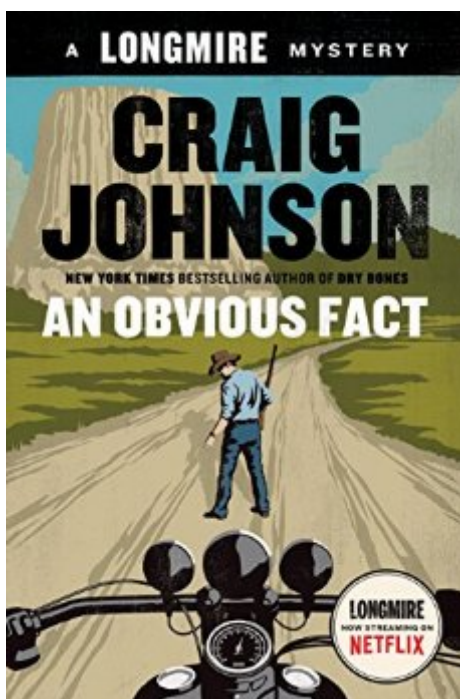


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An Obvious Fact: A Longmire Mystery



Synopsis

In the 12th novel in the New York Times bestselling Longmire series, the basis for the hit Netflix original series Longmire, Walt, Henry, and Vic discover much more than they bargained for when they are called in to investigate a hit-and-run accident involving a young motorcyclist near Devils Tower. 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." From the Hardcover edition.

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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 sheriff 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!

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