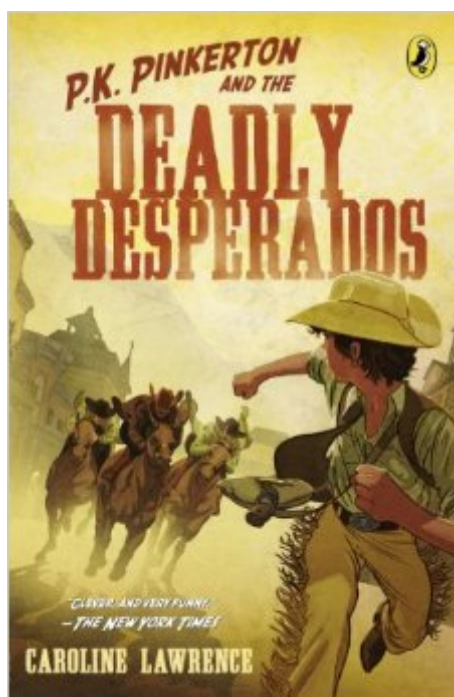


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# P.K. Pinkerton And The Deadly Desperados



## Synopsis

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The year is 1862, and twelve-year-old P.K. Pinkerton is on the run from Whittlin™ Walt and his gang of ruthless desperados. P.K. is determined to hold on to Ma™s last priceless possession: the deed to a large amount of land and silver mines in the Nevada Mountains. Problem is, that™s exactly what Whittlin™ Walt is after, and he™ll do just about anything to get his hands on it. P.K. will have to be both clever and cunning to evade the band of outlaws. But time is running out, and no one can run forever. After all, this is the Wild West, and there™s hardly a safe place to hide.

## Book Information

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It's September, 1862. Why does Whittlin Walt want to kill a twelve-year-old, twice orphaned kid in Virginia City, Nevada? That's the first mystery in the new Western Mysteries children's series by Caroline Lawrence. Her previous Roman Mysteries series took place in the ancient world, but they didn't have guns back then and P.K. Pinkerton is staring down the four-inch barrel of a Smith and Wesson number 1 seven-shooter. So if you want to know why P.K. Pinkerton is going to be killed on September 28, 1862, you need to read *The Case of the Deadly Desperadoes*. Along the way, you

are going to be treated to some things author and historian Caroline Lawrence describes so well. You'll find out what it is like to ride on slippery top of a stage coach, gamble with professionals in a saloon, go inside a Chinese laundry, prowl the streets and back alleys of a lawless town, and meet people who are just as desperate and deadly as the desperadoes out to kill P.K. Caroline writes so you feel you are there...without gore, but without a lot of sugar coating either. In P.K. Pinkerton, you find a likable kid. He can read, write, and do sums. He can ride a horse with or without a saddle, shoot a gun, skin game, spark a fire, and tell what a horse has eaten by the smell of the manure. P.K. has all the important skills a civilized kid in the 1860's should have. He's honest and principled. But P.K. also has a major flaw, or as he calls it, 'his Thorn'. He has Asperger's Syndrome, a condition that makes it difficult for people in social situations. For P.K., it means he can't read people's true intentions. He doesn't understand what might be behind a person's smile and so he has trust issues and confidence issues.

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