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Editorial Review

From [Booklist](#)

That Dog Won't Hunt begins in the Mojave Desert, where Rick Cooper, a cowboy drifter on the run, meets a Canadian widow, who offers him seasonal work at her Ontario hunting lodge. Cooper is a thoroughly unlikeable narrator, but readers comfortable with antiheroes may find his unabashed opportunism intriguing, and the grisly conclusion to this tense thriller brings a satisfying comeuppance. --Gillian Engberg

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"The ranching, automotive, carpentry, and hunting references, as well as the references to drinking and women, will interest readers who are often overlooked by writers. The first person narrator is clearly a "bad boy," yet the reader both identifies with him and hopes for his success even while yearning for the universe to be just. The suspense is gripping...A very compelling and well-written read...Highly Recommended." (*CM Magazine* 2010-11-12)

"The characters are strongly portrayed and the book is compelling and gripping." (*Quill & Quire* 2010-10-01)

"Should entertain both the emerging reader...and the more sophisticated reader who is looking for a quick reading escape...A clever tale that offers enough intrigue to hold a reader until its ironic conclusion." (*ForeWord Reviews* 2010-10-01)

"[Allin] unveils a noir staccato to bring this little story to life. It really works... Since the classic noir voice is long on pathos but short on syllables, Allin's simply told tale works well in the Rapid Reads format. Though it's not a long journey, you don't get the feeling that anything is lost. Nor is Allin talking down to her readers...*That Dog Won't Hunt* is good storytelling in a tiny package." (*January Magazine* 2010-12-06)

From the Back Cover

Sometimes you can teach an old dog new tricks. Cowboy drifter Rick Cooper is on the run when he meets Gladys Ryan, an eccentric widow who offers him a ride in her classic 1970 Mustang. Before long she convinces him to accompany her and her ancient golden retriever to Northern Ontario to help run her late husband's hunting lodge. With the promise of a share of the season's profits, Rick is happy to go along. But when Gladys fails to keep her promises at season's end, everything goes sideways.

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