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Walt Longmire, the longtime sheriff of Absaroka County, Wyoming, has little time to relax. Still recovering from his manhunt chasing down escaped convict and sociopath Reynaud Shade in the Bighorn Mountains, Walt just can't find the opportunity to sit back and kick off his cowboy boots. His daughter, Cady, is getting married in a few months to the brother of his under-sheriff Victoria Moretti and is in town, helping her dad 'recuperate' and to talk about love, life, and weddings.

Meanwhile, the American Indian Days Parade and Pow Wow are attracting tourists and trouble. The pride and joy of Tommy Jefferson's stables—and the catalyst for his marital troubles—the notorious divorce horse, has gone missing, and Jefferson, renowned Indian Relay Racer and one-time meth head, wants him back. With the help of his best friend Henry Standing Bear and his daughter, The Greatest Legal Mind Of Our Time, Walt sets off to the races.

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Shannon says

I am probably swayed by the fact that this was a short, short story and they charged \$1.99 for it. I also didn't quite get it...can someone explain it to me? I was also a bit concerned that Cady is drinking diet coke, coffee and only eating cottage cheese to lose weight for the wedding but she's pregnant? okkkkkaaaaayyyyyy. You do get the first chapter of As the Crow Flies which starts out good.!

Leather says

It's a very short story, without any suspense, in which we find Walt, his daughter Cody and their friend Bear in a case that is not one.
Dispensable and too expensive given the story's shortness.

Algernon says

I noticed this month there's a new Walt Longmire novel published (no. twelve I think) and I decided to play a little catchup game with the adventures of my favorite Wyoming Sheriff.

"Divorce Horse" is almost too short to merit a separate review, and its appeal is mostly as an Easter Egg for fans of the murder mystery series. It's got Walt taking things easy after some pretty traumatic events (caught up in a blizzard in episode 7 - "Hell is Empty"), having now a quiet dinner in the company of his best friend Henry Standing Bear and soon-to-be-married daughter Cady.

When duty interrupts the friendly banter, it is for once not a murder case but a missing horse, one quite famous in Absaroka County as a 'material witness' in a divorce case. As Walt Longmire remarks, the job of a sheriff is not always about upholding the letter of the law, but about getting to know and helping, whenever possible, the members of your community, be they white, Indian, drunk, sober, polite or cussing you.

Bonus points in the short story : a nice reportage of a traditional Native American competition (think relay races in athletics, only with horses).

Brandy says

The Longmire series is a good read because it so well written, the character development is so completer you can put his character anywhere and it's believable

Joel Neff says

It's always good to get a story in the Walt Longmire series, even if it is just a short story. It's even nicer when said short story is lively, fun, and, for once, doesn't involve Walt coming face to face with death in the middle of a snowstorm. Add to that a full complement of supporting characters like Cady Longmire and Vic Moretti and it's even better. Lots of fun, good reading for fans of the series.

Jen says

This was a fun story. Not much of a mystery, but just a fun snippet of life in Absaroka County.

Cathy Cole says

First Line: It was Memorial Day weekend, and I was having dinner with my best friend, Henry Standing Bear, and my daughter Cady at the Busy Bee Café.

Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire is still recuperating from what happened to him in *Hell Is Empty*. His daughter Cady's wedding is only a few months away, and she's in town to spend some quality time with her dad.

But it always seems that Walt's not allowed to just sit and relax. The American Indian Days Parade and Pow Wow are in full swing. Walt gets word that the notorious "divorce horse" is missing, and Tommy Jefferson wants the horse back. Now.

Tommy Jefferson is a renowned Indian Relay Racer and the missing horse is the pride and joy of his stables. With the help of Henry Standing Bear and Cady, Walt sets off to the races to find the missing horse.

As author Craig Johnson explains, this short story is the "connective tissue" between his last book, *Hell Is Empty* and *As the Crow Flies*, which will be available May 15 (and reviewed here at Kittling: Books). "Divorce Horse" is light, fun, filled with Johnson's marvelous sense of humor-- and the scenes depicting an Indian Relay Race are marvelous. As a short story, I recommend it.

However, there's something else that I don't recommend about this short story. Of the 48 pages that are only available as an eBook, 27 are the story itself, and the remaining 21 are notes, acknowledgements, and a sneak peek at the first chapter of *As the Crow Flies*. I'm lucky; I got a copy of "Divorce Horse" through Net Galley, but if I were to go elsewhere to obtain one, it costs \$3.99. Would I pay \$3.99 for "Divorce Horse"? I am a diehard Craig Johnson fan; I've been raving about his books since I picked up the very first one he wrote... but I'd have to say no. I would not pay \$4 for a 27-page short story. A lot of people are going to miss out on a delightful tale due to its high price, and that's a shame.

Sharon Michael says

Will start out by saying this is absolutely one of my 'must buy' series so I'm prejudiced. Love the characters

and the setting as I lived most of my life within an hour or two of the area where this series is located and recognize the country, the people and the culture, all of which Craig Johnson gets right, time after time.

For me, this short story was a brief and memorable return visit to American Indian Days and the Pow Wow ... and the Indian relay races ... which I last saw 30 years ago. The horses, the dust, the atmosphere, the people ... all there. For other readers, probably a light, enjoyable read if you know the characters and perhaps not the one to try if you're not familiar with the series.

My only criticism ... short stories are too short, I want to read more ... he does not write fast enough!

Scott says

“Divorce Horse” is a Longmire series short story which takes place between Book 7 “Hell is Empty” and Book 8 “As the Crow Flies”. Since it is only 25 pages long it doesn’t necessarily merit a full review. A few comments will suffice.

Walt is still recovering from his physical and emotional injuries suffered from his manhunt of Reynaud Shade, an escaped convict and psychopathic killer in the Bighorn Mountains. This interlude takes place during the annual American Days Parade where the town and fairgrounds are full of tourists over Memorial holiday weekend. Tommy Jefferson, a local, yet renowned Indian relay racer loses his favorite horse – Divorce Horse – and seeks help from Walt, Henry, and Cady to find him.

“Divorce Horse” focuses less on the mystery and more on the banter between Walt, Cady, and Henry. Overall, it is cute, funny, and a nice transition between the regular series books. My only complaint is the price. \$3.99 for 25 pages is too high. \$1.99 would have been much more appropriate.

Sherri Vigil says

Craig Johnson is one of my favorite authors and even though this e-book is pretty short, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Until his next book comes, I've loved the "Longmire" series on A&E cable.

Mark says

Reading the Longmire series in sequence this short little tale about relations and communication is funny as Longmire is called in to investigate a missing horse.

For Longmire aficionados as it makes more sense to those who follow the antics of this Wyoming Sheriff.

Julie says

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This is a super short Longmire story which is available in e book format only and is obviously just a promo to introduce an upcoming release. However, I found this one on Overdrive and since I just love the Longmire series, I couldn't resist.

I always love catching up with Walt and this time the story didn't really involve much danger, but instead dealt with personal relationships as Cady is making wedding plans and a local couple deal with the pain of divorce. Walt sometimes finds himself having to play peacemaker between the couple and once more he takes a call when a horse goes missing. The story is told with humor and authenticity and was a delight to read.

One word of warning though. I checked this book out from the library, however, I noticed the price was \$3.99 in the kindle store , but the story is only about thirty pages long and the rest of the book is excerpts etc, from an upcoming release, so you might want to keep that in mind if you are thinking about buying the book, as that price seems awfully high to me. (I've purchased lots and lots of full length novels for this same price- just sayin')

As fans of this series will tell you, any kind of story from Craig Johnson is worth your time, long or short. Long is better, but sometimes you just take what you can get.

4 stars

janeroger says

All of Craig Johnson book are a terrific read

Magpie67 says

A delightful short with Bear, Walt and Cady. A relationship bet, some humor and a short history about a horse, a divorce horse. The horse was the last straw but now it's missing. Stolen at the show where Tommy was racing. An Indian Relay race at the American Indian Days Parade. Having Bear with to follow the clues the horse left behind made it way to easy... Walt and Bear decided to leave the horse and let Tommy discover how the horse got loose and inside a dilapidated barn. A short, sweet in-between story with a opening to the next title, As The Crow Flies. I'm ready for the library to open so I can grab the full book.

Vickie T says

No major drama, just a nice little story.

