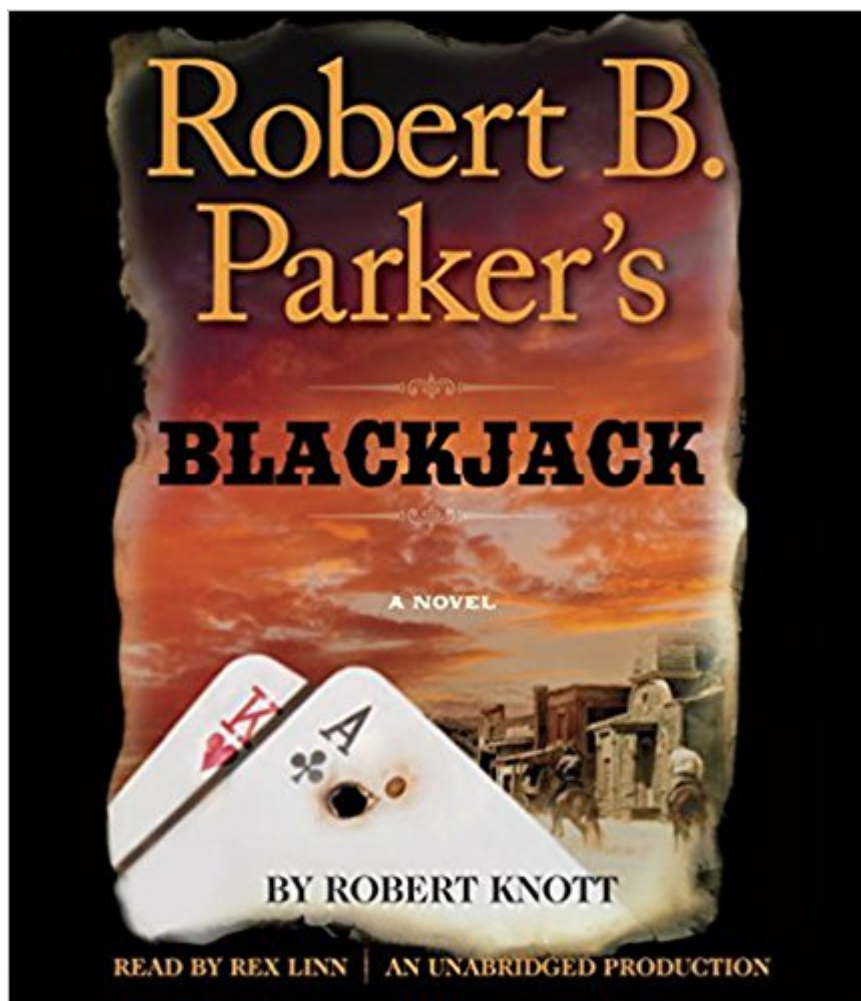


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Robert B. Parker's Blackjack (A Cole And Hitch Novel)



Synopsis

Itinerant lawmen Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch return in the gritty new installment of the New York Times best-selling series. Appaloosa, the hometown of Territorial Marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch, continues to prosper, but with prosperity comes a slew of new trouble: carpetbaggers, gamblers, migrants, peddlers, drifters, thieves, and whores, all boiling in a cauldron of excess and greed. And there's a new menace in town: a wealthy, handsome easterner and the owner of Appaloosa's new casino—Boston Bill Black. Boston Bill is flashy and bigger than life. He's a prankster and a notorious womanizer, and with eight notches on the handle of his Colt, he's rumored quick on the draw. When he finds himself wanted for a series of murders, he quickly vanishes. Cole and Hitch locate and arrest him, but Boston Bill escapes once again. Another murder sets the duo on his trail, eventually taking them back to Appaloosa where one woman in particular may, or may not, prove to be the apple of Boston Bill's eye.

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Customer Reviews

“Knott . . . adds a new wrinkle here with a damn fine mystery running parallel to the western story. . . . Fine reading for western fans.”—Booklist
“This is the most satisfying of Knott's Cole-Hitch tales, with a shocking double-twist ending.”—The Sacramento Bee
“Westerns need atmosphere as much as story, and

Knott has a knack for six-gun verisimilitude, sketching the land and summer heat, the horses and the shopkeepers. Knott's especially good with the prototypical Old West marshal, Virgil Cole, perfectly present in the here and now, every inch stoic lawman. . . . His tale gallops along without confusing readers new to the series . . . A darn good way to pass an afternoon.

Kirkus Reviews PRAISE FOR ROBERT B. PARKER'S WESTERN
 "Knott's third shot at re-creating the Cole-Hitch partnership is by far the best. There is also a very clever mystery mixed in, and the Seraphine subplot adds a Twilight Zone finish to an extraordinarily entertaining novel."

Booklist "Fans of the late Robert B. Parker's best-selling novels about territorial marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch will be delighted to discover a new adventure written by famed author Robert Knott, who also penned the earlier series entry Ironhorse. In The Bridge, the duo investigates a strange disappearance and gets some unlikely help from a fortune teller."

Cowboys and Indians Magazine "Rapid-fire dialogue and quick-paced action | a must read."

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Deseret News "Knott has no trouble cooking up larger-than-life characters to populate the books."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram "A welcome second edition to the return of these delightful western characters."

The Oklahoman "Clever detective work and considerable shooting...it reads lightning fast...suspenseful."

Booklist --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Robert B. Parker was the author of seventy books, including the legendary Spenser detective series, the novels featuring Police Chief Jesse Stone, and the acclaimed Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch westerns, as well as the Sunny Randall novels. Winner of the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master Award and long considered the undisputed dean of American crime fiction, he died in January 2010.

Robert Knott is an actor, writer, and producer, as well as the author of the New York Times bestsellers Robert B. Parker's The Bridge, Robert B. Parker's Bull River, and Robert B. Parker's Ironhorse. His extensive list of stage, television, and film credits include the feature film Appaloosa, based on the Robert B. Parker novel, which he adapted and produced with actor and producer Ed Harris. From the Hardcover edition.

Blackjack is a turkey and not worth the money ... In my opinion. Not much of a Hitch and Cole novel by Mr. Knott. I look for a certain escapism in a Parker "Cole and Hitch novel." Mr. Knott simply does not get it done. The book is a watered down mystery with the jargon of Cole and Hitch, but little gun play. Mr. Knott is not doing a good job of carrying forward Mr. Parker's legacy. The man, Mr. Knott, has one more chance with me.

Robert B. Parker's "Blackjack" is very cool. Both Everett and Virgil are my two favorite characters. Add in Allie and you have tremendous interaction. The story introduces a new character, Boston Bill Black who is the bad guy but our two heroes end up helping him. Great western and I hope there are more from Robert Knott. In this story, Everett ends up falling in love, or almost, and is quickly dumped. Love the characters and the story.

I read some of the other reviews before I purchased this as I knew that it wasn't written by Robert B Parker. The earlier reviews had a problem with the chattiness between Virgil and Everett. While it wasn't 100% true to their earlier characters it wasn't that annoying. While this was not a level 5 it is a solid 4. I will probably continue to read this story line as I like the characters.

Used to like Robert Parker's books. This one was so boring, I didn't even get to page 40. Returned it for a refund.

Love the characters, the era of time, the situations that arise throughout the story, the surprising ending totally unexpected. Check it out

Knott is my least favorite of the writers who are carrying on the Parker legacy. It is a shame because these two main characters are interesting. Knott doesn't build suspense well and he actually makes the quick back and forth dialogue that Parker mastered, seemed flat. I wish they would let someone else have a crack at these books.

Nicely written, but no real action. Love the characters but missed the excitement. First one in the series I didn't love

Terrible! Not worth all the hoopla....Read all the previous Cole & Hitch novels and this by far is the

worse, not much plot, without substance, was expecting much more. The two main characters, Cole & Hitch are just by standers in this yarn, expected much more from all the hoopla before book was released.

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