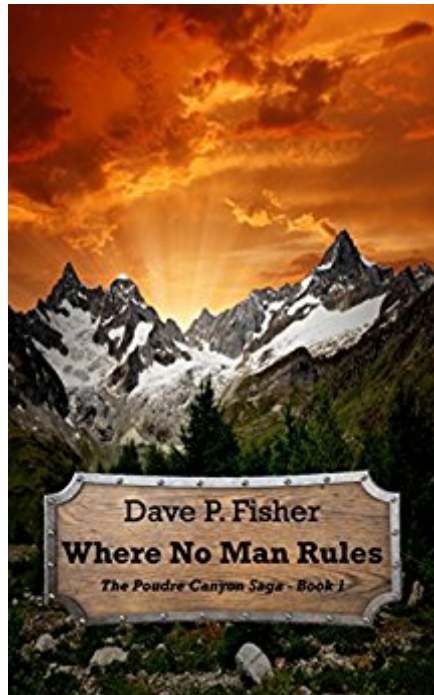


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Where No Man Rules (The Poudre Canyon Saga Book 1)



Synopsis

The Poudre Canyon Saga – Book 1 Behind Jean and Andre Pelletier lay Quebec, their livelihoods as Voyageurs, and the body of Claude LeSueur who had flung his final insult in Jean's face. In a sudden flash of rage, witnessed only by his brother, Andre, Jean had plunged his knife into the heart of wealthy fur merchant Maurice LeSueur's son. Together, the young trappers flee westward ahead of the hangman and the wrath of Maurice LeSueur, a controller for the powerful Northwest Fur Company. As the brothers make their way along the wilderness waterways they learn that LeSueur has engaged two murderous river pirates, Joseph Quesnel and his partner Carcajou, to hunt them. Quesnel, who harbors his own hatred for Jean Pelletier, manipulates LeSueur and his money for his own dark purposes. Jean knows the race has become even more desperate and makes the decision to escape into the American West, a decision that establishes the pattern for the men they will become. Making their way into the Rocky Mountains of 1824, the brothers meld into the world of free trappers and Indians, becoming one with them. Years pass and thoughts of Canada and the LeSueurs become faded memories until the day Jean's past comes back and threatens the new life he has so carefully built. Note: Formerly titled "Where Free Men Gather", published by Bottom of the Hill Publishing. The rewritten and enhanced novel is now published by Double Diamond Books under the title "Where No Man Rules".

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Good story line keeps you guessing.

This story begins in Quebec in what I believe to be the early 1800,s. Maurice LeSeuer worked his way into the very powerful Northwest Fur Company. He manipulated circumstances & in some instances even stooped to murder to get rid of the three most predominate company men, paving the way for him to take over. He raised his son Claude to be exactly his mirror image. People soon learned if you were an obstruction, the greedy Maurice or his son would remove you in whatever way necessary. The only competition was the Hudson Bay Company. The Voyageurs are the workers of the company & they were charged with the grunt work of the company. But, there is a fly in the ointment...it was the "Courier Dubois." They purchased no licenses from the fur companies & were free trappers & traders roaming as they pleased. They sold to the highest bidder & pretty much thumbed their noses at Maurice & his company earning themselves the handle of "outlaws." The final expedition of the year of 1824 was coming together & it was to be a most profitable year for the LeSeuer's. Maurice & his son were known by the Voyageurs to sideline a few furs here & there to line their own pockets. Had there been any questions they would simply blame the thefts on the Voyageurs. Who would believe them over the LeSeuer's? Once a Voyageur attempted to report a theft to the company but when the agents arrived at his cabin the furs were found & he was lead away in chains. A vivid example of what happens to you if you don't keep your mouth shut! This event also solidified the contempt & hatred the Voyageur's had for the LeSueur's. Jean Pellstier & his brother Andre both work for the company as did their father before them. They are a well respected French family. Jean is well known to have a short temper & today Claude has goaded him at every turn. Just as the brothers are done for the day the final straw is broken. After a particularly nasty comment about the family & then their Mother Jean has had enough. Without thought he plunges his knife into Claude killing him. He has killed the son of the most powerful man in Quebec & he knows he must flee. His brother Andre wants to go with him & finally convinces Jean by telling him that if he runs the murder will immediately be blamed on him & he will be hung. Knowing this to be true they will leave Trois Rivieres bidding their Father farewell. Their

destination...the American West. Oh how I would have loved to see this country at that period of time! This is a cleanly written story that will keep you involved until the wee hours of the night. The writer sneaks in a fantastic history of our country that pulls you deeper & deeper into the events of that time. I highly recommend you read this excellent adventure.

This is a very good book. I'm taking the time to write a review, when I'm dying to get to the next book in the series. I'm always looking to find a good western author, and instead I found a great one.

The action is interesting in this early mountain man saga, but is the descriptions of both the people and the environment which sets it apart. Fisher places us in the locales of that earliest westward movement where we can observe the interactions and motivations of the characters. Thoroughly enjoyable!

Many, if not most of the events are historically accurate if not chronologically correct. Most enjoyable read. Author moves the story along at a good pace with a surprise here and there.

Once I found his books I couldn't put them down. This is another of his books I didn't want to put down. Great read. I'm so happy this is a sequel of six books I believe. Thanks for the great reads Mr Fisher . I would recommend this to anyone that likes reading western.. Jeannie

His books about the 10 men are so very much better.. This book had less action and more drama. .

This was a good story of the early America starting with Voyageurs in Canada and ending with Mountain Men in the Rockies! A story full of honor and adventure.

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