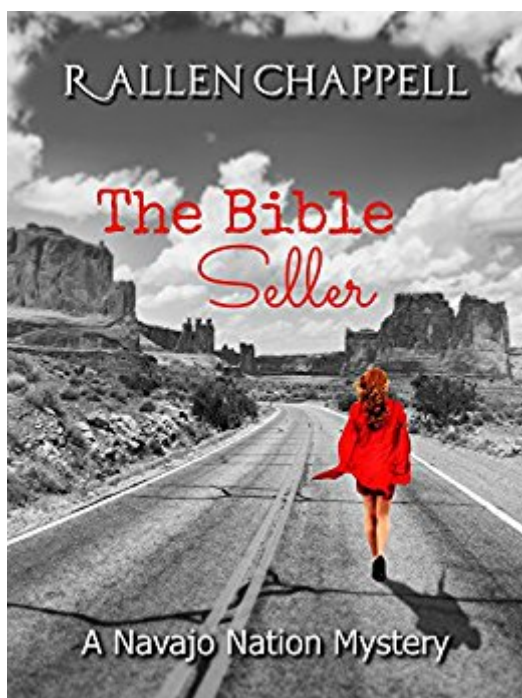


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Synopsis

"Beware false prophets in sheep clothes--they can be hungry wolves." (Lay Pastor Eddie Red Horse reading from Matt 7:15) An old silversmith is dead--his body dumped along the highway. Charlie Yazzie refuses to stand by while the FBI and Tribal investigate, not when he sees his friends Thomas Begay and Harley Ponyboy sucked into a tightening web of evil. When a beautiful young woman comes knocking at Harley's door, the game changes. Will Harley sell his soul, along with old friendships, to a stranger? One thing is clear in this chilling new addition to Chappell's Navajo Nation Mystery Series; a spate of murders and an outlier with a deadly agenda should be warning enough for anyone. "In the first gray light of dawn, the old man crossed the New Mexico state line--the sage flats unfolding desolate and dreary as a misty rain pattered down, at times even obscuring the shoulder of the road. Admittedly, Benny's eyesight was not what it once had been; so when he saw the forlorn person with a thumb out, he didn't hesitate to stop. He would soon be brought to the realization that an old man with a pocket-full of money should be more careful of the company he chooses...but, by that time, of course, it was too late."

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Customer Reviews

A fun read. Like the usual characters in the series.

The Bible Seller brings a whole new dimension to R Allen Chappell's one of a kind Navajo Nation Mystery series. He continues to amaze me with how well he fleshes out these characters and confronts them with entirely new situations. Some books of a series get tired, these, at least so far, never do. Harley Ponyboy, puts himself in a very dangerous situation this time around and others get hurt along the way. The things we do for love! I read this as I have all the others in less than two days. Found myself some nice cool shade from the summer heat and disappeared into Navajo Country. I appreciate that Chappell allows me to do this as Tony Hillerman, the man who no doubt inspired him, once did. It's a place I love to be in spirit if not in person. Well, done R. Allen. I've missed a few books for lack of time so I'll be back tracking a bit before I can circle around to the next book! I know there's talk of putting this series on TV, which I will immensely enjoy...that said I would hate for anything to take me away from the books because I would hate to miss the details. Happy reading.

The tale is primarily about Harley Ponyboy, but his friends, Tribal Legal Services Investigator Charlie Yazzie and long-time former drinking buddy Thomas Begay, are definitely watching his back. Both Harley and Thomas have been sober for sometime now, and life has been a bit less eventful for them. However; the road ahead is a bit rugged for all concerned, and that's what makes the tale delightfully suspenseful with loads of surprises. First an elderly silversmith, who had a wad of money, was found dead by the side of a lonely stretch of road. No vehicle in sight. The FBI and the Tribal law are searching for clues because this is an obvious murder. Although not a part of the investigative team, Charlie is searching for his own clues. Then a not unattractive young woman shows up at Harley Ponyboy's door asking if he would like to buy a bible. Harley sorta has a history of doing foolish things sometimes, and he is a very trusting kind of guy. So Harley invites the bible seller in, and his life will never be the same again. That's not all. A surly looking stranger is in town, and he is asking questions about a young woman that he claims is missing and he seems desperate to find. It soon becomes evident that his intentions may not be exactly honorable. Then Harley gets a warning from his neighbor. He begins to understand what is happening and decides to take for the hills with his newfound friend in tow. The storyline is well-developed, and the suspense is chilling. The characters are 3-D and they are so realistic that I could close my eyes and perceive an in-color

image of all concerned. The story is well-crafted, and definitely held my interest from beginning to end. Love this series!

I've read every book the author has written...most of them twice. I find the various "roadways" the author takes from story to story very refreshing while still fleshing out the characters as they meet circumstances not seen in previous books. This book simply adds another facet to the series' characters. Delightful twists and turns.....a fun read..... I would truly like to simply sit down and have a cup of coffee with Harley Ponyboy.

It's tempting to say Chappell is a worthy successor to Tony Hillerman. Chappell's stories are less complex, but the flavor and feel of the region and its people are far more developed. Of the seven books so far published, "The Wolves of Winter" remains my favorite, but "The Bible Seller" is a good read. Mr. Chappell has definitely been added to my list of favorite authors.

Great characters, you grow to love them and their quirkiness. Interesting insight into the Navajo culture. Brilliantly written mystery. Most difficult to put down! I can't wait for the next book!

Get up early. Get a cup of strong coffee and head out to the porch. Prop your feet on the railing and prepare to spend the day. You won't be able to put this one down until you've read it all! The intriguing and engrossing story adds depth and breadth to the characters of Charlie Yazzi, Thomas Begay and Harley Ponyboy. Harley's basic humanity and innate goodness shines through in this tale more than in any of the other Navajo Nation Mysteries. Enjoy this, and hope that R. Allen Chappell brings us more of them soon. Gary J. George, author of "Deep Desert Deception."

I have yet to be disappointed in the Navajo Nation Mysteries. I was a little worried at first that the character Harley Pony Boy (one of my favorites) was going to be killed. Very enjoyable that each book is unique and unpredictable. Thank you once again for a wonderful reading experience. Looking forward to the next one.

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