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Editorial Review

Review

“[A] compelling story of a house divided, of a man’s haunting pursuit of forgiveness, and a family’s search for the husband they thought they knew--but never really did . . . *The High Divide* is a vivid reminder of why we read, and why we want to.” —*True West Magazine*

“A captivating story . . . The adventure unfolds in prose at turns rollicking and sanguine; Enger is a master of pacing, and once you start turning the pages, there’s no setting the book down.” —*Denver Post*

“Patiently told and moving . . . [Enger’s] writing style is precise, restrained, and enlivened by his protagonists . . . Although some would call *The High Divide* a historical novel, it’s really a fine literary work that steps back in time a bit. It offers an engaging and affecting story with very real characters.”
—*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

“Masterfully told . . . Enger’s writing is stark and coldly beautiful, befitting his subject matter and allowing the story itself to take pride of place. Enger has captured something uniquely American here, in the loneliness and simultaneous grandeur of the scenery, the restlessness in the hearts of his characters, and the need for redemption that is the key to Ulysses’s mysterious quest.” —*The Daily Beast*

“Blends adventure, two boys coming of age, and an exploration of trust in marriage. Set in 1886, the story captures the splendor of the 19th-century West.” —*St. Paul Pioneer Press*

“Based on two historical events, the Hornaday expedition of 1886 and the Washita incident, *The High Divide* is quietly captivating, growing more exciting as the pages turn.” —*Washington Missourian*

“[A] masterfully told Western reinvention of Homer’s *Odyssey* . . . Set against a backdrop of beauty and danger, this is the moving story of a man coming to terms with his past. In its narrative simplicity and emotional directness, it is reminiscent of John Ford’s classic *The Searchers*.” —*Publishers Weekly*, **starred review**

“Moving through the High Divide--'the rough country between the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers'--even as its characters move through important divides, or turning points, of their own, Enger's novel is told in beautifully exact, liquid language that wastes no time, just as one cannot afford to waste time when making a journey such as the Pope family's. Highly recommended.” —*Library Journal*, **starred review**

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