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When Sean and his brother set forth to retrace their father's footsteps, they know they are in search of a questionable treasure—with creditors, greedy neighbors, and ruthless gunmen watching every move they make. Before they reach their destination, the Mulkerins will test both the limits of their faith and the laws of nature as they seek salvation in a landscape where reality can blur like sand and sky in a desert mirage.

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From Reader Review The Californios for online ebook

Jeff Learned says

The historical epilogue was my favorite part. Even at two stars, Lamour is a fun read/listen.

Brian Durfee says

#41 THE CALIFORNIOS by Louis L'Amour: Durfee's top 50 novels countdown. Having read all of L'Amour's 120 some-odd novels THE CALIFORNIOS is my fav. A true western complete with cowboys, indians, gunfighters, mystical medicine-men, Mexican banditos, spanish gold and just a little bit of the supernatural. I also reccomend FLINT, HONDO, UTAH BLAINE, KID RODELO, OVER ON THE DRY SIDE.

Ester Abaco says

The Californios Good book.

I chose the 4star rating, because I wanted to read the book, due to excitement for finding out what's going to happen next. Would have gave it 5stars if the book had more action.

Maria Thomas says

This was my first Louis L'Amour book. My husband and I needed a book to listen to while traveling so I picked it up at the library. I thought it was pretty good. Had a lot of bad guys in it and lots of threatening situations. It was also mystical as there were un-explainable happenings. I kinda liked the mystical aspects but they didn't always happen like I expected them to.

The ending left some unanswered questions so we just assumed that everything worked out in the end for the good guys and left it at that.

I enjoyed the old man character. I liked that Sean wasn't blood thirsty while still defending their land and I liked that the women were strong and independent. For all the threats and bad guys the book wasn't nearly as violent as I thought it might be. But it wouldn't be a western without a gunfight or two right?

And while I don't usually read this genre I liked this book well enough that I would try another of his books sometime.

Sex: Some crass talk but not graphic

Language: a little

Ken says

L'Amour jumps the shark in this book when he brings a supernatural element into what otherwise would have been a classic western tale. I grabbed this book because the story plays out near where I live in southern California. It's always fun to find the real life locations L'Amour writes about, but as soon as the story took a turn toward the supernatural, I lost interest. In the end, the book was OK.

Wilson E. Stevens Sr. says

This is based on the early history of California before the gold rush. It is the best of Louis L'Amour's book I have read to date, and I will rate it as one of my favorites.

David says

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Noah Krueger says

this book is about where in California nobody thought there was gold the Mulkerins needed a treasure to settle the debt on their Malibu ranch the Indian was willing to lead them one but riding hard on their trail was the greediest band of cutthroats north of the Baja killing was their business doing it for gold would only make it sweeter

Donna says

This is my second Louis L'Amour book that I've read. I didn't like it as much as the first book, but it was okay. I liked the main character and the story line was intriguing. My hesitation is with the other characters. I wish there had been more depth. It felt like they only had brief stage presence where they said their two lines and exited.

CatBookMom says

Tried the story in ebook via O/D. Just too, too, too, tedious to keep up with; d/n/f, not even close. Not in my best mood for slow stories.

Deepak Dewan says

Some the good quotes from the book

1. "Wisdom must be shared, it must be given, or else it lies cold upon the rocks"
2. I do not think time passes, as you say. I think time is here, that it never began, can never be measured, and will always be.
3. To live a long time is nothing, to live a long time wisely is something
4. What is education but a conditioning of the mind to a society and a way of life? There are many kinds of education, and often education closes many doors as it disbelief. One accepts one kind of belief but closes the mind to all that is, or seems to be contradictory.
5. Some day when I find a woman who will walk beside me, not behind me
6. Fear was a thing of the mind, and it one did not offer it a place, it had none

Dawn says

Western

Not the best Louis L'amour but it kept moving along. I like that there are strong women in the story.

Jeff Dickison says

A mystical western that works only if you can forgive L'Amour for the supernatural elements. Plot concerns a land grab and how the owners fight the bad dudes. Recommended to L'Amour fans, but other western fans might not appreciate the twilight zone approach.

Laura says

Another good Louis L'Amour. This one was a little different since it was set almost completely in California. I liked the superstition of it.

Skylar says

louis L'Amour needs to stay in real western not a fantasy dimension junk which is what this book was.
