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From Grosset Dunlap : The Trail of the Lonesome Pine before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Trail of the Lonesome Pine:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Historical Romance--of local interestBy Garth R. MailmanWeve all heard about the Hatfields and the McCoys and a similar feud serves as background for this tale set at the turn of the Nineteenth Century. This one supposedly began when one school boy made fun of anothers patched jeans. There really is a place on the Virginia/Kentucky Border called Big Stone Gap--I always thought it was fictitious. More recently neighbouring Harlan County is the setting for the 5-season TV series Justified. For those unfamiliar with Appalachia and whose only contact with hill-billy lifestyle is the more sedate The Waltons the milieu described here is terra incognita. The arcadian setting is dramatically at odds with the blight that coal mining, railroads, and company towns, that is about to descend on these backwoods people, will bring. Another contrast is that between the concept of hospitality and the xenophobia that is so apparent.Once more we see a girl sent away to town for schooling returning to the hoggish manners of her chauvinist male relatives and finding it off-putting. Progress means finding a once pristine brook polluted with sawdust and coal dust. While away at school the lass did not write home because there was no one at home who could read.The book is a period piece. At times it makes about as much sense as the blood feuds it describes. The boom and bust that coal mining and iron smelting brought to these hills left scars on the land and on the souls of the people who inhabited it. The story has a Hollywood ending.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beware! Not the whole story! Book 2 of a 2 part series!By Ben MaysI wasn't sure how to rate this because I bought it for the large print, which it does very well. It is also very well bound. The reason I rate it only two star is that it isn't the complete book. It picks up the story from chapter 18. I've gone back to the description and for the life of me I cannot find where it says that this is only part of the story..."book 2 of a two book series..." If that is

somewhere in the description then my apologies, but I cannot find it...perhaps I need my descriptions to be large print!

If they sell Chapters 1-17 in another book, and make that clear that you need them with this one to get the full story, then i'd rate it a 5.I am still an avid shopper however, their return process is very simple whether you have a printer or not. Returned it for a full refund.12 of 12 people found the following review helpful.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"By Ben MastersMy mother had told me of a book that she enjoyed when she was a little girl-- "The Trail of The Lonesome Pine." She said that her mother would get upset when she was looking for her to do her chores, because she would be secluded somewhere reading the novel. I purchased it for her, and she's already read through it again-- she couldn't put it down. It took her back to a more simple, down-to-earth time. The story is built around a solitary "lonesome pine" in the mountains, where a man meets a young girl and love, greed, and tragedy are the unifying factors. This novel has my highest recommendation.