

GEORGE BRANDSBERG. *Cottonwoods.*
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Brandsberg's tale *Cottonwoods* takes place in the early 20th Century as ranches and small irrigated farms are established on the prairie north of South Dakota's Black Hills. Two Norwegian brothers struggle to maintain their farm and ranch operation as a nefarious businessman and gang of criminals are bound and determined to cause them to fail. Stolen and slaughtered livestock, burning barns, and breached irrigation ditches are just the beginning of events that lead to murder and the possible demise of the brothers. *Cottonwoods* is an entertaining western yarn.

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