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Kindness Goes Unpunished: A Walt Longmire Mystery



Synopsis

Craig Johnson's Walt Longmire mysteries are critically acclaimed. Longmire's third outing takes him from Wyoming to Philadelphia to investigate a brutal assault on his daughter Cady. Walt believes her ex-boyfriend is behind the crime, and searches him out. But when he turns up dead, Walt is back to square one. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Walt Longmire goes to the big city in this one. In some ways, the story was intriguing. In other ways, it was a turn-off for me. Perhaps because I only read novels late at night when my brain is shutting down, the plot seemed too hard to follow, with too many characters. (This from someone who generally dislikes simple plots and too few characters.) Or maybe it was just too implausible that the sheriff from Wyoming and his sidekick Indian companion should stumble into a plot in Philly that ultimately involved horses and Indians. In short, better than your average murder mystery, but not 5-star.

I'm working my way through all of Craig Johnson's books. I liked the show based on the books, but I really like the characters in the series. It has laugh out loud moments, suspense and well-defined characters. The author does a great job of giving life to the modern American West and I not only like that, it is familiar (I'm from Utah). I will continue reading the series.

Philadelphia is a far cry from Sheriff Walt Longmire's Absaroka County in Wyoming. He, accompanied by Henry Standing Bear and his canine friend named Dog, drive there to see Walt's daughter, Cady, who has been severely beaten and is now hospitalized. Cady has no speaking role in this book because she's in a coma so Walt and Henry take the initiative and join forces with Philadelphia's finest to find the person who did this to her. Walt soon comes into contact with Lena Moretti, mother of Deputy Victoria "Vic" Moretti whom Lena calls "Terror." Also in the Moretti family of police officers are Lena's husband and several sons. Michael is one of these sons and becomes interested in Cady, often standing a lonely vigil at her bedside. Vic, not wanting to be left out of the picture, joins Walt and Henry in Philadelphia and helps in the expanding police efforts. One of the best things about this particular Longmire adventure is watching the machinations of the Moretti family and how Vic becomes jealous of what might be going on between Walt and her mother. The action is kicked off smartly when Cady's boyfriend, Devon Conliffe, is thrown off a bridge. It's a complicated plot that mixes metropolitan city police work with old fashioned western sheriff sleuthing. The author provides an epilogue which helps to understand what went on, just in case you didn't completely understand the whole story like I did.

Wonderful books series...the TV series was good but these books with accompanying audio book are awesome..A combination of Hi Drama, western wit and very well fleshed out characters. Having Lived on Montana and knowing Wyoming the descriptions of the scene are spot on. I only wish they had made these in movies with all the intense drama and quiet western wit.

If you like Craig Johnson's work you're gonna like this. If you admire Sherif Longmire then again you're going to like this it keeps you on your toes, it's funny and it's an easy read I really have enjoyed the series. I would recommend this book to anyone.

The third installment of the Longmire series takes reader and writer a little outside of the Longmire comfort zone when Walt and Henry travel to Philadelphia to catch killers and the like. "Kindness Goes Unpunished" is an entertaining read, but just doesn't carry the same punch and spark that was evident in the first two books. Trapped in the city environs, and out of his jurisdiction, here Longmire takes on the feel of an aging, cantankerous grandfather. What is really lacking in the third book, at

least in comparison to the first two, is the stellar dialog and the depth of interaction that was the hallmark of the first Longmire. The story line with Vic takes an interesting turn, and that is always fun. Still looking forward to the rest of the series, but "Kindness Goes Unpunished" felt a little bit phoned in, and maybe Johnson should be punished a little as a result.

This is the third book of the Longmire series, and in my opinion, it was excellent. In this book, Walt and his bff, Henry Standing Bear, travel to Philadelphia to visit Cady (Walt's daughter), and no sooner do they arrive than Cady is viciously attacked and left for dead. As she lies in a coma in the ICU, Walt begins to do some investigating of his own to try to discover who has done this and why. With each book, Johnson's characters become more complex, and it's so interesting as more of their back stories unfold. I especially love seeing Henry's mystical/spiritual side. I have thoroughly enjoyed each of the first 3 books! The only drawback is, I don't want to run out of Longmire books to read. Hopefully, Craig Johnson will keep writing for many years to come. Give these books a try...you won't be disappointed!

The Longmire series is even better than the TV Show. We enjoy the same characters, but with more of the Sheriff's introspection about the purpose of community and a deep respect for Native culture.

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