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The majestic landscapes of Brett Harte's California unite with Larry McMurtry's epic old west realism in an explosion of love, lust, murder and betrayal that comes to a powerful climax along a beautiful stream, home to the largest strike in the mines, where a burning barn ignites the passion of a gold rush boomtown and, in one dark night of revenge, earns that stream the name it bears to this day—HANGTOWN CREEK.

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Barbara Nivens says

Don't miss

if you like westerns, with a little bit of history thrown in, you'll enjoy this. A well written adventure, looking forward to the next one and hoping there's many more.

Really, don't miss this one, I'm glad I didn't.

Christy King says

A rip-roaring tale that made me anticipate reading time each night. I'd never read a western before this one and I'm so glad that I decided to try the genre. Wonderful story and characters I grew to love. A recommended read!

Robert C. smith says

An Action-Packed Tale of Good & Pure Evil

It's very unusual that a spell-binding frontier novel this well-written is an author's first! Few seasoned writers are so gifted to graphically portray the villains and decent folks so well. A most enjoyable experience worth the reading time.

Tony Gavin says

Four star.

This is the first book that I have read by this author and I was pleasantly surprised. It probably won't be my last.

Nancy Silk says

Review Rating: Five Stars

"A Western Story To Thrill You"

This is a western novel about what we refer to as the Wild West. It is about the Gold Rush Days of 1849 in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It reflects the rush of perhaps a thousand or more people to this

area to mine or pan for gold. They go through hard times to get there only to live in camps, tents, often with little food. The saloons were first housed in tents for those men who found gold to trade it for whiskey or gambling. It's a dangerous time for Thomas Marsh and his three boys, as well as a woman identified as Jack's Indian woman, dressed in deerskin. Jack is the owner of a saloon and is cruel to the woman who runs away with the help of Joshua Stone and Eban Snyder. This novel defines the way of life during those days, it's fast moving, provocative, and the characters are well defined. Oh, and there is romance here, too. Enjoy your trip back to those days of Boom-towns.

A.J. Newman says

Great novel about the old west. Easy to read and a great story.

Kerry Reis says

It is the antebellum western exploration period of American expansion with settlers heading over the Rockies towards the California territory obtained in the Mexican-American War. A cholera ailing woman, left to die next to her already dead husband and son, is rescued from a broken down wagon on a rugged trail by a hearty mountain man, who then sells her upon her recovery to a crooked mobile saloon keeper, who sets up his crooked tent at new fledgling mining camps, seeking gold after news of its discovery at the Sutter Mill. After the death of his mother, young Tom Marsh is helping his Pa and older brothers keep up a fledgling farm in the central valley, when Pa informs them that he has sold the farm to pay off a debt and will be taking his boys north near the Sutter Mill to seek the newly discovered gold. Old Army buddies, Joshua and Eban, have followed gold rumors to a mining camp that appears to be a cunning decoy from the real gold locations, drawing hopeful seekers to a crooked gambling operation in the tented saloon. However, Joshua and Eban disrupt the crooked game and wind up rescuing the saloon keeper's imprisoned woman. Yet as the three of them head further north to the actual gold locations, they are followed by the vengeful saloon keeper and the mountain man out to take back the woman. Fate will bring all of these characters together next to the gold-filled, creek-fed canyons, where both opportunity and death will clash. Well-versed in the history and ruggedness of the California Gold Rush, which led to eventual statehood for California, the author has created a suspenseful, dramatic, and rough-hewn fictional tale that demonstrates the mix of courage, strength, and evil that arose in the settlement rush in the Sierras of the Golden State. There were a few moments that might have felt a bit of a stretch, but nothing that did not detract from this old-Western style tale.

Martha Peebles says

I recommend this book.

I recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a really good book. I really could not put it down. You want to see what happens next Tom went through a lot more than any boy should have to go through. But he became a man in the process. I can't wait to read more about young Tom. I really hope this will be a series on Tom. I will read everyone I can get my hands on.

