

Hungry Hills

Logline

After escaping from a boys home, fifteen year old Snit Mandolin returns to the community that shunned him and soon runs afoul of the law when he joins up with another outcast.

Short Synopsis

Returning to live with his traumatized aunt after two years in a home for boys, Snit Mandolin (15) soon joins up with Johnny Swift(16) to make moonshine in the hills. When Snit meets Roy Kane the present collides with the past and the boys are taken to a violent crossroads.

Long Synopsis

Saskatchewan, 1954. After two years in a home for boys, SNIT MANDOLIN, 15, goes to stay with MATILDA, his aunt, who lives an impoverished and isolated life in the hills.

Snit tries to make a place for himself in the only home he's ever known but the meanness of poverty and the harshness of the land defeat him. The community that still shuns his family - and paid to have Snit taken away - has not changed.

Snit falls in with another outsider, JOHNNY SWIFT,16. Johnny makes moonshine and sells it through a local bootlegger. The boys become fast friends until their adventure is cut short by ROY KANE, the district's private cop.

Enigmatic, unpredictable, and with his own sense of justice, Kane is after the bootlegger and will use the boys to get to him. It was Kane who dragged Snit away from his home those years ago. As he plays cat-and-mouse with the boys, Kane begins to wonder about the place he warehoused Snit in, and what it might have done to Snit.

Dogged by Kane and betrayed by the bootlegger, Snit and Johnny arrive at a violent crossroads.