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William W. Johnstone, the USA Today bestselling master of the epic Western, continues the saga of the four O'Brien brothers--bravehearted men working and fighting the untamed lands of New Mexico Territory to build a dream of America.

The Hangman Cometh. . .

When a farmer's wife is murdered, an innocent man is accused: Patrick O'Brien. The book-loving brother had shared his love of literature with the woman, but her husband claims she spurned Pat's advances and that's why he killed her. Now it looks like Patrick will swing from the gallows--especially after his lawyer is targeted, too. Pat's brothers try to track down the real killer, but time is running out. A team of hired guns has come to town, and they're choking the family ranch like a noose. For the brothers O'Brien, it's judgment day. And justice will be served--in a hellstorm of blood and bullets. . .

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Steve Markham says

I m enjoying this series so far and finding the period in America quite interesting. I've not read anything of this nature before and don't know much about American history etc and haven't read much American western literature either.

Angelica says

My first western book in a very long time. I really enjoyed it.

Barbara Lee Wood says

EVIL IS AS EVIL WAS

Satanic worshippers with HELL as their main focus. Lots of twists and turns with evil as the main course of action. The O'Brien Clan lead by the father Shamus O'Brien who owns Dromore, his family ranch. Reading this adventure you would never think the plot would be about Satanism. This is a real head Turner, keeps you in suspended throughout the adventure.

I'm sure we will read more about the O'Brien Clan. Each son can hold their own, they are a power to reckon with. Let NOTHING surprise you as you join the clan on their journey to fight the EVIL that's trying to destroy them and Dromore.

.....This author brings it to the table.....

Duane says

From The Spur & Lock Mercantile (<http://spurandlock.blogspot.com/2012/...>

One can easily argue that every one of the various WWJ series is in some way or other a family saga. One of the two newest WWJ series has its feet firmly planted in the family saga mold, that of The Brothers O'Brien. The opening book of the series describes the establishing of the O'Brien clan's ranch, Dromore, by Shamus, his wife Saraid, and his segundo Luther Ironside. Four boys are born to the O'Briens before the death of the missus, and this band of gritty men face off any threats to their independence or the well-being of Dromore.

In both of the series' first two novels, the villains are truly evil. In the first novel, a scheming daughter of a Mexican landowner brings about the death of her own father as she schemes to bring the wealth of the O'Briens under her control. In the second, honest-to-goodness Satan worshippers plot revenge on the O'Briens for the hanging of family member after caught rustling ten years earlier. One wonders if this O'Briens-against-the-forces-of-Hell's-evils will be a continuing theme for the series. The writing styles for the two books differ, suggesting two ghost-writers are behind the books, but the characterizations are consistent, and J.A. Johnstone or someone has done a good job checking continuity. The various members of

the cast are engaging and entertaining to follow in their interactions with one another and with other characters. Like other WWJ series, this one likely will go long and far.

Randy says

A farmer's wife is murdered viciously after being raped and a poker left sticking from her and three witnesses, one of them the bible-thumping husband of the dead woman, claimed to have seen Patrick O'Brien, the refined, book-loving brother of the clan racing from the barn. He claimed to have found the body, going there to give the woman a reading lesson, and found her. Jacob was tried and convicted by the Georgetown Vigilance Committee and scheduled to hang in a week.

The Colonel, old Shamus O'Brien, had vowed from his wheelchair that the town would burn before he would allow his innocent son to hang. Shawn and Samuel were with their father and the wandering brother Jacob had been sent for.

The family lawyer claims to have found something that would clear Patrick but needed to make sure before he told them. He was found murdered in his office, his throat cut.

Also, a gang of gunmen had showed up in town and were pressing. Dromore, the O'Brien ranch was under assault by a vicious woman and her brother, all part of a revenge plot.

It's up to the O'Brien clan to clear it all up before the hanging can happen.

Earl says

Good read

Good character development; interesting story line but easy to follow . Somewhat mystical but interesting. Easy reading and can be completed in 1-2 sit downs.

larry brashear says

Outstanding!

This is a fine tale of Western lore, of good winning over evil. It is written and edited well and is exciting and interesting all the way through.

C. Stuchl says

I have quite a few of Johnstone's books, both book and audiobook. This is one of the best I have read in a while. The element of evil and the final result of what revenge and hate can do. A touch of supernatural was

perfect.

Steph says

A good addition to the O'Brien saga, we're introduced to a slight supernatural/otherworldly element that is handled very well, it doesn't intrude or take the reader out of the old west or realistic setting, but makes one wonder. We get more insight to the characters we were introduced to in the first book as well as a few new additions. I really like the banter between Jacob and Shawn and enjoy all their scenes together. The story was interesting, action filled and mysterious - a good combination.

Sharon Oliver says

WOW!

I think this series is my favorite so far. I am disappointed ? that book 3 is not available in a kindle edition. Guess I will go on to book 4. Love these characters and their complexity.

Brenda Taylor says

Unusually Good

This book was a great read from the very beginning. And a very unusual western read. I can't say enough about this great read. You have to read this one.

Roger Russell says

Excellent read

Good, hard to put down read. I recommend it highly with all its twists and turns. More than the typical western shoot em up.

Christopher Taylor says

I've read quite a few Johnstone westerns (or at least westerns by several people named Johnstone, as it seems to be a family effort). They are enjoyable enough pulpy romances (not romantic content but romanticized versions of history and people). This is the best of the ones I have read.

The heroes in this book are the O'Brian family, but they aren't glowing lantern-jawed saints who never miss and are only winged by a shot once in a while. They're big ranchers, with a father who is a bit harsh in his treatment of others, having hanged many rustlers and who dominates the territory. In fact, the bad guys stand

out from the O'Brian family more by being so incredibly evil than by the heroes being so saintly.

The main characters are more human than previous Johnstone books, and some of them go through some pretty rough situations.

Of particular enjoyment were the minor side characters who in a paragraph or two are fascinating and memorable without being caricatures or comedy relief. Some of the dialog truly sparkled and left me with a grin.

There were some unambiguous supernatural moments in the story which might make some uncomfortable or annoyed, but which fit the times and the characters well in my opinion.

Ian D. Fetigan says

Good read

My first William Johnstone and I enjoyed it. The writing puts you in the moment and carries you through the story..
