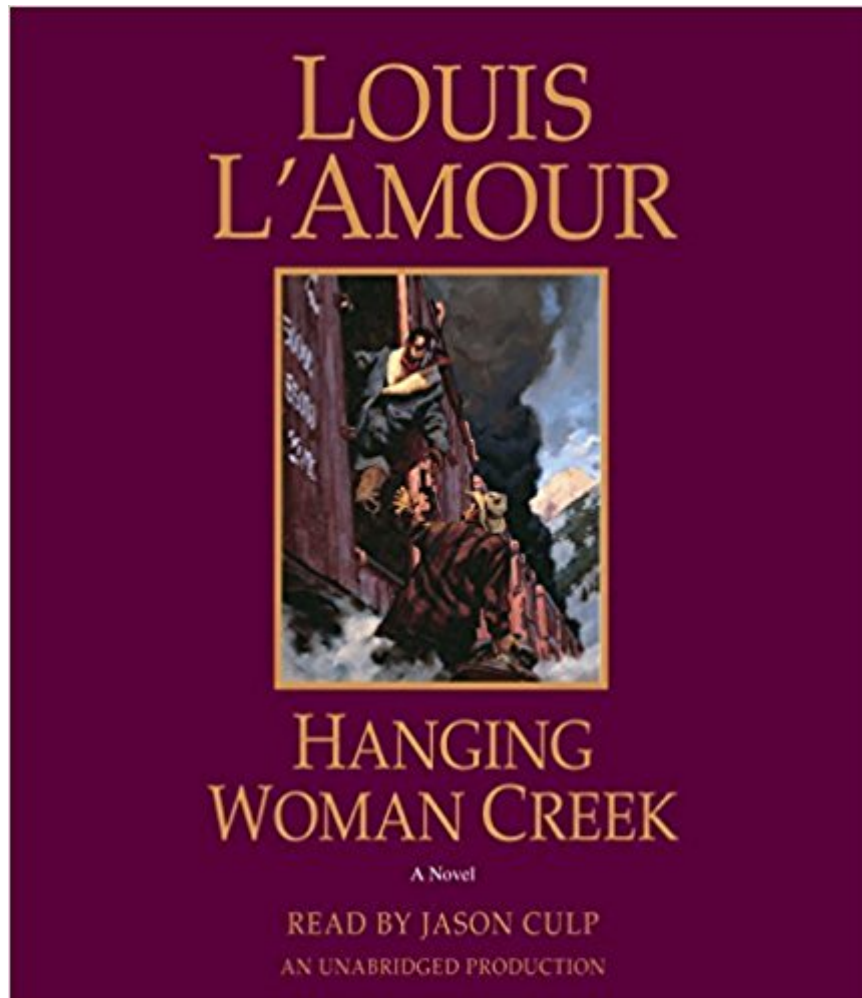




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Pronto Pike catches a ride on a freight train and meets up with Eddie Holt -- cook, boxer and best partner he's ever had. They take on a job guarding an overwintering herd of cattle lest they get rustled. Well, sure enough, the rustlers appear. The local ranchers gather a bunch of vigilantes to round up the rustlers....but what it really amounts to is covering up their own dirty work. One of Pike's friends, a nester, gets burned out and that's when Pronto gets good and mad. Thanks to some great descriptive prose, you will be shivering right along with Pronto and Eddie and the Farleys as they try to keep from freezing and out of the clutches of the vigilantes. Maybe you can't quite imagine yourself in one of those saddles blowing on your fingers to ward off frostbite. But then again maybe you can. ;) An interesting side point is the character, Lottie. The prospects for the mentally ill didn't amount to much back then, but Pronto steps up and gives Lottie some words of wisdom to point her in a new direction. Nice moment.

It is all here: unscrupulous ranchers, evil rustlers, capable lawmen, a pretty girl, and a cowboy hero with a sidekick you wish would have more of a part to play. This is solid, Hollywood Western fare and there is nothing wrong with that. The hero could have been played by Randolph Scott. .

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

Excellent (and more introspective than the normal Louis L'Amour) story. The characters are believable (as much as I adore the Sacketts, in this book Mr. L'Amour explores a hero without extraordinary skills who, at the age of 30 may discover a direction for his life instead of just drifting) and the motivations ring true. The conditions and complexities of the (late) frontier are wonderfully brought to life. I think this book has become my new favorite!

5 star. Realistic story about two very decent people, Eddie and Pronto, who help each other survive a very difficult time. and Eddie gives Pronto a push in just the right direction to forever change his life. There is enough evil to go a long way in making you really want the worst to happen to the bad guys.

This book kept me wondering where it was going, and: really kept me interested. I will read it again before long.

It's about the west and what it took to survive as a cowboy. About law when there isn't much law. It's a murder mystery. It's a book by Louis L'Amour so you never really sure what to expect except a good read.

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