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At fourteen, Luke Calloway was left for dead. Now he's on a trail of vengeance as he seeks out the men who killed his parents. He soon discovers that the person responsible is a corrupt man who wields his power to brand the young man a criminal. With revenge as his constant companions, Luke quickly finds himself playing the part of an outlaw. But love has a way of changing things. Maddie Brannigan is all her father has left but the broken-down gambler is still willing to offer his daughter as his stake in a game of chance. Deciding to take her own chances, Maddie runs away only to fall in love with a wanted man. Now both Luke and Maddie must overcome their troubled pasts if they are going to build a future together. However, history has a way of repeating itself, and bounty hunters are still looking for Luke. Can he really become a changed man?

High Stakes Details

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Lisa says

This was an enjoyable read. It was a bit rushed at the end. But, I liked it enough to read another Jennie Hansen (this was my first).

Brenda says

I enjoyed the whole struggle across the wilderness, living off the land, falling in love, overcoming tragedy,

Susan says

I don't usually read western novels, but I really liked this one about a young boy who witnessed the murder of his parents and spent four years tracking the murderer and the man who ordered the killings--a neighbor who wanted their land. It was a good adventure/romance novel.

Linda Miller says

I have read many of Jennie Hansen's books and have always enjoyed reading them--this one was a big disappointment! Very predictable story line, no character development, it reads like a book for a 4th grader!

Lindsay says

Good old-fashioned, shoot-em-up western that happens to have Mormon characters. I listened to the audiobook that had its issues, but also had its merits. If you can get over the Welsh character who sounds like she's from Australia it's not too bad.

Plot Synopsis: After spending much of his adulthood chasing the men who killed his family, Luke crosses the planes with a herd of cattle and the woman he marries in order to save her from a compromising position. They settle in Utah with hopes of starting their own ranch and Luke has a close call with a few bounty hunters before realizing a desire to reconcile with god.

Tammy says

I am not really a fan of westerns, which this turned out to be. Also, some of the storyline was hard to follow.

Liesl says

I really enjoy the Jennie Hanson books they are a fun read. I usually can hardly put them down.

Alicia says

Enjoyed the read, it was a quick unthought provoking novel. But, pleasant all the same.

Verona says

A sweet, pioneer, western story. I enjoyed listening to the experiences of this young couple as they made their way west and became interested in the Mormon faith as they lived among the people in Utah and Idaho.

Julie says

I checked this one out for my daughter, but as I needed something I didn't have to concentrate too hard on during swimming lessons, I grabbed this. A western with a gentle romance. Although this is a LDS author, I didn't find it dripping with the things that generally annoy me in this genre.

Melissa says

I read this after I read Wild Card. I think I would have enjoyed it more if i had read them in the right order. I enjoyed it, but I wish there was more at the end--an epilogue or a sequel about Luke and Maddie or even one of their children later!

Susan says

Luke and Maddie are two good young people running away and wind up together unexpectedly. They mend each other's hearts and their lives are better for it.

Tori says

This is a true western, not one of my favorites but my kids really enjoyed the story

Becky Fenton says

Typical LDS fiction...everything turns out okay in the end. Another cut and paste novel.

Athena says

I listened to this on CD. I think it would have been better reading it. I listened while on my morning walk and got distracted a few times and had to go back and listen to parts a second time. It was a good story, I just felt like it ended and wrapped everything up so quickly.
