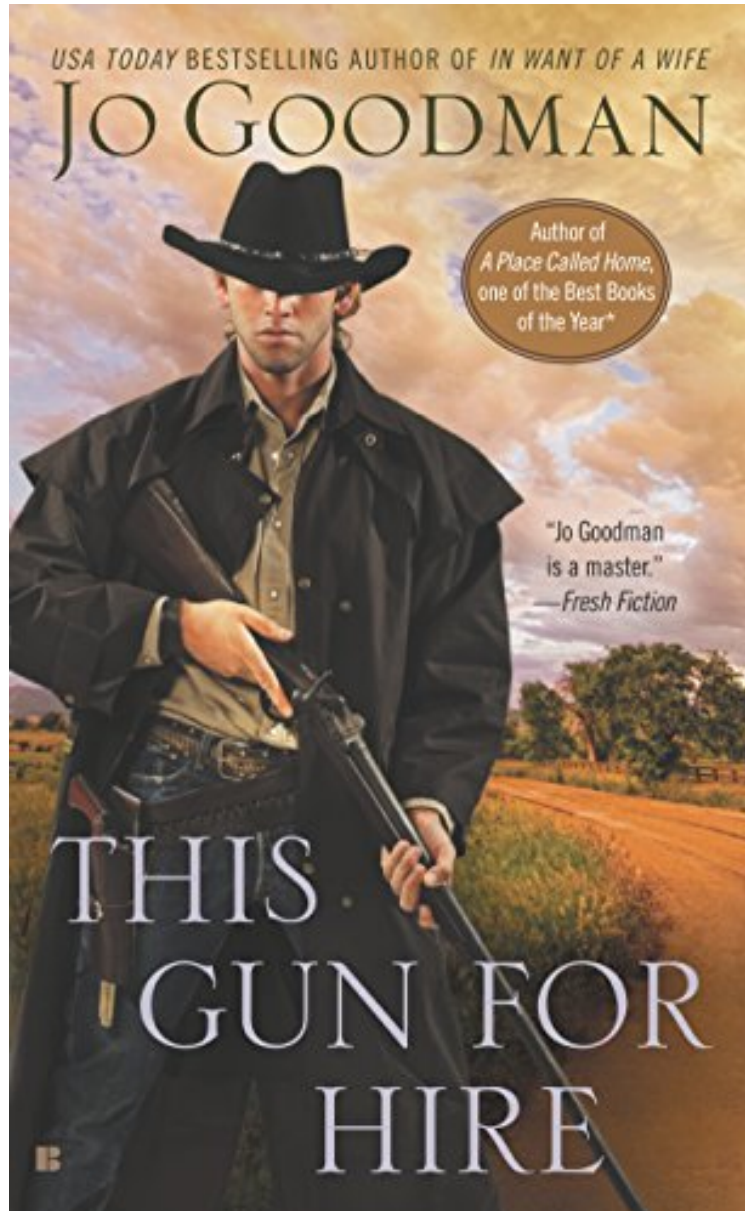


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Von Jo Goodman

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**Von Jo Goodman : This Gun for Hire** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised This Gun for Hire:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good writing style and dialogue, mediocre to bad storyline and suspenseVon JN12I've read a number of Goodman's novels

and found them good, so I picked this up with high expectations. While I did enjoy reading it, it did not meet my expectations and overall is only a mediocre novel. It has a rather high price (6,07) compared to other novels and it is not worth that. The detailed review below will contain spoilers, so read at your own risk.--SPOILERS--The writing style was good. I also liked the main characters and their dialogues. Their backgrounds could have been fleshed out more and used to give some more nuances to their relationship. There were no problems of station, angst or commitment-phobia. They started a sexual relationship pretty easily (despite the female protagonist being a virgin) and did not seem to have issues with commitment or doubts about their feelings. All in all their relationship was rather conflict-free. I do like that such stories if it is executed well, however, if there are no issues arising from the relationship itself the other story-lines have to deliver the suspense. In this case there were two story-lines that should have infused the story with suspense (and did to some degree). One was that of a man Calico caught with the help of Quill and who - pretty obviously - would later return for revenge. The other was a who-done-it sort of protection mission, where Calico and Quill had to protect a mine owner and his daughter. Unfortunately, the hints as to the identity of the culprit were placed so obviously and alternative culprits so rare (if at all present), that there was not really any suspense as to who the culprit was. Nor was there much of a question as to the motives. Also, neither Calico nor Quill seem proactive about finding the culprit. The hints as to who the person trying to kill the miner were so obvious and yet it took the protagonists ages to find out who it was - and when it was nearly too late at that. They also do not ask themselves questions such as who had motive to kill the mine owner, who stood to gain by killing the mine owner, who had access to kill the mine owner and what means (brute force, poison) the potential killer might use. If they had, the novel probably would have been much shorter. In the end, both of these suspense story-lines are merged, which I felt was lacklustre. Instead of giving both stories an individual ending, we are treated to just one ending. An ending that tries to fit these separate story-lines together, regardless of how well they mesh. Also, the motivations and actions of both culprits of these story-lines are ultimately explained with insanity, which again felt lacklustre. Their actions don't really make sense and the explanation of them being insane seems like an easy way to avoid having to build their characters, backgrounds and write a narrative where their actions make sense. As it is, it seemed they did their bad deeds because the author needed there to be bad deeds (and hence suspense) in the book. So in short: Good writing style and dialogue. Mediocre to bad storyline and suspense. I still enjoyed reading it, but it's not worth the current price (6,07).

Kurzbeschreibung "Perfectly crafted" PW (starred review) Jo Goodman, a premier writer of western romance and the author of *In Want of a Wife*, is back with a sensational new novel for fans of Linda Lael Miller and Joan Johnston. He's got a job to do Former army cavalryman Quill McKenna takes pride in protecting the most powerful man in Stonechurch, Colorado: Mr. Ramsey Stonechurch himself. But the mine owner has enemies, and after several threats on his life, mines, and family, Quill decides to hire someone to help guard the boss's daughter. Only problem is the uncontrollable attraction he feels toward the fiery-haired woman who takes the job. But she's a piece of work. Calico Nash has more knowledge of scouting and shooting than cross-stitching, but she agrees to pose as Ann's private tutor while protecting her. But between her growing attraction to Quill and the escalating threats against the Stonechurches, Calico will soon have a choice to make hang on to her hard-won independence or put her faith in Quill to create the kind of happy ending she never imagined. From the Paperback edition. *Pressestimmen* Praise for *This Gun for Hire* "Danger, treachery, and clever subterfuge infuse this complex and multilayered story that boasts more than one despicable villain. VERDICT Nonstop, sometimes violent action; wicked and witty banter; tender, laughter-laced ardor; and a passel of vividly rendered characters will sweep readers deep into Goodman's adventurous Wild West. Another addition to her growing canon of must-read historicals." --Library Journal "Goodman...treks to 1888 Colorado for a perfectly crafted tale of a working partnership between two competent, self-reliant sharpshooters. Quill McKenna functions as both lawyer and bodyguard to powerful mine owner Ramsey Stonechurch. When Ramsey worries that his enemies might threaten his daughter, Ann, who has decided to stay at home rather than traveling for her advanced studies, he takes Quill's suggestion to hire Katherine 'Calico' Nash, whom Quill met while she was taking down an abusive outlaw in a brothel. Calico guards Ann under the guise of being her academic tutor, and soon she captures Quill's heart as well. The two mercenaries are brought together by similar goals on the right side of the law, high mutual regard, and a little bit of fate. Their romance is much more than incidental but doesn't overshadow the excitement of the bigger story. Goodman balances the pair's toughness and tenderness, independence and teamwork, and practicality and passion in a way that never lessens one in the service of the other; they become something greater together without ever compromising their individuality." *Publishers Weekly* (starred review) "When I am fortunate enough to have a great book in my hands, I typically read it straight through, even if it takes until dawn. This book I felt compelled to savor. I did not want it to end....As far as this reader is concerned, Jo Goodman can write a sequel featuring Quill and Calico and I would knock on the bookstore window at midnight to read it....I highly recommend this one." --All About Romance (Desert Isle Keeper) "One of the premier Western romance writers, Goodman delivers

a solid plot with engaging characters. There's plenty of sexual tension, and from its rousing beginning to the powerful climax, there's enough adventure to satisfy fans."RT Book s"The action is raring to go from the start. Setting: a brothel. Characters: one sensual woman, one bad villain and an innocent Im just here to relax man. Quills confused and Im confused but hes determined to see whats going to happen and willing to go with the flow and Im laughing out loud as the scene unfolds. Add some whiskey, some rope, some guns, two villainous sidekicks, a little violence and justice is finally done. Calico has a wonderful, deadpan sense of humor and cuts Quill no slack at all. Shes also handy with a gun and not afraid to use it....At this point the story becomes a 'hold your breath' kind of book. It starts so well that I almost dont want to keep reading it in case it slows or falters. On the other hand, I cant not continue because its so good. Its got wonderful, wry, sharp banter and intelligent people." --Dear AuthorKurzbeschreibung"Perfectly crafted"PW (starred review)Jo Goodman, a premier writer of western romance and the author of In Want of a Wife, is back with a sensational new novel for fans of Linda Lael Miller and Joan Johnston. Hes got a job to doFormer army cavalryman Quill McKenna takes pride in protecting the most powerful man in Stonechurch, Colorado: Mr. Ramsey Stonechurch himself. But the mine owner has enemies, and after several threats on his life, mines, and family, Quill decides to hire someone to help guard the bosss daughter. Only problem is the uncontrollable attraction he feels toward the fiery-haired woman who takes the job.but shes a piece of work.Calico Nash has more knowledge of scouting and shooting than cross-stitching, but she agrees to pose as Anns private tutor while protecting her. But between her growing attraction to Quill and the escalating threats against the Stonechurches, Calico will soon have a choice to makehang on to her hard-won independence or put her faith in Quill to create the kind of happy ending she never imaginedFrom the Paperback edition.