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They came out of the sun and through the dust cloud created by the herd, firing their Winchesters and killing the men who were moving the cattle to Abilene. Each man fell just minutes after the attack began and the stampeding cattle finished the job that the rustlers' .44s had started. Just hours later, the herd was already gone, the dust settled, and bodies were strewn along the ground. But one stirred and would never forget what he saw as his eyes opened.

Matt Dunne Details

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terrie says

A little on the dark side

Again I must admit CJ Petit is one of my favorite authors. Right of the start this book starts with killing and the dark ugliness of some people brought on by greed. Then just when you think it's safe and you start getting really confident one of the characters comes back to avenge the murder of not only his family but the other families also. So without giving anymore of the story away grab the book and start reading you'll find it hard to put down.

Bob Reisig says

For the most part I like Petit's stories. A couple have been less enjoyable but I think this is back to vintage Petit. Not the great American novel, never will be required for English class reading but if you are looking for an escape on a rainy afternoon or flying from here to wherever includes a long trip, then this is the type of book for you.

Petit's stories remind me of L'Amour's Sackett series except he has only one carry over character from one book to another and it's not this one. Good guy finds trouble, overcomes trouble, falls for fair damsel and let's all clap for a happy ending. If you like post Civil War era western novels then give this a shot. Remember the price you paid because you will probably find some errors that a good editor would have found and corrected but blink and they are gone.

Barbara Lee Wood says

THE REVOLUTION OF MARTY DURST

Three families get together and decide that they will drive their cattle collectively and that way they get more money. Another bigger rancher named Mayer charged them a dollar a head to drive them to Abilene the year before now he's charging them five dollars a head to include them with his cattle....greedy Mr. Mayer. Well the three families Durst, Wagner and Bauer have everything all in order and they are ready to head them out for Abilene, where the cattle buyers are located. Well, before they even cross the Wichita River, they are hit by rustlers, they didn't hear the horses nor did they see the dust, because of the six hundred head of cattle were creating a lot of dust. Bottom line these rustlers hit them fast slaughtered all the father's, friends, sons and what the rustlers didn't murder the cattle were stampeding that just mashed everybody into the hard ground...it is and was terrifying what happened. They thought that everyone was killed but that's not what happened, Marty Durst, the son Gunether Durst survived with an arm wound. He buried all of his dead friends and his father where they laid using his knife. He knew the critters would get them, but he just couldn't leave his father like that...very sad. He made it back to the ranch, but as he approached he knew was wrong. His sister Anna had accompanied the cattle drive as the cook. Marty couldn't locate the wagon so he followed the tracks and came upon his sixteen year old sister next to a tree ravaged by those men, who didn't have the decency to at least leave her cover her...no when they finished that's how they left her..disgraceful...poor Marty buries his sister places rocks on her grave and prays for his sister...all three

ranches were the same..death death death. These men who did this later blamed on the Comanches, raiding the farms. This is the LIE that rancher Mayer circulated and for nine years Marty Durst now known as Matt Dunne waited until he set out to get REVENGE for three families and he knew who created all these deaths....Mayer..

Read and it's the usual greedy men who want it all....you know the great empire which is accumulated by all means necessary...step on them, murder rape nothing is to low as long as they get what they want...those ranch hands raped poor Anna and Mayer had daughters who were around her age, no empath what so ever... They needed the" #Me To" movement these men were indescribably vile, and that's to nice of a description...a wow moment which takes your breath when EVIL takes form.

Suzanne says

The Mayer ranch was the biggest in a West Texas county that did not even have a sheriff at this time. Three am Mallet ranchers always gave their cattle to the Mayers to drive North on the big cattle drives when beef was a selling for high prices. The Mayers charged the small ranchers \$1.00 per cow. This year Mayer wanted \$5.00 per cow. The small ranchers could not make a profit and pay the \$5.00. Three families decided to make the drive themselves with a combined total of 300 cows. All the males, even 15 year old teenagers went on the drive. 16 year old Anna drove the Chuck wagon and cooked down the men. That first day they made an exhausting 50 miles but they were in good spirits and working hard. Without warning, that lets came out if the dust clouds and killed every one. 16 year old Anna was raped and killed, her naked body just discarded only five miles from home. Of course the families left behind of ranch women and small children would never know because they too would soon die and their bodies emulated to appear as if there was an Indian attack. Young Marty Dubst, Anna's 15 year old brother survived. In agonizing pain he tried to bury the remains of his family and the other families but he only had a knife for the hard ground. His father lay dead with his Cold Walker still in his holster, shot in the back. Marty walked 70 miles to his Uncle's ranch to tell him what had happened and what he must do. In pain he told his Uncle what he had vowed to do but admitted he was too young to do it well. Marty changed his name to Matt Dunne and with the support of the Box D ranch and the citizens of Clay county he planned for the day that Peter Mayer would receive the justice he promised his family.

Deborah Smiddie says

Constructive Critique

I really enjoyed the first book written by C.J. Petit. Then after reading the second and third books I was very disappointed to realize they were all almost identical plots and back-stories so much time and expense could have been saved by just changing the principles names and titles of the books.

Rita Wright says

Good story. American West.

Matt Dunne a man at age 15, He was forced into adulthood by a vicious man. The story is of greed, and the many lives it destroyed. How very dangerous to live during this time in History.

Ian Denner says

Another excellent book

This was the author that made me start reading westerns again, and I enjoyed each of his books. I hope there are many more to come and cannot wait for the next one after finishing reading the last one. After reading Mr Petit's first book I went back and started reading all of my old and classic favorites, like all the L'Amour Westerns etc.

Joe Scivally says

Not his best.

I've been a long time fan of Petit ' s books since I came across his first one and check two or three times a day every two weeks looking for his latest. This last one was full violence .that seemed like the only plot. The romance seemed too quick to be believable. I did like his horses. It reminded me of Virgil 's herd.lots of small parts were pure Petit. Seems to me that this story is week just one good guy killing everyone in sifgt. Even the high powered rifle has a minor part, and the villain had it. All told, I am disappointed, but can't wait another two weeks for the next one.

Sandra Whittiker says

Matt Dunne

Matt had literally lived through the most horrific situation that any fifteen year old boy should ever have to live through. It was no wonder the he lived his life preparing to wage war, at some time in the future. However, life and fate are fickle things to deal with, even the best of plans can be changed in a heartbeat. CJP has again put together another great read for anyone that really loves a western that involves love, loss, and revenge. BRAVO ??Absolutely!!!BRAVO ?BRAVO ?

Alfred Lamar Boatman says

It Was Slow but Finial

Has horrid as this novel started the ending was a complete finish. The story is well written with twists and turns as all C.J. Petit novels are. The characters are well developed with good guys and girls and very evil bad guys! Again Mr. Petit has hit a homerun in a story of how the West was really won!

Charles Castell says

Just another C. J. Petit masterpiece that has all a reader can ask for, as far as adventurous endeavors from beginning to end. This is an outstanding true epic of our real old western folklore. Plenty of gunplay with a lot of romancing and family-friendly excitement from beginning to end.

Never read a Petit book that wasn't a five star enterprise and this is one of his most endearing romantic releases, which only gets better with each new episode. The storylines were well thought out and unlike some westerns, it is difficult to anticipate what will occur and when. Too, as always, Mr. Petit did a magnificent job with his extraordinary character selection.

There was a lot of great research went into this excellent portrayal of our real old western folklore and the ongoing action is unsurpassed. A very wholesome western adventure with plenty of exciting lowdown infighting that will keep you glued from beginning to end!

Definitely recommend this book, and all C. J. Petit novels, to real lovers of magnificent recollection of realistic western adventures. Some of us are speed readers but not Petit's descriptive adds of real American folklore. Do yourselves a favor and read this outstanding western adventure!?

D. E. says

A Western With a Deadly Beginning and Revenge At The End

CJP. has. penned another western that has been enjoyable to read. The beginning is very deadly for three small rancher families when they attempt to do steal drive by themselves. A land grabber rancher steals the cattle and murders three families except for a young boy who grows up planning revenge for the three families. This is an excellent read for the genre.....DEHS

Frank James says

Excellent. If you enjoy reading Western novels you'll enjoy this one.

C.J. Petit is a author in league with my favorite of all times Zane Grey. I enjoy every book that he writes. This one didn't disappoint me. It is fast paced, a page turner. Five stars is not enough, but that's all that was offered. Thank you Mr. Petit.

David C. Wall, Sr. says

Hmm? The Best?

Having read a number of C. J. Petit books and being a new writer my self I have enjoyed each one. He weaves a story with twists and turns and holds true to the code of the West. The hero's are honorable the villains are dastardly the women are beautiful and the horses brave and smart also well liked. This is one of his best. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Linda Acaster says

CJ Petit is, to put it mildly, a prolific writer of post-Civil War Western fiction. ‘Matt Dunne’ is the first I’ve read of his stable, but it won’t be the last. If you like fast and furious, this is the author for you.
