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Now Marone is on the run, pursued by a sheriff's posse across a rugged desert landscape. Leading the chase is Jesus Lopez, a half-Mexican, half-Apache with a personal stake in bringing Shad to justice. Newly released from jail, trusted by no one, Lopez swears he's the only man who can track Marone down. That may be true. But who will live and who will die and what price will be paid in suffering are open questions. Fate and the Jornada del Muerto desert possess a harsh justice that is all their own.

With a propulsive script from Beau L'Amour and Kathy Nolan, adapted by Charles Santino and illustrated in bold black-and-white by Thomas Yeates, *Law of the Desert Born* captures the dust and blood of Louis L'Amour's West—a world where the difference between a hero and a villain can be as wide as the gap between an act of kindness or brutality or as narrow as a misspoken word.

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About the Author

The foremost storyteller of the American frontier, **Louis L’Amour** has thrilled a nation with his tales of the brave men and woman who settled the West. There are more than three hundred million copies of his books in print around the world.

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