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Young Matt Bodine and Sam Two Wolves became blood brothers on the day the rancher's son saved the halfbreed's life, forging a bond no one could ever break. As years passed, a legend grew of the breed and the white man who rode together--and who could jerk killing iron with the best of them...

Matt and Sam never could refuse a damsel in distress, so a whole coach load of lovelies, lead by the fetching Charity McKenzie, seems like a gift from heaven. But if it looks too good to be true, it usually is--and in short order the blood will start to flow. Matt and Sam rush in anyway and faster than you can say "soiled doves", they're up to their necks in trouble.

Soon it's an all-out war that nearly levels a frontier town, where Bodine and Two Wolves face new enemies and run into an old foe they never thought they'd see again. And the sweet, lovely Charity McKenzie is the busiest--and deadliest--bee in the hornet's nest.

## **The Hanging Road Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Hanging Road for online ebook**

### **Timothy Boyd says**

Another good western series by Johnstone. This one follows the adventures of two brothers as they travel the old west. Recommended

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### **Chris Quinn says**

#### **Great read**

Johnstone does it again, another great read. Read enjoy and look for the next exciting adventures of the blood brothers.

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### **Kevin Jackson says**

#### **Help is on the way.**

Another great story with Matt and Sam. It was great to have Bo and Scratch in the same story, good job.

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### **PWRL says**

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### **LG (A Library Girl's Familiar Diversions) says**

One thing this book had going for it is that the characters were appealing, if not, to my mind, too memorable. Matt, Sam, Bo, and Scratch are all nice guys. Matt and Sam were occasionally interesting, and I might decide it's worth it to try out one of the earlier books in the series. Who knows, maybe this book just suffered from the "this series should have died out several books ago" syndrome. The earlier books might be more enjoyable.

Some things I hated: guns "speaking" and "roaring" and "barking", excessive use of the word "hombres", and Matt and Sam having the "[choose a characteristic or ability, like speed, agility, or grace] of youth." As far as that last one goes, all that did was make the author seem old, since I don't think a younger author would have thought to use those particular words. I think I remember hearing that a lot of readers of Westerns are older men, though, so maybe this kind of wording would work better for them than it does for me (female and under 30).

Things that struck me: Sam is half Indian, but that rarely seems to matter beyond the occasional Indian-hating character, and the author made no attempt to have Matt and Sam seduce anyone (or let anyone seduce them - one of Charity's girls tried).

One last thought - this book made me think "romance for men", because this author, like some romance authors, seemed to make Matt and Sam into the kind of men he wishes he was (or that he thinks he was in his youth) - handsome, good fighters, good guys, lithe, good with women. I wonder, if I read more fast-paced Westerns like this, would I continue to see parallels between this genre and the romance genre?

**(Original review, with read-alikes and watch-alikes, posted on A Library Girl's Familiar Diversions.)**

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**larry brashear says**

**Outstanding!**

This is an excellent book and it is well written and edited as one would expect from this great author.

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