Sons of the Eastern Plains

A Memoir by

Lanny K. Cook

Sons of the Eastern Plains is the true story of two lifelong friends. Against a backdrop of the dusty, northeast corner of Colorado in the 1950s, young Tim and Lanny set out, determined to turn life in a small town into a grand adventure. They don't expect to discover how, when life turns tragic, family and faith take center stage. Or that their journey will lead where it leads, rather than where they planned. And never in their wildest imaginings, while skipping rocks and dreaming up new adventures, do they expect to one day struggle with knowing what to do and say when the journey leads to a final goodbye.

With charm and poignancy, author Lanny Cook paints a deft portrait of American life, warmly lit by faith and friendship, and the unavoidable questions and mysteries of our human existence: Why are we here? What is our purpose? Is there life after this one? Do I have the courage to face death? With honesty and humor, Cook illuminates the

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moment of transition and the events leading up to that sacred moment when a soul passes from this life into the next.

Sons of the Eastern Plains entertains, even as it inspires us to recognize the eternal significance of living a life of faith. It's a story of the genuine hope and peace experienced by close friends, who rely on their faith in Jesus Christ and their love for each other to see them through.

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About the Author

Lanny K. Cook

Lanny Cook (MA in education, Colorado University; State MA in school administration, University of Phoenix; DMin and PhD in biblical studies, Newburgh Theological Seminary) was recognized in 2006 as Goodwill Industries of Denver's "Educator of the Year." After spending nearly thirty years in the public schools, Lanny retired to answer the call to a second career, that of an ordained minister. Lanny's writing is punctuated with wit and quirky humor. His previous published works include Children of Promise (co-author), They Called Him... Jesus! and Fingernails the Chalkboard. Lanny serves as an associate pastor at his church in Colorado and is also active in the drama ministry, Faith on Stage.

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Suggested Interview Questions For Lanny K. Cook Author of Sons of the Eastern Plains

- What made you decide to write a book that deals with the topic of death?
- How did your childhood prepare you for life as an adult?
- What are some of the most memorable moments you remember from your childhood?
- What made your relationship with your cousin Tim so special?
- What is your earliest memory of Tim?
- In your book, you reference the "Deadly Sins of Childhood." How did you develop the specifics of each of those temptations? Do kids today still have to deal with these same issues?
- You talk about how heritage impacts who you are and who you will become. Why do you
 think this is such an important consideration as you reflect back on your life?
- How do you think your life would have been different if you didn't come from such a close-knit family?
- In today's society, there is a tendency to place less importance on the development of a child's faith. How does this perspective hinder a child's development?
- Death is waiting for all of us. With that in mind, how can we be prepared to face that final moment? Or, can we?

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