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## **Read-Alikes for Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour**

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### **Northfield: a Western Story** By Johnny D Boggs

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 7 hours, 41 minutes

Fictional account of the 1876 robbery of the First National Bank in Northfield, Minnesota, by the James-Younger gang. The raid unfolds from various perspectives, including those of outlaws Frank and Jesse James, Sheriff James Glispin, the daughter of a murdered teller, and the gun-toting town residents. Some strong language. 2007.

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### **Bull Hunter** By Max Brand

Read by Jerry Fordyce

Reading time 5 hours, 56 minutes

Bull Hunter, while a big kid, feels small in the eyes of his family. In an effort to stand tall, he sets out to get his uncle's murderer, a notorious gunfighter. But fate forges a strange alliance between the enemies, and Bull learns what it takes to be a real man. 1949.

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**Bullet Creek: A Ralph Compton Novel** By Peter Brandvold

Read by John Polk

Reading time 7 hours, 27 minutes

Retired gunslinger Tom Navarro is content working as a foreman at the Bar-V ranch while saving to buy his own spread. But he returns to fighting mode when a local landowner's murder threatens to spark a range war. Some violence and some strong language. 2005.

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**Trail of the Spanish Bit** By Don Coldsmith

Read by David Palmer

Reading time 6 hours, 3 minutes

It is 1540 and Juan Garcia has ridden out from Coronado's camp on the Great Plains. His horse is startled by a snake, and a boulder renders Juan unconscious. He is discovered by "the People" (Indians), who admire his "elk-dog" (horse). Juan is nursed back to health and teaches the People horse-breeding, which will change their entire way of life. Prequel to "The Elk-Dog Heritage (RC0 31387).

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**Death Rides a Chestnut Mare** By Ralph Compton

Read by Joe Wilson

Reading time 9 hours, 54 minutes

1870. Missouri gunsmith Daniel Strange is killed on a cattle-buying trip to Texas. His gun-slinging daughter Danielle--disguised as a young man with her father's name--seeks vengeance. Strong language and some violence. 1999.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB076917

**War Woman a Novel of the Real People** By Robert Conley

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 13 hours, 1 minute

In 1580 when Whirlwind, a Cherokee maiden, is sixteen, she compels her twin brother and five others to join her on a dangerous trip to Florida to trade with the Spaniards. On this tragic journey she proves her leadership abilities and is renamed War Woman. Violence. 1997.

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**Hell's Riders** By Ralph Cotton

Read by Ray Childs

Reading time 10 hours, 46 minutes

Ranger Sam Burrack and prisoner Ted Riley arrive at Clifton Wells, where scalp hunters have just attacked. They find Sheriff Boyd Tackett's betrothed, Greta, dead and her twelve-year-old daughter, Hilda, missing. Tackett, Burrack, and Riley ride out to find the killers and save Hilda. Violence and some strong language. 2004.

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**Roy and Lillie: a Love Story** By Loren Estleman

Read by John Polk

Reading time 8 hours, 11 minutes

Fictionalized account of the nineteenth-century love affair carried on via correspondence between Texas saloon keeper and judge Roy Bean, known as "the law west of the Pecos," and English actress Lillie "Jersey Lily" Langtry. Spur Award Finalist. 2010.

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**Longarm on the Thunderbird Run** By Tabor Evans

Read by Phil Regensdorf

Reading time 6 hours, 10 minutes

When the only road out of Thunderbird Canyon, a silver-mining town, is blocked, Marshal Long is stranded along with the law-abiding residents, silver miners, and the still unidentified members of the outlaw White Hood Gang.

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**Trail of the Tattered Star** By Cliff Farrell

Read by Jeremy Gage

Reading time 6 hours, 45 minutes

During the Civil War a group of Confederate sympathizers plots to seize California for the South. Assigned to thwart the conspiracy, Union agent Mike McLish tracks the rebels through miles of Apache territory. 1961.

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**Six-Horse Hitch** By Janice Holt Giles

Read by Eric Plesner

Reading time 12 hours, 47 minutes

A young cowboy relates his adventures driving an overland stage west from Missouri and his unhappy love for Bernie, who is abducted by a Ute chieftain. 1969.

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**The Big Sky** By A.B. Guthrie

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 13 hours, 42 minutes

1830s. Seventeen-year-old Boone Caudill heads west from Kentucky after trying to kill his strict father. Boone travels the Missouri River to the Rockies, joins other mountain men, takes a native wife, and becomes as harsh as the wilderness. Includes Wallace Stegner's 1965 foreword. Some violence and some strong language. 1947.

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**A Rider of the High Mesa** By Ernest Haycox

Read by John Polk

Reading time 4 hours, 15 minutes

When cattle rustlers strike, the residents of Powder suspect Lin Ballou, a loner who left his ranch presumably to seek gold in the high mesa. Lin finds something more valuable, but runs afoul of the true culprits. Lin tries to dodge trouble while helping townsfolk, including the judge's daughter. 1927.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB068943

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**Desert Rider A Western Duo** By Ray Hogan

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 8 hours, 52 minutes

Two western novellas. In Desert Rider marshal John Banning of Yucca Flats seeks revenge for the murder of his teenage nephew. In The Outside Gun lawman Little Bill Krask feuds with his rancher father Big Bill, and it is up to Dan Wade to intercede. 2011.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075172

**Sioux Dawn a Novel of the Fetterman Massacre** By Terry Johnston

Read by John Polk

Reading time 14 hours, 31 minutes

First of a series of historical novels examining the tragedies that occurred at Fort Phil Kearny. Through the eyes of Sergeant Seamus Donegan, Johnston examines the fate of the eighteenth infantry as they battled the Sioux Indians, led by Red Cloud, during the Fetterman Massacre of 1866. Prequel to Red Cloud's Revenge (RC0 40640). Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1990.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB040639

Also available on cassette RC040639

**The First Mountain Man** By William W. Johnstone

Read by John Polk

Reading time 10 hours, 17 minutes

Oregon Trail, 1837. East of the Absaroka Range, the mountain man called Preacher encounters an unfriendly band of Arapaho and their terrified captives. Preacher frees the missionaries--two men and two women--and promises them safety, although toting four greenhorns through hostile territory won't be easy. Precedes Blood on the Divide (RC0 53030). 1991.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057247

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**Beggar's Gulch** By Cameron Judd

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 4 hours, 33 minutes

Facing a lynch mob after avenging his father's murder, nineteen-year-old Matt McAllison flees to Montana Territory. He works as a cowpuncher on Ezra Jernigan's ranch and falls in love with Jernigan's daughter Melissa. When thugs kidnap Melissa, Matt tracks them to the notorious outlaw hideout Beggar's Gulch. 1980.

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**The Good Old Boys** By Elmer Kelton

Read by Don Feldheim

Reading time 10 hours, 49 minutes

Will easy-riding, old-time cowboy Hewey Calloway finally settle down? He realizes that a new era is coming to Texas in the early 1900s, but at the age of thirty-eight, he doesn't want to change with the times. Prequel to The Smiling Country (RC0 48506). 1985.

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**Hombre** By Elmore Leonard

Read by Chuck Benson

Reading time 4 hours, 17 minutes

A stagecoach robbery in 1884 reveals the true character of the victims-- especially of John Russell, known as Hombre. He was shunned for his Apache ties by his travel companions, until they needed his physical prowess to save them. 1967 movie with same title. 1961.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB056001

Also available on cassette RC056001

**Comanche Moon** By Larry McMurtry

Read by Bob Askey

Reading time 25 hours, 9 minutes

In this sequel to *Dead Man's Walk* (RC0 43928) and prequel to *Lonesome Dove* (RC0 22959), Texas Rangers McCrae and Call face Comanche raids and attacks by bandits, aid white settlers in the region, and try to survive frontier hardships. Some strong language and violence. Bestseller. 1997.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB045001

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Also available in braille BR012758

**Deadly Pursuit** By Theodore Olsen

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 5 hours, 57 minutes

Wyoming. Aging trapper Silas Pine rides into Grafton in a last attempt to reconcile with his estranged son, Noah, the town marshal. Silas, who arrives in the middle of a bank robbery, finds himself a member of a posse led by Noah--not exactly the reunion he planned. Some violence. 1995.

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**Sheriff of Hangtown: a Western Duo** By Luran Paine

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 8 hours, 28 minutes

In the title story lawman Wesley Potter of Hangtown, California, vows to find out who killed horse rancher Dick Ruffin and why. In "Outlaw's Hide-Out" fugitive bank robber Hap Thompson risks his freedom to save the life of a young woman thrown from a horse. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB070112

**The Ruthless Range; Death Rides a Black Horse** By Lewis Patten

Read by Ray Childs

Reading time 10 hours, 24 minutes

Two novels by Spur Award-winning western writer. In *The Ruthless Range*, reluctant gunfighter Jason Mellor helps defend a lovely widow's ranch. In *Death Rides a Black Horse*, fifteen-year-old Frank Halliday stands to inherit his late father's spread when he comes of age--if he lives that long. Some violence. 1963.

[Download from BARD: the Ruthless Range; Death Rides a Black Horse](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB059126

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**The Last Days of Horse-Shy Halloran** By Bill Pronzini

Read by Ted Eiland

Reading time 5 hours, 7 minutes

As he rides out of town, Henry W. Halloran counts the many victories of the most glorious day of his intermittently honest life. Now, he heads for San Francisco, the rich widows, and the soft beds. But Henry finds that his happy ending is just the beginning of trouble.

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Also available on cassette RC028875

**Honor! Wagon West: The Empire Trilogy, Volume 1** By Dana Fuller Ross

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 12 hours, 47 minutes

Frontier brothers Clay and Jeff Holt travel to Washington, D.C., to claim a land grant Clay earned on the Lewis and Clark expedition. Former president Jefferson recruits them to investigate a landgrab that may have caused Meriwether Lewis's death. Follows the Frontier Trilogy. Some violence and some strong language. 1998.

[Download from BARD: Honor! Wagon West: The Empire Trilogy, Vol. 1](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB062209

Also available on cassette RC062209

**Shane** By Jack Schaefer

Read by John Polk

Reading time 4 hours, 52 minutes

Wyoming territory, 1889. A mysterious stranger named Shane rides into the Starretts' ranch and learns of trouble between cattle baron Fletcher and the homesteaders. Shane decides to stay and help the family keep their stake. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 1949.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB060163

Also available on cassette RC060163

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**The Rio Grande** By Jory Sherman

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 7 hours, 38 minutes

Matthew Caine, an agent of the U.S. government and a friend to the Shoshone and Arapaho Indians, has spent his life along the Rio Grande. This big, powerful man is known as "El Gigante" by the Spanish, who fear he is a spy planning to help take away their land. As war rages between the nations, Caine, who has come to love a Shoshone woman, will find his life endangered along the banks of his beloved river. Strong language and some violence.

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**Ride the Man Down** By Luke Short

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 6 hours, 4 minutes

With owner Phil Evarts's death, the Hatchet spread is up for grabs. Seventy thousand acres of range is a lot of loot, and Bide Marriner wants it all--the grass, the water, and the power that comes with it. Only one man stands in his way--foreman Will Ballard. 1942.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072236

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**The Bounty Trail** By Richard S. Wheeler

Read by Ted Stoddard

Reading time 8 hours, 58 minutes

Nevada. Charming down-and-out swindler Claudius Raines wanders into the once-booming but now abandoned mining town of Pearlygates and introduces himself to the owner and sole inhabitant, feisty divorcée MayBelle Haggerty. Together they concoct a scheme to revive the town and restore their fortunes by starting a gold rush. 2004.

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