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"A real superiority here."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Its pace is steady. Its tension is of the uncoiling spring variety. It's as clean as a hound's tooth."—*Saturday Review of Literature*

"The author has created a tale which captivates the reader's attention from beginning to end. . . . The book almost demands completion in one sitting."—*Library Journal*

### About the Author

**Jack Schaefer (1907-1991)** was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and studied at Oberlin College and Columbia University. *Shane*, his first piece of fiction, began as a short story. Mr. Schaefer went on to write many other stories and novels set in the West, earning a devoted following of readers that continues to grow.

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