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Apache Country



Synopsis

Danger is waiting to strike in the Sonoran Desert When the part-time cavalry scout Murphy agrees to ride out and warn the Arizona settlers that Apaches have jumped their reservation, he isn't expecting any trouble. The worst that might happen is the Indians come after his scalp. But when he runs into the beautiful Rosemary, he finds himself pitted against ruthless enemies of every kind. Kidnappers, comancheros and renegade Apaches are on his trail - and after his blood. But most implacable of all, there is the Sonoran Desert itself, where everything that grows either bites, stings or scratches. It has claimed many victims over the years and Murphy could be next. Murphy needs all his skill and wit about him if he is to have any hope of survival. Apache Country is a brilliantly authentic tale of the Old West, combining meticulous research with gripping story-telling. Praise for Christopher Kenworthy 'A thrilling read.' - Robert Foster, acclaimed author of The Lunar Code. 'Kenworthy is a craftsman and entertainer.' - Richard Foreman, bestselling author of The Sword of Rome series Christopher Kenworthy was a journalist and novelist. His other Westerns include Last Shot and Hired Gun, and he has also written two naval fiction series - the John Paul Jones adventures and the In the Dark of the Moon saga. Pioneering Press is an imprint of Endeavour Press, the UK's leading independent digital publisher. We publish new and classic westerns by authors from the US and the UK.

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Customer Reviews

Christopher Kenworthy does a spectacular job using descriptive language in this western tale. With his opening scenes, you are drawn into his tale set in the Arizona Territory in the Sonoran Desert and around the town of Tumacacori. We immediately learn a little about this town and the surrounding towns and their short-lived histories. Vivid scenes help the reader to picture the desert terrain and what life would be like for the Indians and soldiers near the protecting forts. In the opening chapter we meet Murphy, a part-time skilled Army scout, who is on a mission alerting surrounding settlers of the potential threat from marauding Indians. Likewise, we meet Rosemary, who has hooked up with the Davey family heading to Mexico in search of their fortune. Rosemary helps the family with the cooking, cleaning and schooling of their children. I like the way Kenworthy creates intrigue with the introduction of Rosemary as he does not give us any particulars about her identity. All we know about her is her name and what she does but not her capacity. This we learn later. Not too long into the story, we meet three antagonists who impose themselves into this group. They eventually commandeer this group. From their actions, Kenworthy, builds tension by hinted as to the motives of these three. The other characters quickly pick up that their intent may not be friendly. There is a foreboding of evil. Rosemary and Murphy are thrown together in an unusual manner. The rest of the book expands on their meeting and journey. Together, they face many perilous threats. What actually becomes of these two? Can they survive the Sonoran Desert? To find out what they have in mind, you have to read this book. Kenworthy is masterful in his use of descriptive language.

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