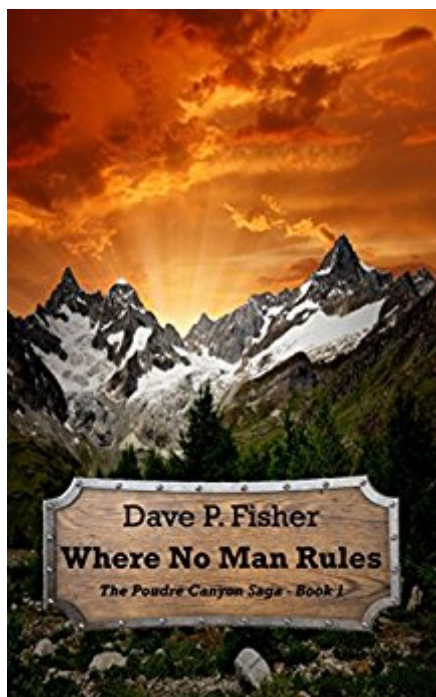


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Synopsis

The Poudre Canyon Saga â “ Book 1 Behind Jean and Andre Pelletier lay Quebec, their livelihoods as Voyageurs, and the body of Claude LeSueur who had flung his final insult in Jeanâ™s face. In a sudden flash of rage, witnessed only by his brother, Andre, Jean had plunged his knife into the heart of wealthy fur merchant Maurice LeSueurâ™s son. Together, the young trappers flee westward ahead of the hangman and the wrath of Maurice LeSueur, a controller for the powerful Northwest Fur Company. As the brothers make their way along the wilderness waterways they learn that LeSueur has engaged two murderous river pirates, Joseph Quesnel and his partner Carcajou, to hunt them. Quesnel, who harbors his own hatred for Jean Pelletier, manipulates LeSueur and his money for his own dark purposes. Jean knows the race has become even more desperate and makes the decision to escape into the American West, a decision that establishes the pattern for the men they will become. Making their way into the Rocky Mountains of 1824, the brothers meld into the world of free trappers and Indians, becoming one with them. Years pass and thoughts of Canada and the LeSueurs become faded memories until the day Jean's past comes back and threatens the new life he has so carefully built. Note: Formerly titled "Where Free Men Gather", published by Bottom of the Hill Publishing. The rewritten and enhanced novel is now published by Double Diamond Books under the title "Where No Man Rules".

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This story begins in Quebec in what I believe to be the early 1800s. Maurice LeSeuer worked his way into the very powerful Northwest Fur Company. He manipulated circumstances & in some instances even stooped to murder to get rid of the three most predominate company men, paving the way for him to take over. He raised his son Claude to be exactly his mirror image. People soon learned if you were an obstruction, the greedy Maurice or his son would remove you in whatever way necessary. The only competition was the Hudson Bay Company. The Voyageurs are the workers of the company & they were charged with the grunt work of the company. But, there is a fly in the ointment...it was the "Courier Dubois." They purchased no licenses from the fur companies & were free trappers & traders roaming as they pleased. They sold to the highest bidder & pretty much thumbed their noses at Maurice & his company earning themselves the handle of "outlaws." The final expedition of the year of 1824 was coming together & it was to be a most profitable year for the LeSeuer's. Maurice & his son were known by the Voyageurs to sideline a few furs here & there to line their own pockets. Had there been any questions they would simply blame the thefts on the Voyageurs. Who would believe them over the LeSeuer's? Once a Voyageur attempted to report a theft to the company but when the agents arrived at his cabin the furs were found & he was lead away in chains. A vivid example of what happens to you if you don't keep your mouth shut! This event also solidified the contempt & hatred the Voyageur's had for the LeSeuer's. Jean Pellstier & his brother Andre both work for the company as did their father before them. They are a well respected French family.

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