

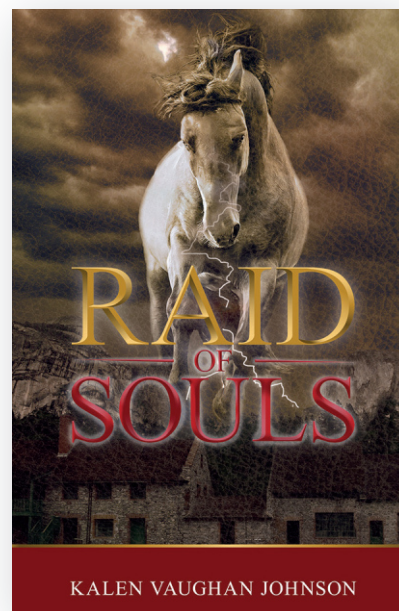
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RAID OF SOULS by Kalen Vaughan Johnson is the riveting tale of a few dedicated, hardworking miners in northern California fighting against greedy, unscrupulous landowners hell-bent on destroying a town to get rich. James MacLaren, one of the town's leading citizens, is an honest man who wants to

RAID OF SOULS

By Kalen Vaughan Johnson
(Five Star)

stop a corrupt finance network from getting a monopoly on gold mining in the area. But he finds himself tempted by the prospect of wealth and notoriety. His friends and neighbors are counting on him to fight the hostile takeover of their property and preserve their livelihoods. James is torn, but ultimately believes in doing what's right.

Amid the glittery intrigue is a love story between James and a headstrong woman named Charlotte. She has ties to the shady network causing trouble for the Gold Country residents. Their relationship is complicated from the start and only sincere emotion will help them survive the sometimes-violent forces keeping them apart.

Johnson is a talented author who does an excellent job of showing the conflicting sides of the human spirit. While I was frustrated with one character and impressed by another, they all work together to spin a wonderful picture of this time and place in our history. *Raid of Souls* is completely likable.

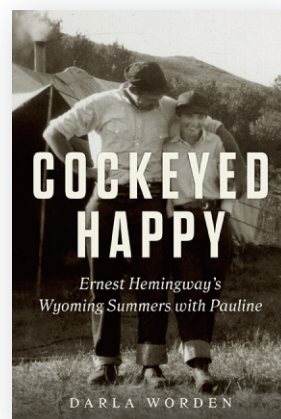
COCKEYED HAPPY:

Ernest Hemingway's Wyoming Summers with Pauline

By Darla Worden | (Chicago Review Press)

JOURNALIST AND magazine editor Darla Worden's book covers Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway, arguably the most influential American writer of his generation, and his time in Wyoming with his second wife Pauline Pfeiffer. This is a stirring story that not only highlights an aspect of the famous novelist's private life, but acts as travelogue through parts of the West.

Ernest and Pauline were married in 1927, shortly after he divorced his first wife, and the couple were together for more than ten years. They met in Paris. She was a journalist with *Vogue Magazine* and Ernest was writing books. He quickly recognized Pauline's editing skills and she began working on his manuscripts with him. Not long after their first child together was born, Ernest traveled to Wyoming on a



fishing trip. Pauline was recuperating at her parent's home in Arkansas, dreaming of the day she would join her husband out West. The pair eventually reunited in Sheridan and begin a series of adventures that take them through such scenic locations as the Bighorn Mountains and the Grand Teton National Park. The couple would spend six summers in Wyoming visiting and drinking with friends at various

dude ranches and hunting bears and prairie chickens. In between those journeys, Ernest wrote, and Pauline was contented just being with him.

Cockeyed Happy is a moving and somewhat troubling tale about a woman devoted to a brilliant, but restless man who would eventually leave her for another woman.

Reviewed by Chris Enss, *COWGIRL* Book Editor, and a *New York Times* best-selling author who writes about women of the Old West.



A VIEW MOST GLORIOUS

By Regina Scott | (Revell Books)

REMINISCENT OF nineteenth-century British explorer Isabella Bird's trek up Longs Peak in the Rocky Mountains with mountain man Jim Nugent, *A View Most Glorious* is the story of a strong-willed woman named Coraline Baxter and her determination to climb Mount Rainier to raise awareness for the suffrage movement in the late 1890s. She needs help getting to the top, and that's where rugged outdoorsman Nathan Hardee comes in. Hardee is reluctant at first to escort her on the journey, but the pay he's to receive for the job convinces him to accept the challenge.

There's a lot more at stake on the venture for Coraline than bringing attention to the proposition that women should have the right to vote. She has agreed with her mother that if she fails to make it to the summit, she'll curtail her involvement with the Tacoma Washington Suffrage Association and marry the man selected for her.

The expedition proves to be grueling, and, en route, Coraline and Nathan grow to have feelings for one another. The guide, his team of experts, the suffragette, and her entourage endure harsh weather, rough terrain, rockslides, and more before reaching the top of the mountain. The spectacular scene from the summit does not disappoint, but Coraline's view of her life now includes more than securing the vote for women. Her focus shifts to the rough mountaineer who risked a great deal to help her realize her goal.



STRENGTH UNDER FIRE

By Lindsay McKenna
(Kensington)

Bereft after the brutal loss of her parents, Dana Scott sinks nearly every dime of her inheritance into buying Wildflower Ranch, believing that once she restores the rustic cabin and farms the untamed acreage, her soul will be whole once more. Hiring wrangler Colin Gallagher to help out just makes sense. But as she works side by side with the handsome loner, she feels an unexpected kinship, and a longing for connection she believed was lost to her forever.



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