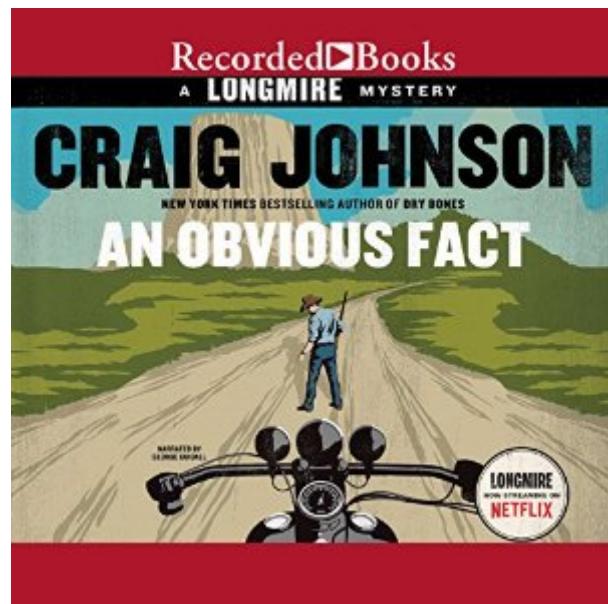


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Synopsis

In the 12th novel in the New York Times best-selling Longmire series, Walt, Henry, and Vic discover much more than they bargained for when they are called in to investigate a hit-and-run accident near Devils Tower involving a young motorcyclist. In the midst of the largest motorcycle rally in the world, a young biker is run off the road and ends up in critical condition. When Sheriff Walt Longmire and his good friend, Henry Standing Bear, are called to Hulett, Wyoming - the nearest town to America's first national monument, Devils Tower - to investigate, things start getting complicated. As competing biker gangs; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; a military-grade vehicle donated to the tiny local police force by a wealthy entrepreneur; and Lola, the real-life femme fatale and namesake for Henry's '59 Thunderbird (and, by extension, Walt's granddaughter) come into play, it rapidly becomes clear that there is more to get to the bottom of at this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally than a bike accident. After all, in the words of Arthur Conan Doyle, whose Adventures of Sherlock Holmes the Bear won't stop quoting, "There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact".

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Customer Reviews

Quite possibly the best Longmire novel thus far in many respects. I'll admit the mystery itself wasn't the most intriguing and the mood of this story seemed somehow different, lighter maybe than past books. You can read the plot description elsewhere; set away from their home turf allowed Craig Johnson to focus on Walt, Henry and to a lesser degree undersheriff Vic Morretti without the distractions of the other series regulars. I enjoyed the fact that this may be the first story where Walt

does NOT have experiences with the spirit world and interactions with dead Native Americans. Also, Walt even admits that he's "getting old" so finally no unrealistic mega-brawls, knife fights, near death experiences by drowning, falling down mountains, etc., and shootings. In prior tales the sherrif endured the kind of pain and punishment that would tax a superhero. Walt and Henry are Vietnam vets so have to be pushing 70 years old, to that end it was also a nice break that his May/December (not to mention unprofessional) romance with Vic was not part of the action this outing either. The gang does get away with a ton of illegal activities outside their jurisdiction with nothing more than a talking to from the local law enforcement folks. Vic breaks about every moving violation code in the books with a rented muscle car without consequence, she also enters a skeet shooting competition never having participated in the sport before and beats a field of accomplished champions...I don't think so. Aging Henry races in a motorcycle hill climbing event he won back in the 60's and what do you know, he wins again!

*** ALERT ***If you're already a fan of Craig Johnson's Longmire series, you know that there will be a number of expletives. In this, the 12th book in the series, however, it seems that the writer may have found a B1G1 free sale of f-bombs, as there seems to be more spoken in this book. Quick Overview All our friends are here on display in yet another fun tale of the sheriff of a fictional county in northeast Wyoming and his sidekick, Henry Standing Bear, aka the Cheyenne Nation. Right from the start we find Bear's low key, soft pedal approach to the name Devils Tower and mocking white attitudes regarding the stoic noble savage. The humor in Longmire stories reminds me much of the humor in Rockford Files, although there is little other similarity between my two favorite detective series. However, there is a danger in Johnson's current series that it may be trending towards comic book portrayal of its lead characters. For fear of leading into a spoiler, I will stop. Just understand, I still love Longmire but, I do worry that he is becoming too good to be true. I long to see a return to that maverick, can of beer between his legs while driving on patrol in his home county. For more specific comments, please read on. |Length: Print, 328 pages. Q - Target Audience/Genre and is it marketed as Nonfiction or Fiction: A "Crime Fiction Action-Adventure novel. Q - How was this book obtained? A "Bought while on pre-order stage. Q " If this is fiction, is it a plot-driven or a character-driven story? A "Plot driven, but with fun characters. Q - Is this a book that I can read without having to read others first?

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