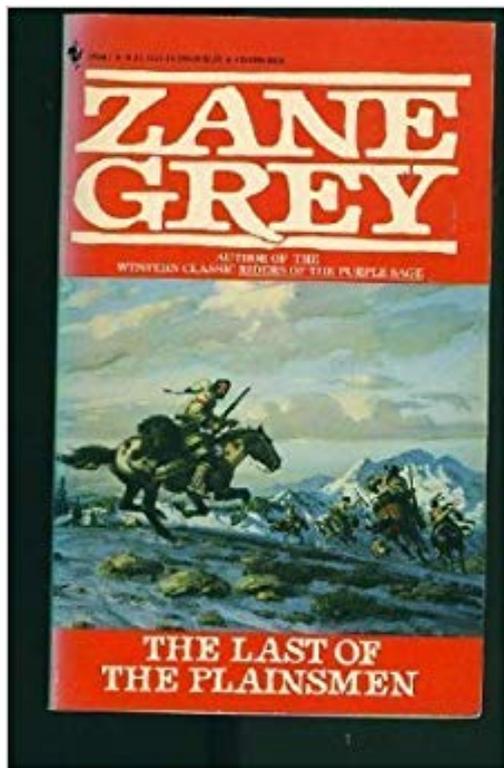


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Reviews of the Last of the Plainsmen, The by Zane Grey

Kakashkaliandiia

I am a huge Zane Grey fan. That said, I don't consider this book to be one of his best efforts. For example, while many reviewers lament his overuse of landscape descriptions, I typically find his descriptions of the parts of the country he normally visited to be interesting and even poetic to some extent. However, in this book I thought Grey was overly repetitious. He did not need to keep describing the Grand Canyon and its beauty over and over for the reader to understand that the scene was still there as previously described.

I think anyone who is a Grey reader understands very well that he does tend to repeat his landscape descriptions more than the reader is used to or would find necessary, but that's just Zane. However, it may not be for everyone. But I was even a bit impatient with his technique in this volume.

As to the plot itself, I was initially pleased that the old plainsman was going to try to capture and care for some of the most impressive animals in America. However, as the story unfolded, many

animals were killed for various reasons. This tended to bother me, as I consider it a national tragedy that so many of our greatest beasts of the wilderness are either totally gone or nearly so. Further, I'm not sure that his capturing these animals instead of killing them is what they would have preferred if they could express their opinion.

Once again Zane Grey provides a unique insight of a period and location that is revealing and comprehensive.

LadyShlak

To have been on this hunt would have filled many a bucket list. A life long hunter, now tied to the passengers seat and the recliner, what I would have traded for that adventure. It has probably been sixty years ago that I last read Zane Grey, yet how beautiful the language. Is it now possible to write for the market in such refined manner? Did all authors of one hundred years ago have such command? No, they all could not. Yet here is Grey, writing of what he knew, in language which could have been comfortable in the British court, confined to western adventure. I venture to say that if he could have been read as widely as deserved, what a different country this nation might today be. What values now vanished would we now hold.

A group of western men, unites their time and fortune, to take a perilous journey to save what they could of nature that they could see was in danger of disappearing. There is little if any slacking of duty, of shared tasks, of care for the group. America's values are preserved. America's treasure is presented as worthwhile. A young America is raised on a standard. Oh, what a vision.

Mopimicr

Zane Grey pulled out all the stops on this tale of chasing wild mustangs, buffalo hunts, cougar hunts, and wild musk-ox. Follow the tale of a rag-tag band of plainsmen led by Col. Jones. A feisty, tough old man who will stop at nothing so he can rope (yes I said rope) a wild cougar and bring it back home. They are a breed of men whose resilience and spirit are the stuff of pioneers and mountain men. The kind of indomitable spirit that won the west, and is the subject of much of America's folklore. Along the way they endure seventy degree below zero blizzards, desert dust storms, starving Indians, and a harsh, yet pristine wilderness of incredible beauty. Zane Grey's depiction of panoramic landscapes such as the Grand Canyon is picturesque. One can almost smell the forest's and sense the loneliness of the wilderness. A great read that was hard to put down. Now for my next task which won't be easy. Picking out the next Zane Grey novel to get lost in.

JoJogar

Zane Grey was born a bit before me so I should have grown up with this man in my (then non-existent) library. But now I have a library AND a Kindle, I can delve into his glorious lyrical style. His descriptions are so vivid as to transport you to that spot so you may smell and see what he skillfully lays out on the page. I am in love with his imagination, being able to paint his pictures in hues I have never heard of! He delves deeply into this rich time in history and I am delighted at every page. I will read his every book and treasure them.

Very Old Chap

A good solid read about some of the frontiersmen that formed our great nation. The men that realized early on that steps needed to be taken to preserve the wildlife

Grarana

I'm still trying to figure out why he wrote this one, and the book format is too large, I still haven't completed this book, as soon as others came in I dropped it! The format is not a good bed time reader!

6snake6

I wanted to try a different writing and story genre so somewhat by chance I chose Zane Gray. What a treasure! No wonder he is as renowned and respected as he is. His writing and style is almost like poetry. Certainly loves the American west.

I have never read a book by Zane Grey that was not exciting. Every story he writes makes you feel like your there and experiencing the actual events that are taking place. Big fan.

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