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Ranger Andy Pickard and his partner, Logan Daggett, are sent to central Texas to investigate a series of killings and cattle thefts. The two biggest cattlemen in the area blame each other for the violence, but it seems to Andy that neither man may be guilty.

The case is complicated by the rise of a gang of "regulators" --masked vigilantes--and the arrival of a notorious hired gunman whose employer is unknown. The murder of a captured regulator and a standoff in the county jail wind up bringing to justice the men responsible for the killings and thievery.

Among the culprits is a man whose guilt no one would have guessed, and among the ironies of the case is a telegram to the Rangers from the State of Texas notifying them that their services are no longer required.

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Clara Roberts says

This was a good book about early Texas history. It was a good portrayal of the Texas Rangers. I could almost feel that I was there. This book was a good example of descriptive writing. If I were teaching in High School this could be an excellent example of that genre. It was a pleasant and relaxing read. There were no significant comment and the book had no value other than escape reading.

George L Holmgreen says

Sorry this is last TX Ranger novel

Have enjoyed the series. Will be hard put to find a good replacement for Kelton's tales of the Lone Star state.

SamT says

This is the last book Elmer Kelton wrote before he died in 2009 and the ninth in the "Ranger Series". Texas Ranger Andy Pickard is assigned a new partner, Logan Daggett, and they are dispatched to Central Texas to calm a situation between feuding ranchers. Cattle thefts, shootings, and other violence are blamed on stubborn ranchers, McIntosh and Teal.

The Rangers discover that the trouble is actually caused by vigilantes who are trying to put the ranchers out of business. The Rangers work becomes complicated when Daggett falls in love with and marries Teal's widowed daughter.

A hired gun appears on the scene who turns to be a boyhood friend of Daggett. The two had gone their separate ways and Daggett finds it hard to remember they were ever friends.

"I'll probably have to kill him sooner or later," says Daggett. "If your best dog gets the hydrophobia, you have to shoot it no matter how much you hate to. I am afraid he has turned into a hydrophobia dog."

Walter Danley says

Kelton rocks! The story continues character Andy Pickard & introduces Logan Daggett, Texas Rangers sent to stop two families fighting over land. Finding the culprits and bringing peace to the valley requires Logan to take a wife, the families to bury the age old hatchet and Andy to get fired from the Rangers by bean counters in Austin. Heads roll, but a most satisfactory story gets told.

Kristina says

Really liked it and I wasn't sure I would. Westerns can be a good read and I may have to look into more. I'd

like to go back and read the rest of the series to see what made Andy Pickard the Ranger and man he is.

Kathy says

Great Western. Love the characters, the story and the pace of the plot.

Frederick Danysh says

Texas Ranger Andy Pickard is newly married when he is sent to Central Texas with his new partner Logan Daggett to put a stop to vigilante violence. The Rangers land right in the middle of a feud between two families. Everytime they get close to the vigilantes, the witness is murdered.

Mary L. says

Elmer Kelton has done it again with this story of the Texas Rangers. Both the characters and the events ring true to life. I love the fact that although Andy was raised by the Comanches he can't track, so his partner has to do it. I also love that Carrie is so strong and really manages to do her part in stopping the feud in her family.

Harry Lane says

Elmer Kelton ranks alongside Louis L'Amour. Well-told tale.

Melody says

Did not like the reader - too halting. Good story.

Dennis O'Daniel says

Kelton is such a good storyteller

Jeff Tonkinson says

I could guess 90% of the plot very early in this book, but that's OK. The good guys are good and the bad guys are bad, predictably so. That made it a comfortable, relaxing book to read. It the book seemed to stay in

its time period with language and action. No profanity that I can recall. Bad people get shot but not in any gory way.

A great relaxing vacation kind of read.

Jeff Dickison says

Kelton is a great writer and this is a great story, the last he wrote. Ranger Pickard and his new partner, Logan Daggett, are sent to central Texas to diffuse a budding range war. Daggett believes that a well placed bullet keeps soft-hearted judges from releasing violent criminals back into society. They find an active vigilante committee is working both sides of the feud, intending to enrich themselves after each of the two sides has been defeated. Great story with wonderful human observations. Highly recommended to anyone, not just western fans.

Timothy Roark says

So, So

I have loved the "Ranger" Series but this kind of let me down. I will continue reading this series at least one more book.

Michael Wilson says

Elmer Kelton is one of the best writers of the western genre. However, he is the most descriptive writer I know. Read him!!
