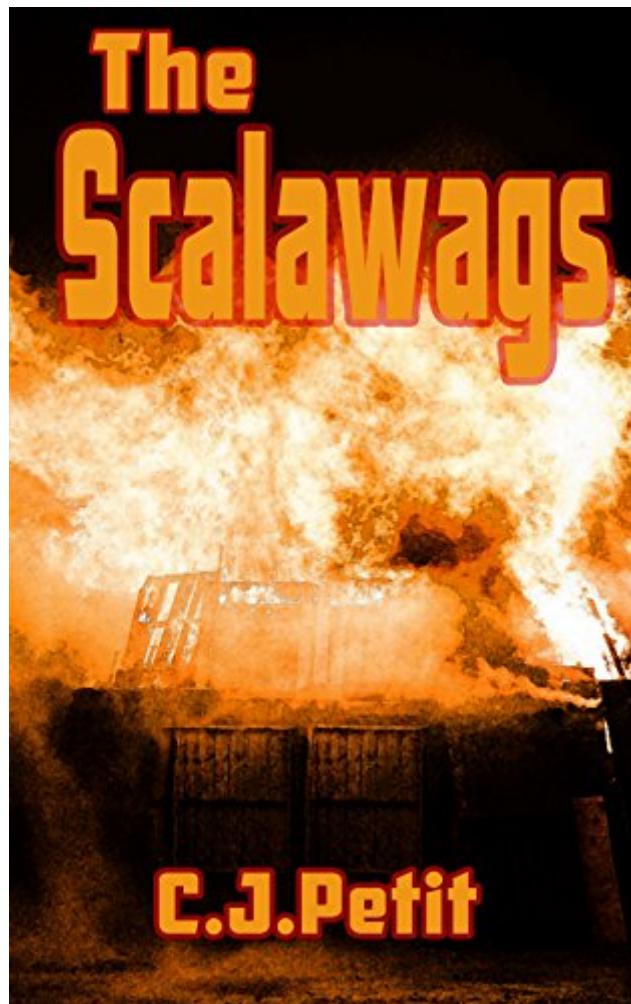


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# The Scalawags



## **Synopsis**

Sam had spent his entire life on his parents' Iowa farm. He had loved farming. He was going to marry his girl and have babies and be a farmer. Then the war came and left him with no desire to do either. Now, he found himself riding across Arkansas to keep a promise to a dying friend and brother from Texas.

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real good

Good bunch of folks

In the War Between the States, Sergeant Sam Walker & his best friend, Corporal Joe Farrell were captured at the charge of Pleasant Hill & taken to a prison just outside Tyler, Texas. Built to house 400 prisoners this Confederate prison now holds 4,000. As with all the prisons both North & South, conditions are deplorable. More men died of disease & untreated or improperly treated wounds than in the actual battles. There is little to do in prison & one of the main topics of conversation is food &

of course, their families left behind. During one such conversation, Joe ask Sam to check on his wife Julia & daughter Beth if he doesn't make it & to take care of them for him. When Sam was finally released in August of 1865 he will have to honor his promise to Joe. This story is about Sam's promise kept & the events that will change his life forever. If you enjoy a good western with a beautiful love story mixed in, you will like this book. As with all C.J. Petit books it's very hard to break away & even then your mind keeps wandering back to it with the anticipation of reading more.

I enjoyed this book...I have read almost all your books so far...think I have the last two or three waiting as samples but will purchase this week. I love the stories. You write for men as well as women. The only thing that bothers me is sometimes there are a lot of typos or different names used ....in one story I think it was someone named Jamie and later in the next paragraph it was written as Davie....must not have been a big bother cause I just kept reading and finished that book and bought another. I love the shootem up westerns, and you explain it so well. Great stories...thanks so much. I am a woman in my mid 70's, so your books can be enjoyed by any age.

CJP has written a Texas Western after the Civil War. One US Veteran died in prison. The other returned home and was out of sorts. He aren't to Texas to help his friend that had died in prison. He arrived in Texas and purchased a ranch and tried to help his friends family. He was warmly received by the sister. They married and were able to combine 3 ranches and 2 businesses. This is an excellent read for the genre..... ER

The story is filled with good & evil. Goodness wins! The characters made the story live & breathe with love & hate. The characters were realistic ;they were people I would want to be friends. They all worked hard and loved deeply. I wish Joe had lived to spend his life with his family, but he still made an impact on many lives. Goodness & love prevailed!

Five stars aren't enough, but that is the limited offer, and I never tire of these fabulous written stories by an exceptionally talented author. I will ultimately read all the books written by Mr. Petit and I am sure they will continue to be equally entertaining as the previous one have. Be sure to read these novels, as you will miss some very special stories of our real old western excitement.

The very short dialogue between Sam and the sheriff near the end of the book is worth the 99 cents. I refuse to explain it. Very funny. Almost fell off my chair laughing. Otherwise written to the usual C J

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