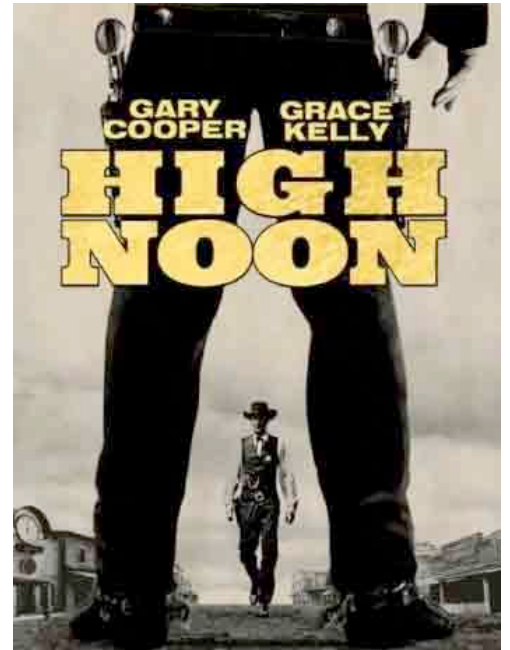


Will Kane, the former **bank clerk / marshal** of Hadleyville, New Mexico Territory, has just **married / divorced** Amy, a pacifist and a Quaker and has turned in his badge. He intends to become a **storekeeper / marshal** elsewhere. **Suddenly, the town learns / Nobody knows** that Frank Miller - a 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.