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## Ferrell's "Outlaw angel" (Book Review)

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# Book Reviews

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Ferrell, M. (2016). *Outlaw angel*. White Salmon, WA: Mountain Brook Ink. 308 pp. \$11.99. ISBN 9781943959136

Angel Ramirez was a 20 something living in Texas and Wyoming in the 1890s. She was raised by an uncle who was a cattle herder/rustler. Angel is an expert tracker, markswoman, and horse person. She has been making her way as a man, living in the wild and on ranches for the past three years, since she lost her uncle. As she rides to her next tracking job, she decides that from now on, she'll take her chances as a woman.

Miralee Ferrell has introduced a strong, capable young woman. Angel is tough-minded and focused. She stays strong throughout the novel. Travis Morgan is a youngish cattle rancher who has taken in his widowed sister Libby with her son, James. Libby now manages the ranch house with the help of a cook. There are several ranch hands who get along with each other and work industriously and honestly for Travis.

The pace of the story in *Outlaw Angel* gallops along, dragging the reader with it. From the moment Angel opens her eyes in the middle of the night to find a rough outlaw leaning over her bed, through cattle rustling; barn fires; lost children; runaway horses; and more, until she is sitting on a high-backed porch swing with Travis sitting in a chair facing her, the action never slows.

This is a very enjoyable “Western” with a gentle faith message throughout. Both Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey would be pleased to welcome Miralee Ferrell to their genre.

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