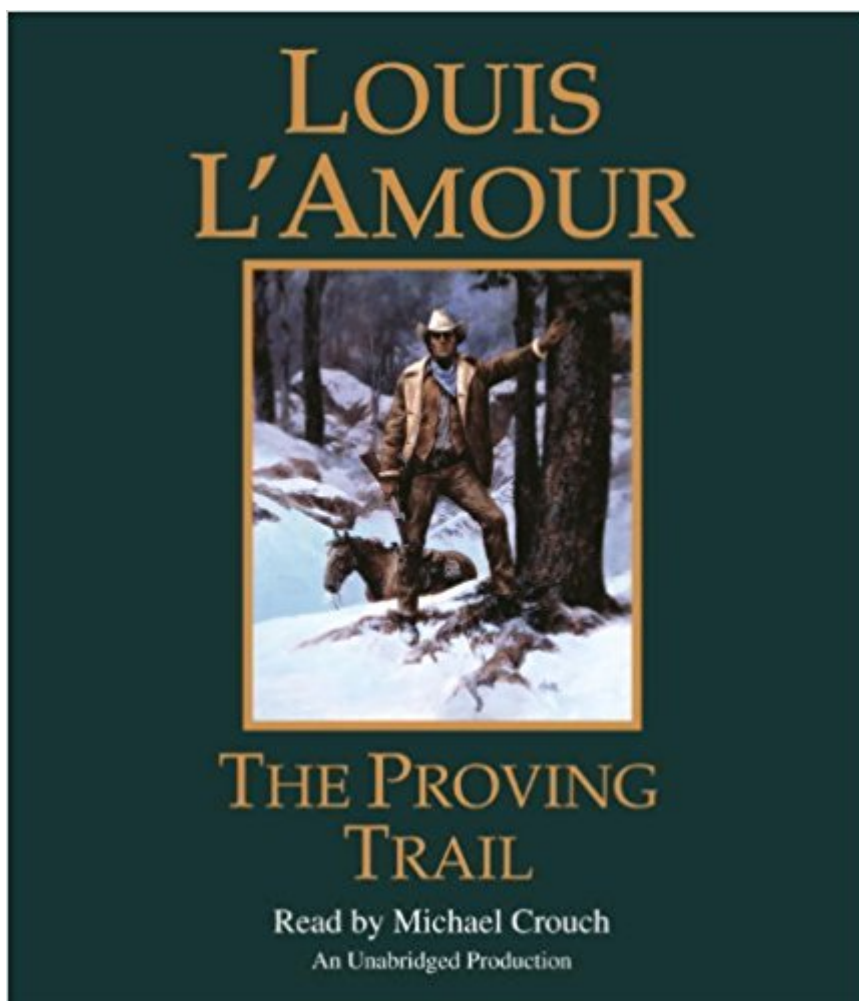




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# The Proving Trail: A Novel



## Synopsis

They tried to tell him that his father had killed himself, but Kearney McRaven knew better. No matter what life had dealt him, his father would go down fighting. And as he delved deeper into the mystery, he learned that just before his father died, the elder McRaven had experienced a remarkable run of luck: he'd won nearly ten thousand dollars and the deed to a cattle ranch. Not yet eighteen, Kearney was determined enough to track down his father's murderer and claim what was rightfully his. Now, followed every step of the way by a shadowy figure, Kearney must solve the mystery of his father's hidden past—a past that concealed a cold-blooded killer who would stop at nothing to keep a chilling secret.

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but Kearney McRaven knew better. His pa was no quitter. Then the boy discovered that just before the bullet had found him, the elder McRaven had had a remarkable run of luck. He'd won nearly ten thousand dollars and the deed to a cattle ranch. So Kearney decided to go after what was rightfully his ... even if it bought him some man-size trouble. Kearney tracks his father's killer from Silverton to the Spanish Peaks, determined to bring the murderer to justice. But he is unaware that he is being tracked at the same time -- by the murderous thugs who put his father in the grave -- and are more than willing to send another McRaven along the same route. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Mr L.' Amour a great Author anyone who wants to read about the west in the 1800's will really enjoy his books at times you can almost believe you are there when a boy of 17 is considered a man able too work alone riding herd over cattle for months this story Wil stay with you. I consider this a Good read.

Good read- historically accurate, good character development, good suspense; I recommend it to young and old who are interested in westerns and people starting from rags and going to riches by hard work overcoming obstacles. It is easy to imagine the country Louis l'Amour describes, and can give the young man or woman a vision for their life.

The Proving Trail was a great read, written by the western master himself.. It shows what a young man can accomplish if he sets his mind to it. I am 71 but I was 17 again when I read this book. Packed with history, philosophy and geography. I loved it.

I was able to listen to this in two sittings while traveling in Texas. Having been born and raised as a local West Texas boy, I was very pleased to hear both the Texas slang and the Texas drawl incorporated so well into the presentation. Having never read a Louis L'Amour novel, listening to his literature has convinced me to pick up his work and read myself. I especially loved the distinct differences between the characters presented by Mr. Crouch. I had no trouble knowing which character was speaking. Very entertaining! I highly recommend the audio book to anyone. Well Done!!!

Typical L'Amour novel. Quite modest hero, fiery heroine and villains to loathe. L'Amour and Zane Gray are my western writers of choice.

I am a huge Louis L'Amour fan, this is the lowest rating I have given one of his books. A page consuming part of this book are the ruminations of the main character, around bits of action. I wondered for a while if this actually was LL himself, but the artful use of language gives it away as his. This one was just not my favs. Mr. L'Amour is a 5 star writer, no criticism of his work intended.

Another Louis l'amour classic, thought I had read them all. Somehow this one Slipped by. Worth the price of admission

I like westerns and in my opioid L'Amour is the best. I like his stories and his character development. I like the work the family put into trying to complete all the stories he never finished. The proving trail is a great read and example of his mastery of storytelling.

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