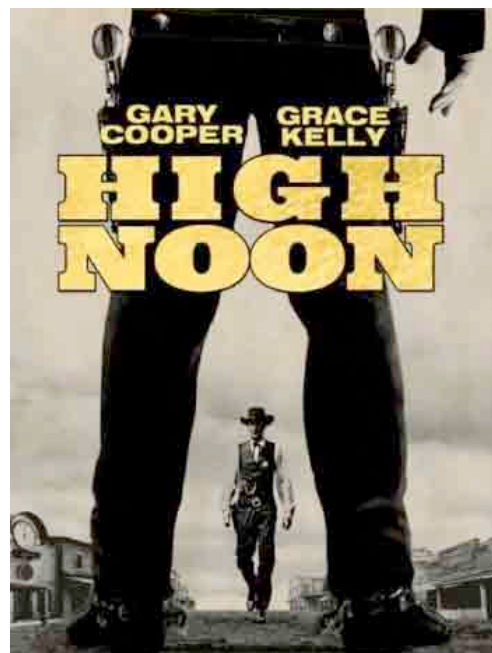


Will Kane, the former *bank clerk / marshal* of Hadleyville, New Mexico Territory, has just *married / divorced* Amy, a pacifist and a Quaker and has turned in his badge. He intends to become a *storekeeper / marshal* elsewhere. **Suddenly, the town learns / Nobody knows** that Frank Miller - *a criminal Kane hanged a year ago / brought to justice* - is due to *leave town / arrive* on the noon train. Miller had been sentenced to hanging, but *the rope broke / was pardoned*. In court, he had vowed to *forgive / get revenge on* Kane and anyone else who got in the way. Miller's three gang members - including his *old mother Emily / younger brother Ben* - wait for him *in jail / at the station*. Worried townspeople encourage Kane to *stay and to fight / leave*, hoping that *would defuse the situation. / Kane would be killed by Frank*.



Kane and his wife *leave town / are already aboard the train*. Fearing that the gang will *leave Kane alone / hunt him down*, Kane turns back. He *can't find / reclaims* his badge and scours the town for help. His deputy, Harvey, *is the hero of the day / resigns*. Helen Ramírez, Kane's former girl-friend, *still hates / supports* him, but there is *no possibility of leaving town / little she can do to help*. Disgusted by the cowardice and ingratitude of *the town marshal / her neighbours*, she sells her business and prepares to leave town. Amy threatens to leave with or without Kane *by plane / on the noon train*, but he stubbornly refuses to give in. He interrupts the Sunday church service *to confess his sins / looking for deputies*. Many townspeople profess to admire Kane, but *they want to help Frank Miller / nobody volunteers*.

In the end Kane faces them alone. He *makes friends with / shoots down* two of the Miller Gang, though he himself is wounded in the fight. Helen Ramirez and Amy both board the train, but Amy *hides under the seats / gets off* when she hears the sound of gunfire. Amy chooses her husband's life over her religious beliefs, shooting Ben *in the back / while having breakfast*. Frank then takes her hostage to *get the money from the bank / force Kane into the open*. However, Amy suddenly *faints / breaks free and dives aside*, allowing Kane to kill him. As the townspeople emerge, Kane *proudly presents his marshal's star / contemptuously throws his marshal's star in the dirt* and leaves town *with / without* his wife.