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The Burning Hills: A Novel



Synopsis

Wounded, dehydrated, and escaping a violent feud with the men of Bob Sutton's ranch, Trace Jordan is near collapse when he descends from the heat of the desert into a cool, secluded canyon. He wakes to find a beautiful woman gently caring for his injuries. Maria Cristina and her family have also suffered at the hands of Sutton and his men. The experience has left her hostile and defiant. But Jordan sees another side of Maria, and the more time they spend together, the greater his concern for her safety becomes. Sutton's men are watching and waiting for him to show himself. If he escapes, Maria will be left behind to face their brutality. But if he convinces her to join him, he will be leading her into a heat-blasted, waterless desert. And if that doesn't kill them, the Apaches will.

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Customer Reviews

Man on the run... Badly wounded, fleeing from his implacable enemies, Trace Jordan tried to escape into the burning heat of the Texas Flat. There, in an isolated homestead, he found safety... and Maria Cristina, the extraordinary woman who nursed him back to health. But it was inevitable that his pursuers would find him. When they did, Trace knew it would be deadly foolish to take Maria Cristina with him... and maybe worse to leave her behind. It had been simple before--run or die. Now Trace Jordan had a hard choice to make. What would he do? What could he do? --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Our foremost storyteller of the authentic West, Louis L'Amour has thrilled a nation by chronicling

the adventures of the brave men and women who settled the American frontier. There are more than 300 million copies of his books in print around the world. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

No one writes a laconic Western hero like L'Amour does. Though told with minimal dialogue, the drama, adventure, mystery, and romance don't let go of the reader's attention for a minute. This is not my favorite L'Amour story, it has all the classic elements of his great cowboy stories. If you've never read a Louis L'Amour story, start today. Your education about the west is . Not complete until you do.

I always love a Louis L'Amour book. This one was especially interesting. This is the usual cowboy story but has love interest with a fiery woman. There were horses stolen by a big ranch or really by a few hands and the owner's nephew. Jordan, the hero, also lost his partner who had been with the horses. When he called the owner of the Sutton ranch for riding one of his stolen horses he was called a liar and was drawn on. Sutton died and men came out trying to kill him and he ran. They followed having a half-Indian tracker. The rest is his escape through desert and Apache area. The woman, Mexican and Indian, Maria Christina, escaped from men trying to get her to tell where he was going. They were going to wait for him to come back as they knew he would come back for her as she would be worth it. However one of them wanted to hurt her as she was not interested in him and looked down on him. I Don't want to tell too much of the story. It is certainly worth reading, particularly if you are a L'Amour fan. My husband and I are, along with my step sons and my late in-laws. Had my mother been aware of him I know she would have been a fan. I hadn't t read this one before though I often read them over if I Don't have something new and also exciting. Happy reading.

I was disappointed in the one from Louis L'Amour. It moved very slowly and the story was dull. Even the ending was unsatisfying because it lacked a sense of optimism and future growth.

Louis L'Amour is a good writer, who's books are predictable and fun to read. If you want unexpected plot twists and bad guys to be heros pick another author.

I'm a big fan of the late Louis L'Amour, one of America's great authors. I've read 21 of his Western novels, dozens of his short stories, 5 non western novels and his first book....poems. One of my

favorite authors. All of his works I've read so far are 5 or 4 stars. See my reviews. The Burning Hills was one of his earlier works and one of the better ones of his I've read. Lots of action and good scenery description. We see Trace Jordan and his friend having the Mustang horses they found and collected stolen and his friend killed. Trace kills one of the men responsible and a posse comes to kill him. We see them hunting him with an expert tracker. Trace comes across a beautiful Mexican woman that he eventually falls in love with but she is a wildcat and needs tender training and a loving hand. Eventually after she gives him food and cleans his wound and Trace has time to recuperate a little from being shot, he becomes the hunter of the men hunting him. Lots of gunfighting and survival scenes. I won't say too much and ruin the story for you. Another great Western by INMO one of America's great authors and THE best Western author Louis L'Amour. Rated 5 stars

Here one is. You simply can't go wrong with this author if you enjoy Westerns. This is a entertaining story with several strong characters. It is written very well, with descriptive language and natural word choices. The story flows smoothly, making it a pleasure to read. This is probably the third or fourth time I have read this story, and I still enjoyed it. I have almost all of Mr. L'Amour's books and have read them all several times. Unfortunately for me, I have them in paper format and although I am ready to go through them again, I have been spoiled by the advent of electronic readers. So, it was with great pleasure that I found this e-book at a reasonable price. Highly recommended.

When you can literally smell and taste the dust, sweat, flowers, new rain, and feel muscles strain and a need for a cold drink of water along with feeling frustration, apprehension, anger, yearning, etc as you read you know that you are enjoying a master story teller, as Louis L'Amour has been.

A fine novel of a not-exactly innocent man working his way out of a tense situation. Trace Jordan is guilty of his actions, yet was totally justified. The standard good guy-bad guys- good woman plot is handled in an totally acceptable way. I enjoyed Louis L'Amour's handling of the story. I've seldom been disappointed by this author's storytelling.

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