

I recommend that you buy and dive right into Timber Beasts, the series' first, a fast-paced read that'll bring you right up to speed. In this book, Stoner brings to life the famous turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Oregon land fraud scandal that in 1905 brought down U.S. senator John H. Mitchell. People portrayed therein are a multi-cultural cast spanning the spectrum from city folk to farmers, those working the woods to those scheming to achieve barony over the NW timber landscape. Stoner makes it clear that the working (and unemployed) woods workers are not the beasts of the cliché . . . It's those who plan to cheat honest laborers and the government by fraud and frequent violence. *David Milholland, Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission*