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In **Lonely on the Mountain**, Louis L'Amour's solitary wandering Sackett brothers make a stand together—to save one of their own.

The rare letters Tell Sackett received always had trouble inside. And the terse note from his cousin Logan is no exception. Logan faces starvation or a hanging if Tell can't drive a herd of cattle from Kansas to British Columbia before winter. To get to Logan, he must brave prairie fires, buffalo stampedes, and Sioux war parties. But worse trouble waits, for a mysterious enemy shadows Sackett's every move across the Dakotas and the Canadian Rockies. Tell Sackett has never abandoned another Sackett in need. He will bring aid to Logan—or die trying.

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Allen says

I started this book 30 years ago and couldn't finish. Now that I am old and mellow, I tried again. No one knowledgeable of western Canadian history or geography should read this book. Now, if you can't find Winnipeg on a map, think Louis Riel is pronounced Lewis Reel and that Barkerville is a cool name of a dog kennel, go ahead and read it. Likely won't kill you.

Ruth says

I love all of the Sacketts, but the brothers Tell, Tyrel, and Orrin might be my favorites (other than Flagan and Galloway, of course). If there's anything to dislike about this book, though, it's the weird shifting back and forth between first and third person narrative. L'Amour does this from time to time, and I never like it.

Judge says

This was the first Sackett's book I've read. I had seen the TV mini series so going in I was familiar with the Sackett Family. It was a quick read, not an action packed read, but a good story that quickly gets wrapped up in the last few pages.

Oleta Blaylock says

It is a sad day that I have finished the last of the Sackett series. It would have been so nice to find out what happened to all the boys and if they ever found a wife and a place to settle and have children. I love these books very much. I think that the best part is that the whole bunch were willing to drop everything and go off to help a family member in trouble.

Logan is in trouble and needs cattle. His message finds Tell, Orrin, Tyrel and Cap Roundtree delivering cattle to the railhead. Well the boys pick up the outfit and head for the Dakota Territory where they buy a herd of steers from the Indians. Orrin heads up river on a river boat hoping to find supplies, horse and more men to finish the drive. The boys are headed in the far reaches of British Columbia and they are faced with the perils of the wilderness and a bunch of outlaws that want to stop them.

This is a quick read for me because there always seemed to be something that I had to find out how it worked out all through the story. There is a stampede. There are several ambushes. There are wolves and grizzlies and mosquitos. There are swamps and days of little water or game. It is one of Louis L'Amour stories so there is much about the country and the history. I enjoyed this story a great deal and as I said I am sad that will be no other books about the Sacketts.

Kayla says

Good book! But I thought the ending was rushed and hastily put together. The entire book was about the Sacketts and their friends driving a herd of cattle to British Columbia and then the last four pages covered their arrival and the defeat of the bad guys. It was a little confusing and like I said: rushed. I would have liked more details about in the ending.

Tom Gerkin says

Have always love Louis L'Amour novels and this one is in the top 15 or so of his books. Read another author named Kurt James whose books are Louis L'Amour like if you are looking for someone who writes on par with his stories. Writers like L'Amour, Kurt James, Max Brand, Zane Grey have always been my favorite type of stories.

Paulette Kirkham says

All of L'Amour's books are great reads, but some more than others. This was one of the "some." well written plot, believable characters, set in historical Canada and the Dakota's. Great read.

John says

This is not one of the best Sackett novels. It starts well but the ending is disjointed. To me it appears the author decided to cut the story short with many loose ends not tied together.

Violet says

I like all of L'Amour's books but I thought this one was rather thin. The plot was okay ... they received a letter from Logan that he needed Tell to drive some cattle to where he is. The drive was hard and they had some problems with bandits and indians, but as westerns go, this one was pretty tame.

Charles says

A Sackett book. Most of the Sackett series is pretty darn good, and this one is too, even though it's not among my favorites in the series.

Jean says

This final novel (chronologically) in the Sackett series kept me turning pages until the end. It reunites Tell, Tye, and Orrin Sackett who are coming to the rescue of Logan Sackett. The cattle drive part was interesting as was the intrigue that threatened the success of the drive.

I like the description of the land and the details about the drive. My only regret is that there are no more books in the series to read. I thought there was more story to tell.

If you like Westerns, then you will like this book. If you are a fan of the Sackett series, then this is a must read.

Keith Bell says

Read everything Louis wrote as my father did and his father before him. Cut my teeth on my first L'Amour western at the age of 6 (truth). The Sackett's are just great stories. Had to look at the copyright date of this and compare it to Lonesome Dove as many plot points and situations are similar. L'Amour wins.. 5 years BEFORE Lonesome Dove.

Joel Thimell says

The Sacketts series by Louis L'Amour are some of my favorite Western novels. Unfortunately, "Lonely on the Mountain" did not live up to the earlier books.

The plot was good, but the action became very repetitive, and the ending felt very rushed.

Robert Ongley says

Another good Western by Louis L'Amour. I read one or two of these per year, on the average, because it's an effortless, entertaining read. I grew up during the height of the Western movie and TV era, so this is a nostalgic experience for me to read these.

This is one of the series that involves the Sackett family, a Tennessee mountain clan that's close-knit, but spread around the country now. It's a story of a cattle drive that starts on the plains, but the destination is British Columbia, Canada. One of the relatives has sent out a message that he urgently needs a big herd brought there before winter sets in, but the communication is brief and mysterious. Those receiving it know it has to be serious and of great import for him to make such an outrageous request. It's a straightforward tale with good men, bad men, strong women, Indians and lots of adventure in the great outdoors. It's honest storytelling that gives readers like me satisfaction with old-fashioned, feel-good elements.

I have to mention also that L'Amour always throws in some evolving concepts with certain characters to give them some depth and shows them to be a bit ahead of their times. Additionally, he provides an occasional, surprising historical fact to educate us in a way that brings more pleasure to the read. I definitely recommend this book.

John Colson says

Classic L'Amour. Have always loved his imagery and the way he weaves his stories. The Sackett stories have always been my favorites from his offerings, as well. I seldom read western novels anymore, but I loved them as a kid and young adult; and if that is the genre you are seeking, Zane Gray and several others have done good work - but Louis L'Amour has always been the at the top of that heap in my opinion.
