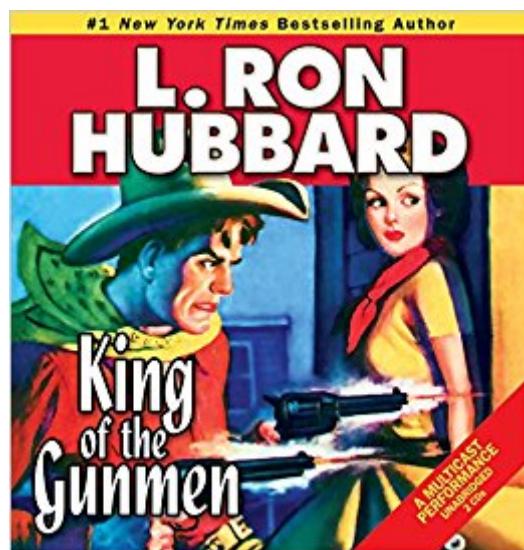


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King Of The Gunmen (Stories From The Golden Age) (Western Short Stories Collection)



Synopsis

They call him Suicide, Smoke or simply Sudden Death. His name is Kit Gordon, and from the banks of the Mississippi to the shores of the Pacific, he is King of the Gunmen. As tall and lean and tough as a young John Wayne, Kit's about to discover that sometimes it takes more than a quick draw and a sure aim to stand up like a man. Falsely accused of murder and one step ahead of a lynch mob, Kit escapes to the next county over and a whole new identity. He changes his name and his whole outlook, teaming up with a lawman out to bring the rule of law to this untamed corner of Arizona. But the two men are soon drawn into the middle of a bloody feud between cattle ranchers and sheepherders. Before it's over, the battle will lead Kit to a moment of truth . . . or a lifetime of lies. He'll have to take a stand and reveal that he's a wanted man or turn tail and run for his life, never looking back. Born and raised in the twilight of the Old West from Nebraska plain to the mountains of Montana L. Ron Hubbard grew up in the company of real cowboys and rugged frontiersmen, even becoming a blood brother to a Blackfoot medicine man. His firsthand knowledge allowed him to instill a grit and authenticity into his stories that made him one of the leading writers of Westerns, publishing a total of 34 of them by the 1950s. Also includes the western adventure The No-Gun Gunhawk, the story of a legendary gunslinger's son who swears never to take up a gun until he is forced to break his vow when it becomes a matter of life and death. Feel the heat rising off of the Arizona desert and a blazing Colt .45 as the audio version of King of the Gunmen takes you into the land of prickly pears and deadly gun fights.

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--David Pitt --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

"L. Ron Hubbard could handle the Western with the flair of a Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey. "True West" Whether your taste runs to riding tall in the saddle, high-flying adventure, or crime-busting on the mean streets, Hubbard delivers the goods. "Library Journal" Any reader of Western Yarns, Western Aces, Western Action and The Rio Kid Western, knew of a Hubbard who pounded his Remington typewriter, throwing a wide loop over the land of his beginnings. "True West" L. Ron Hubbard was born in 1911 and raised in Montana. His youth was filled with an extraordinary amount of adventurous travel which served him well when he began publishing. "Legendary output of stories in every major (and minor) genre. He wrote Westerns, swashbucklers, air adventure, mysteries, espionage thrillers, science fiction, fantasy, tales of the Orient, sea tales, and even Yukon tales in the tradition of Jack London." "Antique Trader Magazine" Delightfully over-the-top audio theater performances. "AudioFile Magazine" Each of these outstanding audio books are two hour productions characterized by talented multi-cast performances, which are enhanced with impressive special effects and thematic music. Flawless technical recordings, each and every one of these very special audio books provides the listener with a true 'theatre of the mind' experience. "Midwest Book Review

Look out Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey, here comes...L Ron Hubbard? That's right, one of your favorite sci-fi writers is also well known for many other genres of fiction including adventure, hard-boiled crime fiction, and yes, even westerns. King of the Gunmen is a tale of the old west written by L Ron Hubbard during America's golden age of pulp fiction. These stories herald from a time when the good guys sometimes had to cross the line to make sure justice was done, a time when a gunslinger's ability to fight his way out of trouble was the difference between life and death, and a time when there was always a beautiful lady handy to give a cow-puncher something to fight

for. King of the Gunmen is just one more installment in Galaxy Audio's continuing effort to memorialize in stunning audio the works of one of America's most prolific writers. Galaxy Audio goes all out on these multicast audio productions. The music and sound effect enhancements are some of the best you'll find in an audio drama, giving new life to the old west. To make the effect even more movie-like, Galaxy uses not just one narrator, but an entire cast of voice talents to actually perform the story. This particular story includes R F Daley as the narrator, Tait Ruppert as Kit and Whitey, Bob Caso as Carruthers and Dawson, Jim Meskimen as Jackson and Plummer, and Josh Robert Thompson who actually performs six different parts. It's a lot like those old radio programs folks used to listen to, only a whole lot better. If you thought L Ron Hubbard only wrote science fiction, think again! Pick up this 2-disk set and experience some of the scope and talent of one of America's great writers.

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