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Join the fun. Ride along with Jesse and Frank James and the Younger brothers as they share in the adventures of The Lone Jack Kid. This was wartime and men lived and died fighting their enemy . . . and sometimes they died fighting each other. Cole looked at the men, raised his hand, and said in a voice loud enough for everyone in the room to hear, "Don't do it, boys. Sturman was a yellow cur, and a deserter, and you don't have to die trying to avenge the likes of him. There were seven Indians and they were standing around two semi-naked white women who appeared to be a mother and daughter. Charlie took a deep breath and let it out slowly. Then he aimed - - and fired, and fired, and fired again, repeatedly. He dropped four of the Indians before they knew what hit them. Then he charged into the clearing and shot another Indian reaching for his gun. "My name is Charles Longstreet." The men looked at each other as recognition set in. "You're the Lone Jack Kid?" The Kid smiled. "The one and only." He pulled his hat off of his head and waved it in the air, then he gave the Rebel yell. "See you money grubbers in hell, boys." He jerked the reins, and nudged Comet with his heels. She turned her head and leaped into the bubbling stream with water as high as the stirrups, and dashed across, splashing tendrils of water high in the air on both sides of her. It was an impressive display of horsemanship, and the toll collectors watched with grudging admiration.

## **The Adventures of the Lone Jack Kid Details**

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**Rebecca Larsen says**

5 Star

Meet Charles Longstreet. During the Civil War, he was involved in a shoot out with John Sturman. Just after Sturman dies, three of his friends enter the saloon and challenge Charles. With Cole Younger and Ned Buntline backing him, Charles shoots all three of the challengers. Little did he know that Ned was a reporter and would be writing a story about him.

After the war ended, Charles heads to Virginia City to help his brother Bob. Along the way he is challenged to numerous gunfights, and also helps a lot of people who are in tough situations. After one such shootout, he finds out from the sheriff of the dime novel that Ned had written. He curses Ned for the problems he has caused.

After getting to Virginia City and learning of his brothers troubles, Charles decides he needs help from his friends, the Younger brother and the James brothers, so he sends Cole Younger a wire. The James-Younger gang arrives and things heat up even more.

This is one Western that I have to compare to Louis Lamour's work. The writing style itself compares to those of Lamour's Sackett series. Mr. Corso has a lot of potential with his Old West novels.

Some of my favorite quotes from the book are -

"Some people don't believe in a God. Some don't believe that Jesus ever existed. Well, I have a surprise for those folks. Whether Jesus existed or didn't exist doesn't matter because it is one and the same."

"That's easy, Jesse, We're gonna sell him back his life in exchange for his wealth."

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**Susan Keefe says**

Action packed Western

With the Civil War raging around and death a normal occurrence, knowing whom you can trust can mean the

difference between life and death. When a stranger stands beside Charles Longstreet in Lone Jack, Missouri during a gunfight, neither man could possibly realise how the events that day will shape both their futures.

The story which follows, is a brilliant Wild West adventure, with a strong storyline, which quickly immerses the reader into what life was like at that time. A time when cowboys and Indians ruled the Wild West, gunslingers and sheriffs are in every town, love is to be taken when it can, lawlessness is at a peak and life is cheap.

Even if you are not a Wild West fan already, you will be when you've read this book, which contains many of the names of legend along with a new one the Lone Jack Kid.

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### **Jo-Anne Vandermeulen says**

Very Fast Paced & Enjoyable Action Packed Wild West Adventure!

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### **Peter Cornell says**

**Ok**

Not really what I expected but a simple enough read. The story sort of waffles around adventure and romance. All in all it was weak.

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### **Joe Corso says**

I love westerns but I had never written one before. Knowing that it would be very different from anything I've written I decided to go ahead with the project. With that decision made, I sat down and began to ponder what I would write about. After a night of tossing and turning I had an idea. I decided that my hero would have a name with the word "Kid" in it. So I tried thinking of a name I could put in front of "Kid", like the Sundance Kid or the Cisco Kid and - well you get the idea. It took a while because all of the names I came up with had been used in movies. But after much research I discovered a little known Civil War battle that took place in the little town of Lone Jack, Missouri. Thus the Lone Jack Kid was about to be born.

When I read that Frank James, Cole Younger, Bloody Bill Anderson and Quantrill all were directly or indirectly involved in that battle, that got my attention. Cole Younger displayed an act of bravery when he rode between the battle lines delivering ammunition to the Rebels while the Yankees kept shooting blistering volleys at him. Two bullets cut through his clothing and came close to killing him. When they saw that they weren't successful in killing him, or even wounding him, the Yanks recognized his bravery and applauded him. I knew right then and there that this was the way my book would start. So I created the character Charles Longstreet and made the James and Youngers friends of his.

I'm not going to give the plot away but I'll give you a hint. Charlie Longstreet becomes The Lone Jack Kid. He becomes a legend without knowing it and how he became a legend is part of the fun. . . . I had fun writing this book and I know you'll have fun reading it.

