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Wyoming Mystery Series

Author Craig Johnson has been penning the Longmire mystery stories since 2004. Once you get started with his first book, "The Cold Dish", you will have about 20 more to choose from at the Hillsboro Community Library. Sounds like a great escape from the reality of 2024. Enjoy.

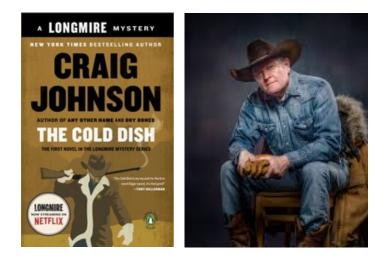
Featured this Month

The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson

This book is the first of a long series of books based on the main character, Walt Longmire. Many of us have seen at least an episode of the Longmire TV series and either liked it or didn't like it. Whatever your opinion of the TV series may be, the books are a very different entity. The types of stories that do well on screen most often must differ from their printed source as, when reading, we often have images in our minds of what these characters look, move and sound like. Often the discrepancy between our own image and the screen image are too different from each other and interfere with the flow of the story.

These written stories are more complex than the TV versions, with more in depth character development of more characters than in the TV series. In particular, I found the female characters to be much more prominent and more fully developed than on the TV stories, and a great many other mystery books as well.

This first novel by Craig Johnson introduces the main characters, including the mythical Wyoming County of Absaroka, which is as much of a character as the main three human characters; veteran Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire, a definitely old school enforcement officer, his definitely modern, citytrained undersheriff, Victoria Moretti and Walt's lifelong friend, Henry Standing Bear, a full blood Cheyenne.



These stories are murder mysteries, but are also tales of the struggles and growth of the main characters as well as the minor characters as they react to the main events surrounding the three main characters.

This particular story involves the reopening of a cold case involving the alleged rape of an impaired Native American girl, one of Walt's first cases as a Deputy. I found all of the characters, male and female, well developed and fully believable. The addition of the nearby Reservation land, with it's own history, legends and characters adds flavor to the stories, in much the same way that the Navajo culture adds color to the Tony and Anne Hillerman mystery novels. The Absaroka deputies operate in much the same disadvantage as our own Sierra County deputies: too many square miles to cover with too few deputies, and very sketchy communication.

That aspect, as well as the often stark beauty of rural Wyoming make an interesting backdrop for engaging characters to solve a heartbreaking mystery.

Review by Will Kinney

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DVDs

Oppenheimer... Love Actually... Hush Money... Zombieland...Fiddler On the Roof... Edward Scissorhands... Matilda...Ice Age...Ice Age 2... Better Birdwatching in the West...The Little Things...Poor Things...The Color Purple... Gallipoli...Willoughby...Knives Out...Code Name Banshee...The Holdovers...Utama...A Thousand and One...The Last Duel...All That Breathes... Arthur the King... Barbie... Nanny...Catching Fire: the Story of Anita Pallenberg...Benjamin Franklin...The American Buffalo...Summer of Soul...The Protege...A Haunting in Venice...The Banshees of Inisherin

Mystery

First Frost- by Craig Johnson Home Before Dark- by Riley Sager Truths I Never Told You- by Kelly Rimmer Still See You Everywhere- by Lisa Gardner None of this Is True- by Lisa Jewell Dirty Thirty- *A Stephanie Plum Novel* by Janet Evanovich No Middle Name- by Lee Child Blue Moon- by Lee Child Blue Moon- by Lee Child Shadows in Glass- by M. E. Hilliard The Unkindness of Ravens- by M. E. Hilliard Three Can Keep A Secret- by M. E. Hilliard

Fiction

The Shining Mountains- by Alix Christie **The Indians Won-** by Martin Cruz Smith **The Top of Greenfield Street -** by Ryan Standley **Calling for a Blanket Dance-** by Oscar Hokeah **Memorial Ride-** by Stephen Graham Jones and Maria Wolf

The Half-White Album- by Cynthia J. Sylvester **The Tombstone Race-** *Stories-* by Jose Skinner

Nonfiction

A Life on Hold- Living With Schizophrenia by Josie Mendez-Negrete Don Perkins- A Champion's Life by Richard Melzer Miles to Go- An African Family in Search of *America Along Route 66* by Brennen Matthews Hiking Trails in Valles Caldera National Preserveby Coco Rae Speak of it- by Marcos McPeek Villatoro Breakdown- Lessons for a Congress in Crisis by Jeff Bingaman Religion and the American West- Belief, Violence, and Resilience from 1800 to Today by Jessica Lauren Nelson, editor Wild Carnivores of New Mexico- by Jean-Luc E. Cartron and Jennifer K. Frey, eds. Truth or Consequences- by Daniel Rose The Gardens of Los Poblanos- by Judith Phillips Field Guide to the Trees of the Gila Region- by Richard Felger, James Verrier, Kelly Kindscher, and Xavier Khera New Mexico Film Locations- by Jason Strykowski North American Hummingbirds- by George West Under the Pinyon Tree- *Finding a Place in Pie Town* by Jerry Thompson New Mexico's Moses- Reies Lopez Tijerina and the **Religious Origins of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement** by Ramon Gutierrez As We See It- Conversations With Native American **Photographers** by Suzanne Fricke Crosses of Iron- The Tragic Story of Dawson, New *Mexico, and its Twin Mining Disasters* by Nick Pappas The Yazzie Case- Building a Public Education System for our Indigenous Future by Wendy Greyeyes A Pagan Polemic- Reflections on Nature, Consciousness and Anarchism by Jack Loeffler Esteban- The African Slave Who Explored America- by Dennis Herrick

Pablo Abeita- The Life and Times of a Native Statesman of Isleta Pueblo by Malcolm Ebright Brown-eyed Children of the Sun- Lessons From the Chicano Movement, 1965-1975 by George Mariscal A Vision of Voices- John Crosby and the Santa Fe **Opera** by Craig A. Smith Chino and the Dance of the Butterfly- a Memoir by Dana Tai Soon Burgess New Mexico Family Outdoor Adventure- An All-Ages Guide to Hiking, Camping, and Getting Outside by Christina M. Selby Slow Travel New Mexico- Unforgettable Personal *Experiences in the Land of Enchantment* by Judith Fein and Paul J Ross Citizen Carl- The Editor Who Cracked Teapot Dome, Shot a Judge, and Invented the Parking *Meter* by Jack McElroy **Eco-Travel New Mexico-***Natural Destinations*, Green Hotels and Sustainable Adventures by Ashley M. Biggers New Mexico Food Trails- A Road Tripper's Guide to Hot Chile, Cold Brews, and Classic Dishes from the *Land of Enchantment* by Carolyn Graham The Official Cookbook of the Chile Pepper Institute- by Paul W. Bosland and Wendy V. Hamilton The Zeon Files- Art and Design of Historic Route 66 Signs by Mark C. Childs and Ellen D. Babcock Comida Sabrosa- Home-style Southwestern *Cooking* by Irene Barraza Sanchez and Gloria Sanchez Yund The Trail to Kanijiroba- Rediscovering Earth in an Age of Loss by William DeBuys **Young Readers**

The Weighty Word Book- by Paul M. Levitt, Douglas A. Burger, Elissa S. Guralnick and Janet Stevens

Weighty Words, Too- by Paul M. Levitt, Elissa S. Guralnick, Douglas A. Burger, and Katherine Karcz The Santero's Miracle- A Bilingual Story Rudolfo Anaya, Enrique Lamadrid and Amy Cordova

La Llorna- The crying Woman by Rudolfo Anaya, Enrique Lamadrid and Amy Cordova **Powwow's Coming-** by Linda Boyden Juan the Bear and the Water of Life- La Acequia de Juan del Oso by Enrique R. Lamadrid, Juan Estevan Arellano and Amy Cordova The Raptors of North America- a Coloring Book of Eagles, Hawks, Falcons and Owls by Anne Price and Donald Malick UFOhs!- Mysteries in the Sky by Debora Blmenthal, Ralph Blumenthal and Adam Gustavson Amazing Paper Airplanes- The Craft and Science of Flight by Kyong Hwa Lee

Audio CDs

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The Giver- by Lois Lowry

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society- by Mary Shaffer The Crime Writer- by Gregg Hurwitz Cleopatra- by Stacy Schiff Mayflower- by Nathanial Philbric Hot, Flat, and Crowded- by Thomas Friedman A Short History of Nearly Everything- by Bill Bryson

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Ravensburger Puzzle Mountain Stream-1000 pieces

Poetry

El Feliz Ingenio Neomexicano- Felipe M. Chacon and Poesia y prosa by Felipe M. Chacon, Anna M. Nogar and A. Gabriel Melendez, translators **Open Hearted Horizons-** by Valerie Martinez **Music CDs**

Mirror Ball- by Neil Young Best of Chris Isaak- by Chris Isaak Gord's Gold - by Gordon Lightfoot

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Notes from the Library Board

Bookmark the all new library website in your browser. We are now at:

https://hillsborolibrary.org

The old website is no longer being updated.

Please confirm your email address with us. The new website will allow you to access your personal history of the library collection but you will need to get a username and password first.

Have you filled out our survey yet? We want to know how we can better serve your needs. Stop by and pick up a copy of the survey

Book Sale

Saturday September 7, 10 am - 2 pm at the Percha Bank in Kingston

Bake Sale

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