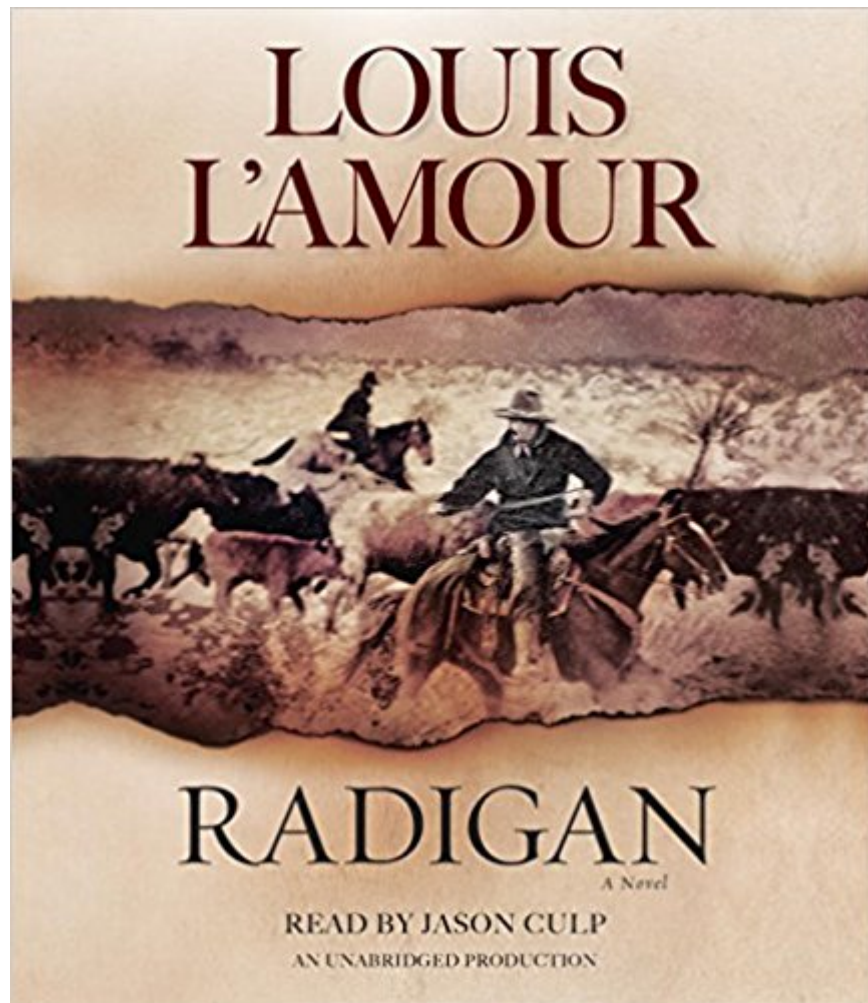




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Synopsis

When beautiful Angelina Foley presents Tom Radigan with a Spanish grant and claims ownership of his land, he realizes he's up against a cunning and deadly opportunist. Foley wants him off Vache Creek immediately, and with three thousand head of cattle, an outfit of hardcase gunfighters, and winter coming on, she is unwilling to take no for an answer. But Radigan has worked four hard years building up his ranch. Fighting for it "and, if he has to, killing for it" is something he is more than willing to do. If Angelina Foley and her men think he is the kind of man to give up without a fight, they are dead wrong.

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Customer Reviews

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L'Amour isn't going to blow anyone away with elegant prose. There were times I had to re-read a sentence multiple times to get the meaning due to missed punctuation (most often a comma). There were also times that the narrative randomly seems to jump to other characters suddenly, sometimes for no more than a paragraph or two, which was occasionally disorienting. His ending was abrupt and left more than a handful of loose ends but I get the sense this was done intentionally rather than accidentally (such as trying to meet a publishing deadline). I didn't hate the ending, but it left me wanting more in terms of validation for the stories characters. And yet, L'Amour is undeniably a talented storyteller. His characters are at once generic and predictable, yet also believable. His story was compelling and interesting and I found I enjoyed it, despite the aforementioned flaws. It's like turning on an old black and white Western that you've seen once before but a long time ago and don't remember well, yet you know at once how it will end.

This novel was a little different for Louis. I'm thinking his daughter might have finished it after his death, but it still was a good story and kept my interest until the end

It is a shame L'Amour has passed on with no real replacement in sight. This book has a good story, interesting characters and places. Nothing more required. Even a satisfying ending. L'Amour would have been comfortable living part of this story, because he wrote from a depth of experience that very few western authors could ever match.

Radigan is a typical L'Amour character, rugged handsome and tough. He is skilled with his hands with some boxing/brawling experience. He is wise in all ways of the old west, just in his dealings and a winner in the end. He is what he should be.

Keeps you interested all the way through. I wished it was longer. I need more words, words, words, words, sometimes this minimum word thing is a pain in the butt.

It's a good read and keeps your interest throughout. I have been reading his novels off and on since the early '70s and haven't found one I didn't like. In this one the hero is hard working and has the experience to stay on top but gets 'sucker punched' along the way and has to dig himself out. I think

Louis could have added a few pages to the ending thus absence of one star. Bottom Line :) If you are a Western Fiction fan you will like it.

Many have tried to reach his level of writing skill however most have fallen far short. When you are in the mood for an excellent western make certain you pick one of his.

Louis Lamour at his best. If only the man had learned to write an epilogue. However if you like a good old fashioned cowboy story you can't go wrong with this one.

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