

DELIVERING VIRTUE, The Epic of Didier Rain Book 1

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Didier Rain is broke, lovesick, and just off a three-day whiskey binge. And yet, The Church of the Restructured Truth has been told in a vision that he's the man to fulfill their Holy Prophecy. He must deliver Virtue – a blue-eyed infant – 1,000 miles along the western pioneer trail to the cult prophet's stronghold as his child bride to be. Savages, zealots, and wildfire all stand in Rain's way. But, there's something holy about the job – something, Rain suspects, that might just turn his sorry life toward a better path.

Praise for DELIVERING VIRTUE:

"Author Kindall has a magical way with words. His prose has a visionary quality; he truly shows while he tells this story. His use of dialogue is funny, thoughtful, bawdy and entirely entertaining. Every single character in Delivering Virtue is necessary and intriguing who move the story forward and the book closes with a fully-satisfying denouement. ... He's immensely talented and I hope for more great work from him. He's definitely a writer to watch out for." - Bookish Jen, thebookselfblog.wordpress.com

"This provocative, wholly satisfying novel is a Western adventure told in the language of magic realism. It skillfully blends historical insights, moments of fantastical humor, stories of travel through exotic climes, and references to European poetry, Homeric mythology, and even Oedipal psychology. ...By its end, all the revelations, disclosures, surprises and their aftermath bring the novel to a gratifying and rewarding end. If it raises more questions than it answers, the questions are surely worth the asking." – BlueInk Reviews

"Rain and his little charge encounter lunatics, killers, American Indians, fanatics, and, eventually, the prophet himself and his followers. As the narrative climaxes and unhinges, Kindall steps up the violence of his narrative and its poignancy, and the combination of action, cynicism and dogged hope (with heavy helpings of magical realism) is oddly effective. A remarkable and *sui generis* historical novel." – The Historical Novel Society, Editor's Choice

