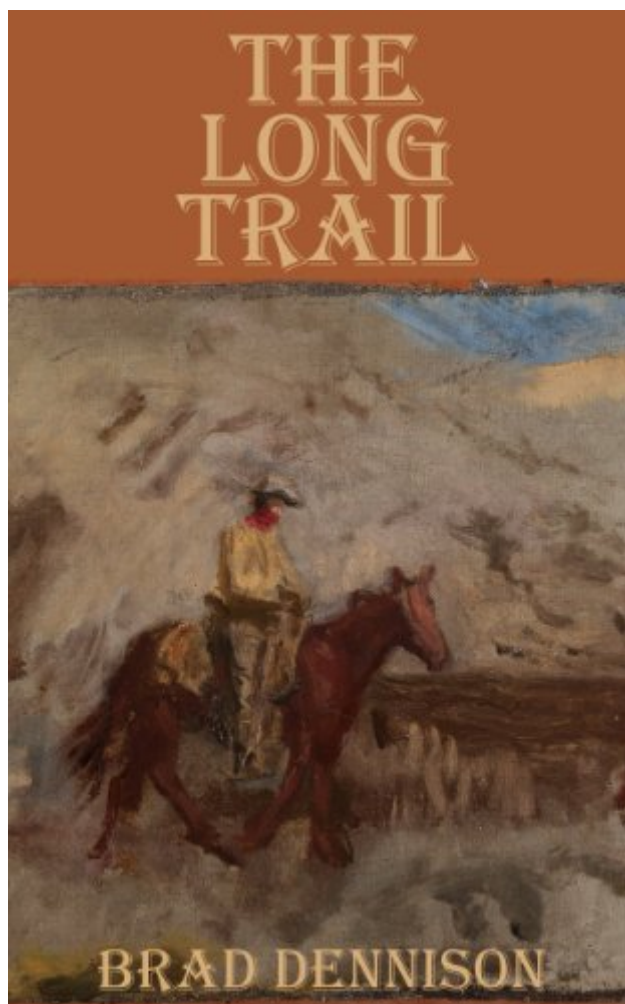


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# The Long Trail (The McCabes Book 1)



## Synopsis

First in the best-selling series, THE McCABES. The story of a family building a ranch in the rugged wilderness of post Civil War Montana, and of a young man seeking his family and his destiny. If you liked the movie OPEN RANGE or the TV shows BIG VALLEY and LANCER, or the novels of Louis L'Amour and Ralph Compton, then this might be for you.

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## Customer Reviews

This is one of the best Westerns I have read. The adventures of the young cowboy in search of his parents lost to him as a young child the cause of him being orphaned and brought by outlaws. Brad Dennison has brought to us a really fine story of the western way. W.D. Wall

Very good book the story and the way it was told is just great. It did not jump around the story was easy to follow. It seemed that you were riding the trail with Dusty seeing what he saw and thinkin what he thought. Will definitely look for other books by this author.

The man is a writer. Say what you will, he is above Louis L'amour, William Johnstone, and his

worthless ripoff nephew who is trying to make a living on his uncles name. This is a great novel. He can keep a book flowing without having to fast read any of it. I am half way through this book and never want it to end. Keep writing Mr. Dennison and I will keep reading as fast as I can to get to the next book. Wonderful, excitement, action,

I read book 3 before I read the first two and it gave me a perspective and a look at the continuity of this series. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself. Great books fine reading. The book is totally enjoyable as "Dusty" McCabe makes his appearance as a son Johnny McCabe never knew he had. This book is full of adventure, gunfights, knife fights, romance, and at times quite emotional. Good book. I do recommend reading this book first in the series but that is not necessary.

Good story. I enjoyed it. The writing flowed reasonably well, but was burdened somewhat by too many simplistic sentences written in the third person as well as some relatively minor editing issues. The story also drags in places. Those things being said, I still enjoyed the story and I thank the author for his contribution to the Classic Western Genre. I believe that most fans of this Genre will like this book.

I thought in the beginning that there was a promising of a good story line but I found it lacking in building characters. All we have learned of these characters are ; Josh has met a very untrustworthy saloon whore and brought her home to the family, don't know if there is going to be a 'romance' or not between her and Josh. Dusty met a girl fell in love in one night and all he can think about is following her to Oregon NOT knowing where in Oregon she has gone to. Johnny lost his beloved wife 16 yrs earlier and is still having some sort of 'not letting go of her' affair. Ginny's character did not develop And Bree and Jack might as well not have existed as they brought nothing to the story line. Then of course there were a couple of gun battles. AND of course we were reminded repeatedly about what kind of guns everyone had and how they 'wore' said guns Low and tied down like gunhawks, repeatedly I say, repeatedly!

Should be able to give a 1/2 star. I would give this a 4.5 star. This was a very believable story first of all. Young man searching for his family. He doesn't know who his mother or father is. He's been raised by a stranger due to outlaws killing the family he was who raising him. So we have him piecing together his background, and getting to the point of approaching his family and finding out about them before approaching them. People are able to see that he looks like his father, and treat

him like his family without him knowing it. And then the initial rejection by his family, and the forced interactions, etc. This really is a good story, well worth the time taken to read. I just finished it, and have just downloaded the sequel to it, and hope that it is as good. Good reading!

I was suspicious when I read the forward and Dennison stated he learned about western writing by reading western novels. After just a few pages, I could tell. It is obvious he knows little about what he is trying to write and copies from others who knew little about horses, shooting, and cowboy life. One instance is when he writes most cowboys ride using their right hand to rein their horses. Growing up and spending a great deal of my life in the ranching business, I never saw a person use his or her right hand to rein a horse unless he or she was left handed. A real cowboy uses the non-dominant hand so the dominant hand can be free to use a rope or to help with balance. This is just one thing I noticed and there were so many things that were not true to life I found them to be distracting. He said he found an editor to help him with this book. I hope he didn't pay too much. There were so many missing words and improper grammar to cause difficulty in understanding. I don't know how many times the author wrote "didn't not." Such a double negative makes the reader have to determine what is meant. The only reason I gave this book 3 stars is because the story line itself was interesting. The author really needs to go hang around a ranch awhile and talk to some real cowboys and have these people read his story to help him be accurate with the action of the characters and animals. I see he has written several books, so maybe most people don't know the difference and simply like the story for what it is...a story.

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