plain-speaking hard-living rider, culminating in six against one.

Beautiful twentyish blonde Matty warns him away from the former actress with mighty few face lines under perfect grey hair, especially a last meal. A Pinkerton man seeks a thirtyish blonde who served an older gentleman a fine meal, his last ever. Mrs Holyrood wants to cook up a fine supper for her new hand. She directs him to the drawer of papers for the cattle tally, but he finds Phillips' will, bequeathing his half-share to niece Janet Le Caudy, who already owns the other half from her father.

Janet is typical, pays no attention to the guy who is right p238, walks into trouble with smooth talking derringer-up-his-sleeve Charles Pelham Clinton. The style is rough-tootin' down-home, casual, pithy, active, slangy.

One long gunfight against unending enemies. Discouraging when L'Amour heroes die. Does this one?

(view spoiler)

Typos:

p76 dectective for detective

p90 twict for twice

Definition:

p 322 "sky pilot" is minister

Timothy Roark says

Really fun book to read. I enjoyed it.

Curtiss says

A mysterious stranger helps an equally mysterious woman hang onto her ranch, all the while going only by the name he uses to describe himself and his business in the valley, by saying, "I'm just Passin' Through."

Ryan Fairfield says

As a child, my father had a shelf in the basement dedicated to Louis L'Amour books. I always admired their covers but never read any of them until now. This is the first L'Amour book I have read, as well as the first Western (in spite of my love of Western films). I very much enjoyed the read. I thought it dragged ever so slightly at the end but overall, it was a fun, simple read. I intend to read more L'Amour books soon.

Barbara Lee Wood says

LONELINESS DOESN'T LAST FOREVER

A really great fast moving western. Mr. Parson's Through, a drifter or saddle tramp as they were known as, happens to stop a ranch far out in the middle of know where. Tired hungry and he was cut down from a hanging, actually the gang of men left him their to strangle to death...hard way to die..but the Grim Reaper was giving him another chance disguised as a Native American woman and her son, whom he had helped out in the desert when he offered them water and helped bury the dead older Native American. Also gave them ride into town. Mr. Parson's unknown to himself was headed for big trouble.

GREAT story action bound, lots of common sense adages throughout the book. Funny but heartwarming..I've read and heard about the stamina and the will to live that many people survive after being wounded so many times either with bullets or exposure to the elements..

ENJOY?

Beth says

A must read for those that enjoy western history and knowledge. Thanks to Louis L'Amour for his knowledge.

Very well written and knowledge of western history. Review the area this book describes and know the history and rivers discussed within.
