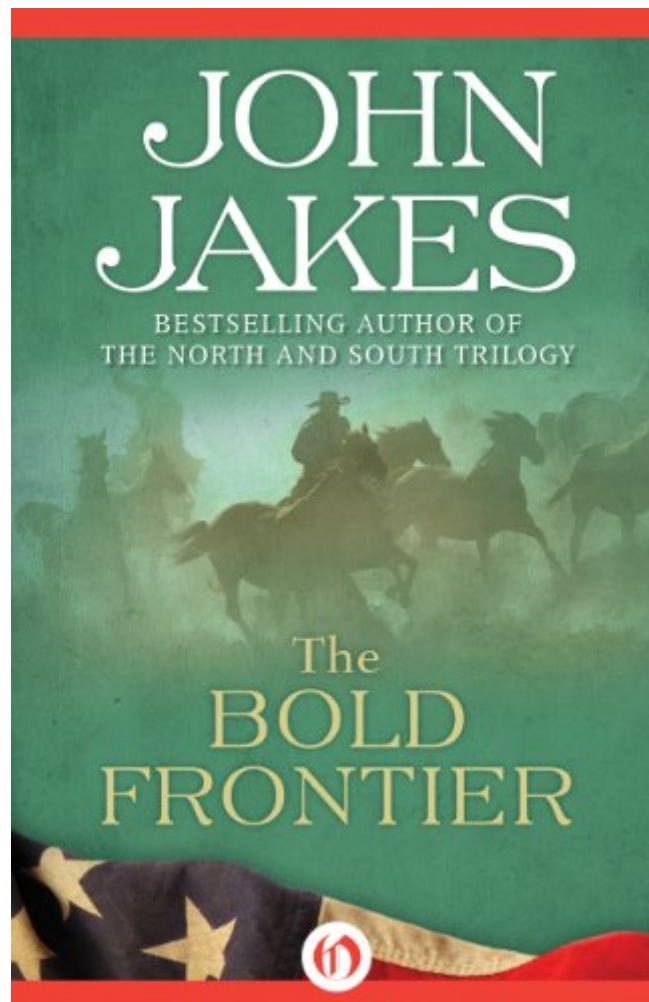


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Customer Reviews

I first must admit I'm not a huge fan of the short story. Usually the only time I read a collection of short stories is when one of my favorite authors releases an assemblage. I'm not sure why I'm prejudiced against this particular type of format. It might be because I enjoy reading so much, that anything under 100 pages seems too brief. After completing an account that lasts only

25-30 pages, either I either wish the author would have fleshed out the story longer (if I liked it), or that the author would have just forgotten about it and tossed it in the recycle bin (if I did not like it). So when reviewing a book such as this, I need to be careful and lay these prejudices aside, but also warn other readers if they happen to have the same feelings as I do. Those who know John Jakes know that he's well known for his historical fiction accounts. He's written several well-known collections of books as well as self-standing novels that tend to deal with some part of the history of the United States – usually from the 1600s to the mid-1900s. His emphasis tends to focus mainly on the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and he seems to favor tales about the American Civil War. So much so, that whenever I pick up a new book by him that focuses on the Civil War, I'm a bit disappointed. There's only so many different tales you can tell using that calamity as a backdrop that it seems like he repeats himself too often. One area that Jakes never focused on too much when telling stories of America's history, was the Old West. So this book lets him explore this genre. Again, though, there's an awful lot here. Every Old West cliché is written about.

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