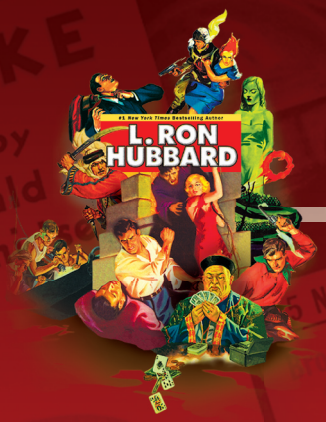

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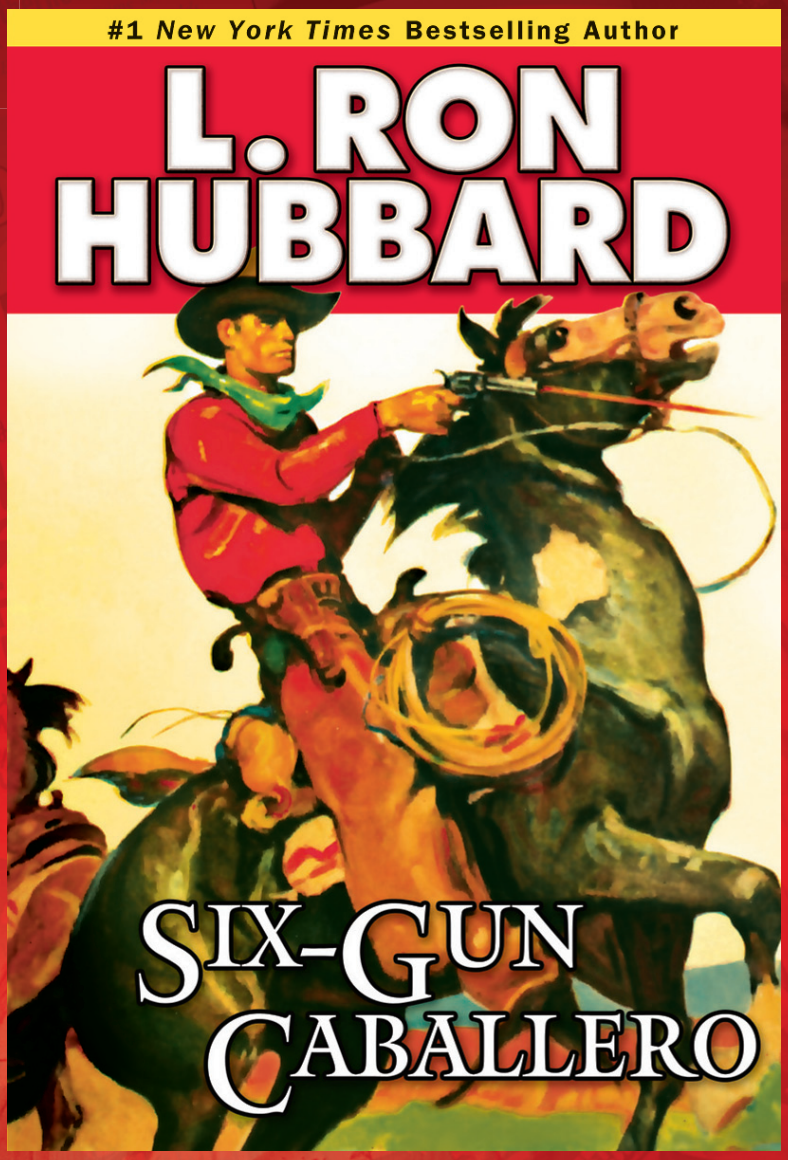

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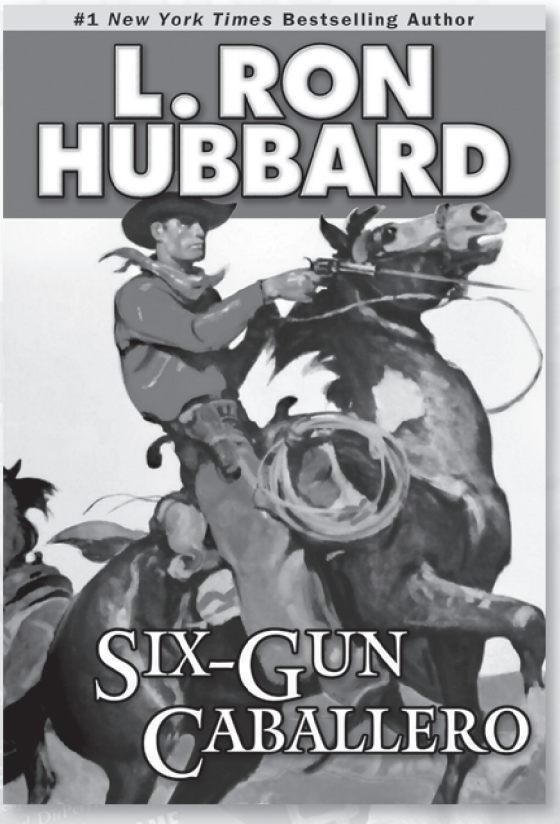

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• Quiz

For this section circle the correct answers to fill in the blanks.

1. MAIN IDEA

What is the main idea of the story?

- A man's ability to think quickly helps him outwit his enemies and save his land.
- Gamblers and card players make good friends.
- A judge nearly dies in jail.
- Mexico has had a history of unstable boundaries.

2. SEQUENCE

What belongs in the middle?

a) Judge Klarner warns *don* Michael that he is in danger of losing his land.
b) _____
c) Charlie Pearson is suspicious about the missing cattle.

- Gus Mueller is shot and killed.
- It is *don* Michael who is hired as an employee by the renegade Charlie Pearson.
- Judge Klarner is locked up for murder.
- Captain Greyfuss meets *don* Michael but doesn't know who he is.

3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Don Michael made it seem that his ripped scarf belonged to Judge Klarner, so _____

- he had to get another scarf to replace that one.
- Charlie Pearson gave him the scarf he was wearing.
- Judge Klarner was incorrectly arrested for murder.
- he would not have to wear it anymore.

• Quiz

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Charlie Pearson is suspicious about the missing cattle, so _____

- he starts looking for other livestock to sell instead.
- he hires many more men to search for them.
- he follows *don* Michael to see if he will lead him to the cattle.
- he decides to go back to cheating at cards to make a living.

5. CONTEXT CLUES

Michael Patrick Obañon is a _____, so he is polite and has good manners.

- gentleman
- Mexican
- Irishman
- US citizen

6. CONTEXT CLUES

Charlie Pearson is a renegade, so _____

- he wants to become famous as a card player.
- he works for the government.
- he is just another hired hand.
- he wants to take *don* Michael's land without paying for it.

7. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

What happens to Charlie Pearson after the book ends?

- He makes a fortune playing poker.
- He is locked up and later hanged for the murder of Gus Mueller.
- He and Julius Lusby start an accounting business.
- He comes back after he gets out of jail and works for *don* Michael.

• Quiz

8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

How do you think Judge Klarner feels about *don* Michael after the book ends?

- He no longer cares that he made a promise to Tim Obañon and will never speak to *don* Michael again.
- He wants to get revenge and tries to steal the land himself.
- He forgives him for getting him locked up and is happy he saved his land.
- He is too traumatized by his time in jail to ever see him again.

9. FACTS AND DETAILS

Julius Lusby really liked wearing his _____

- checkered vest and green hat.
- nice leather cowboy boots.
- small round spectacles.
- spurs.

10. FACTS AND DETAILS

A strongbox is _____

- a box that can store large weights.
- a strong, locking box or safe for valuables.
- a box to keep several pairs of boots in.
- a storage container for food items.

11. FACTS AND DETAILS

Don Michael rode a _____

- quarter horse.
- pony.
- horse-drawn wagon.
- big white stallion.

• Quiz

12. FACTS AND DETAILS

Charlie Pearson often used phrases and terms related to _____

- poker.
- his childhood.
- the Bible.
- other people.

13. FACTS AND DETAILS

Don Michael was born in _____

- California.
- Ireland.
- Mexico.
- Louisiana.

14. FACTS AND DETAILS

Judge Klarner is _____ when *don* Michael visits him at the jail.

- angry
- grateful
- happy
- sleeping

15. FACTS AND DETAILS

After Gus Mueller is killed, why does *don* Michael rush back to the house, change his clothes and light candles?

- He wants to be in more comfortable clothing.
- He wants it to appear that he has been there for some time.
- He dislikes being out after dark and is getting ready for bed.
- He is expecting friends over for dinner.

• Characters

CHARACTERS

Write about the following characters, and be sure to explain their relationships to the other characters.

Michael Patrick Obañon

Judge Klarner

Charlie Pearson

Julius Lusby

• Summary/SBQ

SUMMARY

Write a summary of the book on a separate piece of paper. You may prepare for an oral summary if you prefer.

SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

1. Who asked Judge Klarner to watch out for *don* Michael?

2. What lie does *don* Michael tell Charlie Pearson when he is asked where the cattle are?

3. Why do Charlie Pearson and Julius Lusby want the cattle?

4. How does *don* Michael warn his men when he realizes he and the judge are being followed to their hiding place?

5. How does Judge Klarner end up in jail?

6. What is *don* Michael waiting for in order to win against the renegades?

7. How did *don* Michael arrange for the cavalry to attack the bandits instead of his men?

8. How does *don* Michael escape going to the gallows in the end?

• Story-Based Discussion

SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

1. How does *don* Michael get hired as an employee of the renegades?

2. What exactly has happened that puts *don* Michael's land ownership at risk?

3. What weapon would *don* Michael's men have preferred and why?

SAW (STORY-APPLIED WRITING)

Pick one topic below and write a complete response.

1. Write the next chapter of the book, explaining what happens to Charlie Pearson and Julius Lusby.

2. Compare and contrast Michael Patrick Obañon with a character you have read about in another book.

3. Choose a few scenes from the book and rewrite them from Judge Klarner's perspective.

• Find the Meaning

For the following section circle the correct answers.

1. *havoc* means
   - a breakfast food
   - a period of calm
   - a strong emotion
   - great destruction

2. *patently* means
   - brightly
   - reverently
   - poorly
   - obviously

3. *blustered* means
   - sobbed quietly
   - protested or threatened noisily
   - ran fast
   - drank noisily

4. *sibilant* means
   - hissing
   - menacing
   - soft
   - hopeful

5. *hoist* means
   - to wish
   - to move fast
   - to remember
   - to raise or lift

6. *lofty* means
   - of imposing height
   - spongy
   - made of wood
   - dull white

7. *turbulent* means
   - composed of dark colors
   - spinning like a top
   - smooth
   - disturbed or agitated

8. *avarice* means
   - stupidity
   - citizenship
   - of good character
   - greed

9. *exemplified* means
   - shot wildly
   - served as an example of
   - brought to justice
   - examined closely

10. *zenith* means
    - a highest point or state
    - cloud of dust
    - solar ring
    - beautiful color

• Complete the Sentences

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. They were unable to _____ the flag in the rainy weather.

    - turbulent
    - havoc
    - lofty
    - hoist

2. The monster in that movie spoke with such frightening, _____ sounds!

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    - zenith
    - sibilant
    - lofty

3. The committee nominated him for chairman as they felt he _____ what they stood for.

    - sibilant
    - avarice
    - blustered
    - exemplified

4. With the sun at its _____ and no water, he wondered if he could even last until nightfall.

    - hoist
    - turbulent
    - havoc
    - zenith

5. The American people were shocked at the _____ of the bankers and Wall Street.

    - avarice
    - sibilant
    - blustered
    - patently

• Complete the Sentences

6. The dark skies were so _____ they knew better than to take the small boat out on the ocean.

- havoc
- exemplified
- zenith
- turbulent

7. Even though the child was _____ angry, the other children continued to tease him.

- avarice
- patently
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- lofty

8. After Hurricane Andrew, the _____ in South Florida was devastating.

- exemplified
- hoist
- zenith
- havoc

9. Shocked almost speechless by the manager's accusation, Mike _____ that he had never done such a thing.

- patently
- sibilant
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10. I was enthralled by the _____ ceilings and immense rooms of the old mansion.

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• **Quiz:** Answers

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• A man's ability to think quickly helps him outwit his enemies and save his land.

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• Judge Klarner was incorrectly arrested for murder.

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT
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6. CONTEXT CLUES
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• **Characters:** Answers

Michael Patrick Obañon

Michael Patrick Obañon (called *don* Michael by his friends and employees) was born and raised in Mexico but is the son of an Irishman, Tim Obañon. Tim Obañon is now dead and left his son a huge plot of land. Suddenly, the borders of Mexico and the US have changed and *don* Michael finds he is now in America. He is warned by Judge Klarner, an old friend of his father's, that there will be trouble but it is too late. When some American renegades come to take his land, he lays down a game of cat and mouse designed to ultimately to save his land and see that the renegades get justice. He becomes the "employee" of Charlie Pearson and Julius Lusby and wages his war from the inside. *Don* Michael's politeness and gentlemanly manners confuse the rough outlaws and help him achieve his goal.

Judge Klarner

Judge Klarner was an old friend of Tim Obañon, *don* Michael's father. He promised the father he would look out for *don* Michael and so comes personally to warn him that he could lose his land. Later, *don* Michael falsely accuses the judge of murder and the judge is jailed. Unbeknownst to Judge Klarner, this all turns out to be part of the plan to keep the land, and in the end the judge is released.

Charlie Pearson

Charlie Pearson is a gambling, card-playing outlaw. He and his partner, Julius Lusby, have filed a claim to Obañon's land and plan to collect up all the cattle in the meantime and sell them to pay their men and make some money for themselves. He "hires" *don* Michael, not knowing he is the landowner. Once odd things start to happen, he suspects his new "employee" yet cannot actually catch him at anything. When the cavalry arrives, he thinks he has won but soon finds that *don* Michael has outwitted him and that he is headed for justice.

Julius Lusby

Julius Lusby is Charlie Pearson's partner and is the money handler. He is a frightened, uncertain little man who believes all *don* Michael's tricks because of his fine, gentlemanly manners. He often calms down his partner and temporarily gets him to trust *don* Michael.

• Story-Based Questions: Answers

SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

1. Who asked Judge Klarner to watch out for *don* Michael?
   Don Michael's father, Tim Obañon, who is now dead.

2. What lie does *don* Michael tell Charlie Pearson when he is asked where the cattle are?
   That at this time of year there is less water and the cattle drift south.

3. Why do Charlie Pearson and Julius Lusby want the cattle?
   They plan to sell the cattle to pay their men and to make a lot of money for themselves.

4. How does *don* Michael warn his men when he realizes he and the judge are being followed to their hiding place?
   He makes the judge get off his horse and go on foot to tell the men.

5. How does Judge Klarner end up in jail?
   Don Michael makes it seem as if Judge Klarner is the one who shot one of Pearson's men, Gus Mueller.

6. What is *don* Michael waiting for in order to win against the renegades?
   He is waiting for a shipment of guns and munitions his men can use to fight.

7. How did *don* Michael arrange for the cavalry to attack the bandits instead of his men?
   He sets it up by telling a captain what time the fight will start and misleads him about where his men will be.

8. How does *don* Michael escape going to the gallows in the end?
   He has obtained documents from the best law firm around showing that he is an American citizen and the land is his.

• SBD/Find the Meaning: Answers

SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

1. How does *don* Michael get hired as an employee of the renegades?

   He makes them believe he was an employee of the landowner and politely offers to work for them.

2. What exactly has happened that puts *don* Michael's land ownership at risk?

   The boundaries of Mexico have now moved south of him. His house now sits within the territorial boundaries of the United States.

3. What weapon would *don* Michael's men have preferred and why?

   They would have preferred knives. They were highly skilled knife-throwers but had little to no experience with guns.

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