

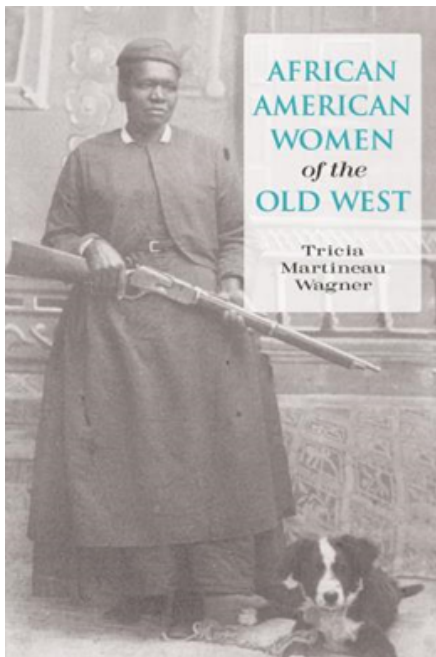


A Compelling Book for All Ages -- And See the Movie, "Temple Grandin" Starring Clare Danes

Diagnosed with autism at a young age, instead of being institutionalized, Temple's mother encouraged her to go to school. But it was a trip to her aunt's ranch in Arizona that changed her life. That mentoring experience along with her early professors encouraged her own mentoring of thousands of students, ranchers, processors, and others.

Dr. Grandin is a world-renowned scientist and professor at Colorado State University. Her world-changing career has revolutionized the livestock industry through cruelty-free designed facilities and practices. She thinks visually like animals do and she gives them a voice. She knows that animals raised for food should be treated with respect.

Her story is both compelling and inspiring. Read this enjoyable biography or make it part of your school's Common Core curriculum.



African American Women of the Old West

Author: Tricia Martineau Wagner

Where to Purchase: Amazon.com

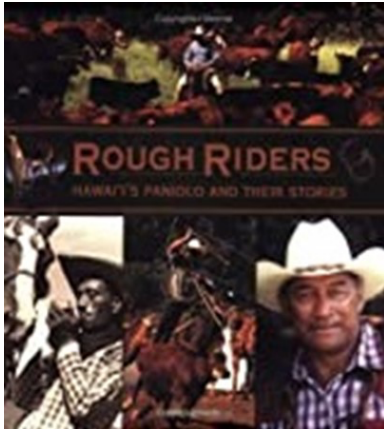
Book Summary: Histories and highlights of the lives of ten remarkable Black women, including the amazing Mary Ann Pleasant who amassed a fortune in San Francisco simply by listening. She became a financial force in the City and owned vast areas of real estate. Cigar smoking, gun-toting Mary Fields was a force to be reckoned with in Montana. Clara Brown gained her freedom from slavery and \$300 when her owner died, and she headed to Colorado. Biddy Mason walked 1,700 miles west to Utah with a baby in her arms. These women's stories are inspiring!

Publisher: Two Dot Press

Publication Date: 2007

Age Range: 8-Young Adult and Adult

Price: \$14.99 Paperback, \$13.99 e-book



Rough Riders, Hawai'i's Paniolo and Their Stories by Ilima Loomis

Paniolo come from every ethnic group in Hawaii. Take an in-depth look at Hawaiian cowboys, their island, ranch work and lives on the most remote islands in the world.

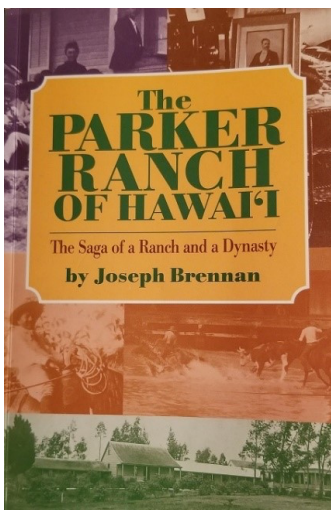
Publisher: Island Heritage Publishing

Publication Date: 2006

Age Range: 12-Young Adult

Price: Hard copy \$24.00, paperback \$15.95

Available from Amazon, Kindle



The Parker Ranch of Hawai'i: The Saga of a Ranch and a Dynasty By Joseph Brennan

History, drama, biography, and culture are all combined in this centuries-long documentary of the historic Parker Ranch. Learn how Hawaiian royalty and a seafaring family joined to create a ranching institution that is still thriving today.

Publisher: Mutual Publishing

Publication date: 1974

Age Range: Young Adult and Adult

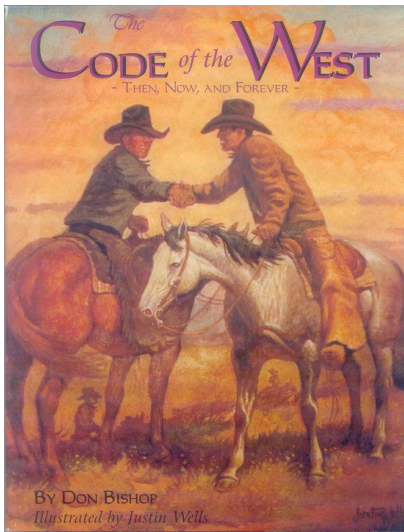
Price: Hardcover \$12.45

Available from Amazon, Parker Ranch, Kindle



First Class to Hawaii – for Livestock!

Native Hawaiian Adrienne Cruz is the owner and operator of Latigo Livestock Transport. She flies horses, cattle, goats, llamas, sheep and all kinds of critters from Los Angeles International Airport to Honolulu, and inter-island as well. Read the article about this amazing cattlegirl and her adventures in the January 2022 issue of Western Horseman.



Code of the West: Then, Now and Forever

Author: Don Bishop, illustrations by Justin Wells

Where to Purchase: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kindle

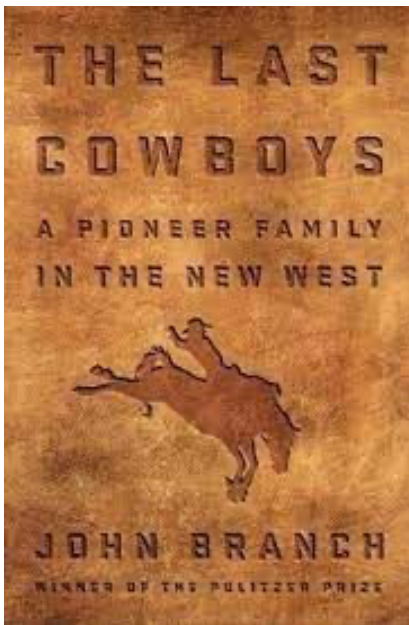
Book Summary: The Code of the West is a touching story of cowboy life. It highlights the Lessons, Codes, and Values all country kids learn growing up riding horses and being responsible for chores on a farm or ranch. This unique book tells the cowboy story - from the cattle drive era to modern-day ranching and rodeos.

Publisher: Old West Cedarmill Publishing

Publication Date: 2003

Age Range: All Ages – Read As A Family!

Price: \$7.99 Kindle



The Last Cowboys: A Pioneer Family in the New West

Author: John Branch

Where to Purchase: W.W. Norton, Barnes & Noble, Amazon

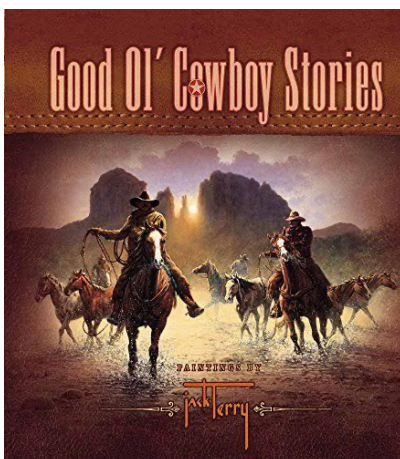
Book Summary: For generations, the Wrights of Southern Utah have raised cattle and world-champion saddle-bronc riders—many call them the most successful rodeo family in history. Now they find themselves fighting to save their land and livelihood as the West is transformed by urbanization, battered by drought, and rearranged by public-land disputes.

Publisher: W.W. Norton & Co.

Publication Date: 2019

Age Range: All Ages – Read with Dad

Price: \$15.99 Hardcover; \$9.99 Paperback; \$9.99 Kindle



Good Ol' Cowboy Stories

Author: Jack Terry also the book's illustrator

Where to Purchase: Amazon, Barnes & Noble

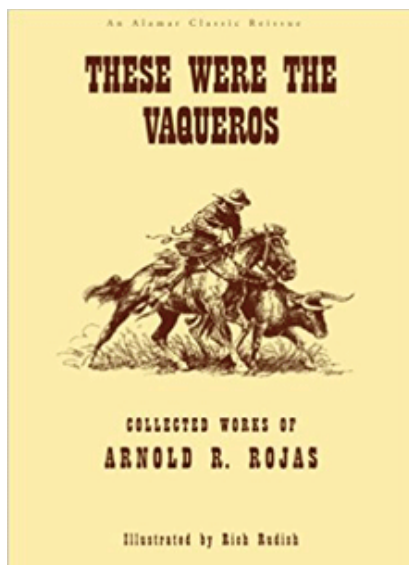
Summary: A unique look at Western life through the eyes of good ol' cowboys like John Stetson, Bill Pickett, Will Rogers, Charles Goodnight and Bill Mason is described as a collection of tales of inspiration and courage.

Publisher: Harvest House Publishers

Publication Date: 2005

Age Range: Young Adult to Adult but could also be a read-aloud for younger readers.

Price: \$28.62 Hardcover, \$5.23 Paperback



These Were the Vaqueros: Collected Works of Arnold R. Rojas

Author: Arnold R. Rojas

Where to Purchase: Goodreads, GoogleBooks, Amazon

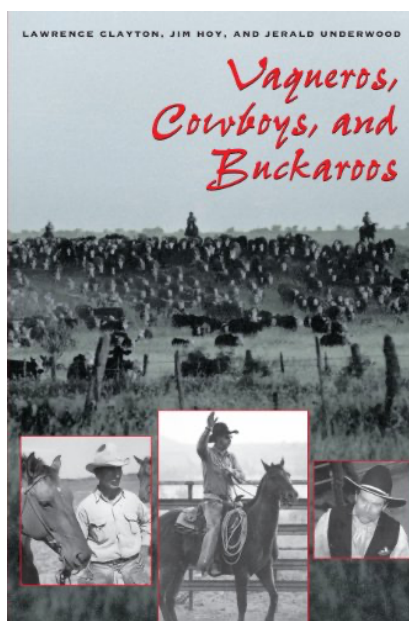
Book Summary: A collection of Rojas stories in five sections, based on tales from old vaqueros. Stories range from the early ranchos, the life of the early cowboys to horse training and cowboying.

Publisher: Alamar Media

Publication Date: July 29, 2010

Age Range: Early Years (Read to Me) through Adult

Price: Varies from \$27.00-\$79.99 Paperback



Vaqueros, Cowboys and Buckaroos

Author: Lawrence Clayton, Jim Hoy and Jerald Underwood

Where to Purchase: Abebooks, GoogleBooks, Amazon

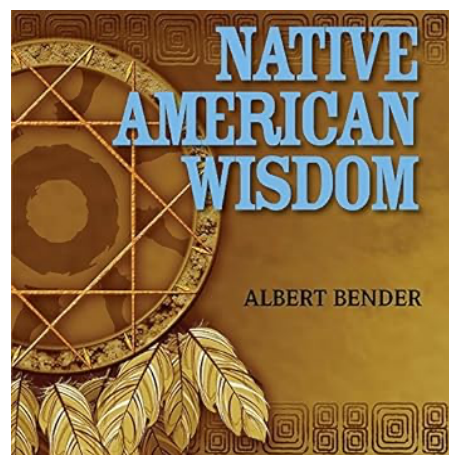
Book Summary: Cowboys from Mexico – vaqueros – influenced cowboys from Texas through the Great Basin to the West Coast.

Publisher: University of Texas Press

Publication Date: June 28, 2010

Age Range: Tweens and Up

Price: \$19.79 Paperback, \$88.46 Hardcover



Native American Wisdom

Author: Albert Bender

Where to Purchase: Thriftbooks, Abe Books

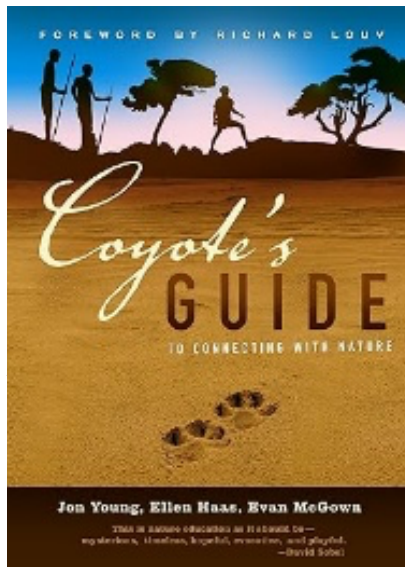
Publisher: Premium Press America

Publication Date: October 2015

Age Range: Young Adult - Adult

Price: \$8.50 paperback

Cherokee author Albert Bender compiled a beautiful collection of historic and cultural traditions, discoveries, inventions, and contributions made by America's first people in agriculture, medicine, trade, mathematics, architecture, art and more.



Coyote's Guide to Connecting With Nature

Author: Jon Young, Ellen Haas and Evan McGowan

Book Summary: The first edition quickly became the essential guidebook for mentors, parents, teachers, camp directors, and others wanting fun and exciting ways to connect children (and adults!) with nature. Includes strategies like storytelling, tracking, mapping and practicing survival skills.

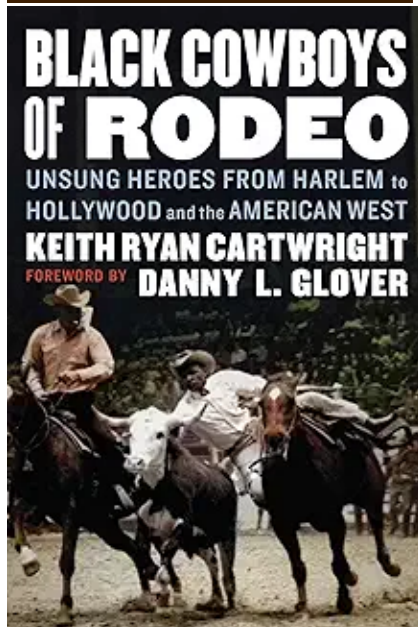
Where to Purchase: Goodreads, Thriftbooks,

Publisher: Owl Link Media

Publication Date: 2010

Age Range: Young Adult or all ages

Price: \$34.95 Paperback



Black Cowboys of Rodeo, Unsung Heroes from Harlem to Hollywood and the American West

Author: Keith Ryan Cartwright

Book Summary: They ride horses, rope calves, buck broncos, ride, and fight bulls, and wrestle steers. The legacies of their pursuits intersect with America's struggle for racial equality, human rights and social justice. Stories include Cleo Hearn, the first Black cowboy to professionally rope in the Rodeo Cowboy Association, Myrtis Dightman, the Jackie Robinson of the NFR, and more.

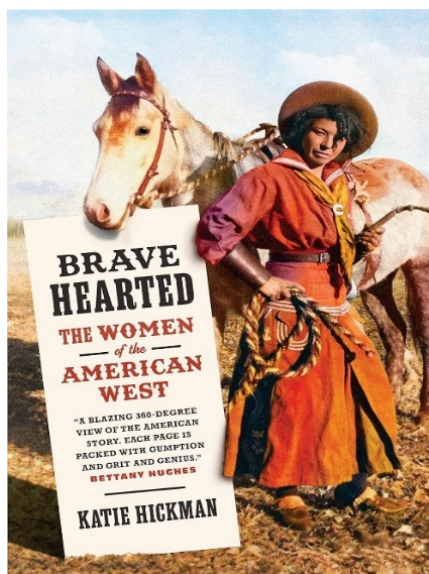
Where to Purchase: PBR Shop, Nebraska Press, Amazon

Publisher: Nebraska Press

Publication Date: 2021

Age Range: Young Adult

Price: \$26.00-\$35.00 Hardcover, Kindle \$23.66



Brave Hearted: The Women of the American West

Author: Katie Hickman

Book Summary: The 2023 Willa Literary Award. True-life stories of women's experiences in the West: heart-rending, gripping and stirring accounts.

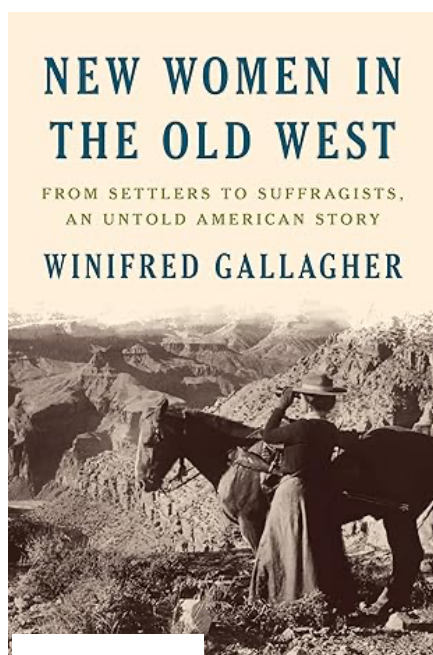
Where to Purchase: Parnasses Books, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com

Publisher: Spiegel & Grau

Publication Date: October 25, 2022

Age Range: Young Adult

Price: \$18.99 Hardcover, \$20.60 Paperback, \$16.99 Kindle



New Women of the Old West

Author: Winifred Gallagher

Book Summary: From settlers to suffragists, from 1840 through 1910, women played a key part in expansion of the US into the West.

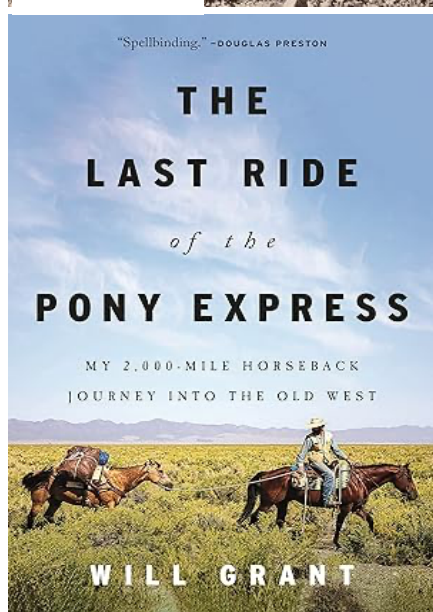
Where to Purchase: Penguin Random House, Good Reads, Amazon.com

Publisher: Penguin Press

Publication Date: July 20, 2021

Age Range: Young Adult

Price: \$14.45 Hardcover, \$14.99 Paperback, \$14.99 Kindle



The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000 Mile Horseback Journey Into the Old West

Author: Will Grant

Book Summary: "It's a tale of adventure by a horseman who defies most modern conveniences, and is an unforgettable narrative that will forever change how you see the West, the Pony Express and America as a whole." (From the book jacket) Gotta love a horse called "Chicken Fry."

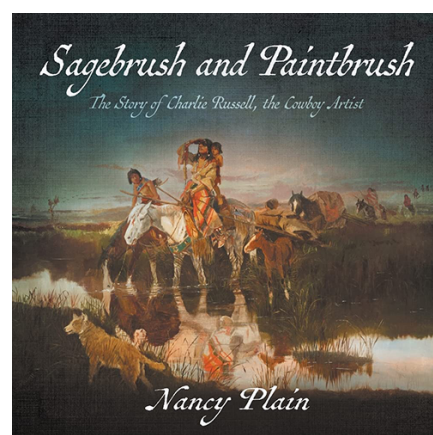
Where to Purchase: Little Brown and Company, GoodReads, Barnes and Noble, Amazon

Publisher: Little Brown and Company

Publication Date: June 2023

Age Range: Young Adult and Adult

Price: \$18.95 Hardcover, \$15.99 Kindle



Sagebrush and Paintbrush: The Story of Charlie Russell, the Cowboy Artist

Author: Nancy Plain

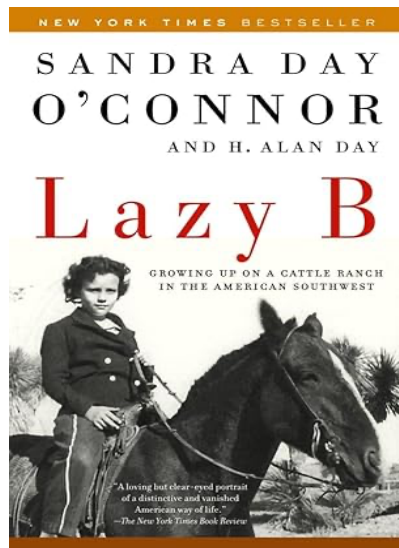
Where to Purchase: CM Russell Museum, Prairie Lights, ThriftBooks, eBay

Book Summary: Charlie Russell lived his dream and told his story of the West in his art. Whether pencil, pen or paintbrush, Russell captured the drama and beauty of the life he lived and the people he loved.

Publisher and Date: Wise Wolf Books 2023

Age Range: Young Adult or share as a family

Price: \$14.99 Paperback



Lazy B: Growing Up On A Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest

Author: Sandra Day O'Connor with H. Alan Day

Where to Purchase: Barnes & Noble, Good Reads, Amazon

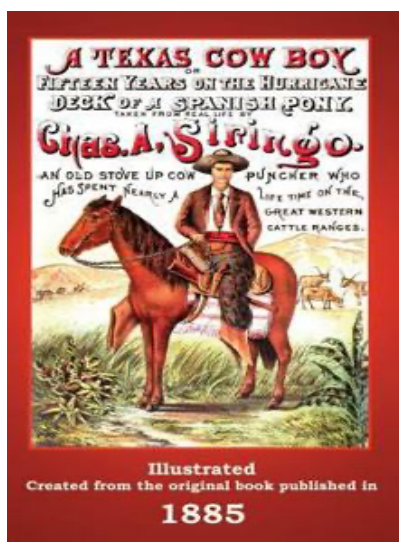
Book Summary: In her own words, the Supreme Court Justice recounts her three generations of ranchers, their strengths and self-reliance that prepared her for her judicial life.

Publisher: Random House

Publication Date: 2003

Age Range: Young Adult and Adult

Price: \$17.00 Hardcover, \$17.00 Paperback, \$14.00 Kindle



A Texas Cow Boy or Fifteen Years on the Hurricane Deck of a Spanish Pony

Author: Charles A. Siringo

Book Summary: You will step back in time with this book originally published in 1885. The son of immigrants, Siringo recounts his years on the Western frontier, the rough town of Dodge City, Kansas, run-ins with Billy the Kid and his work with the Pinkertons (which eventually became our FBI).

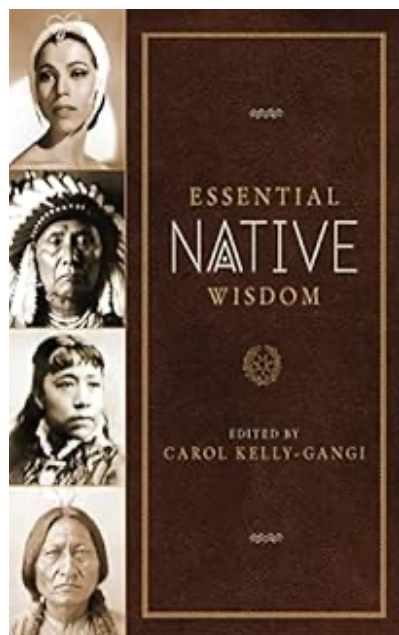
Where to Purchase: Thriftbooks, Goodreads, Library of Congress, Amazon

Publisher: N/A

Publication Date: 1885, 2016

Age Range: Young Adult

Price: \$32.95 Hardback, \$7.50 Paperback



Essential Native Wisdom

Author: Carol Kelly-Gangi

Book Summary: A philosophical gathering of powerful quotations, this is a book to read over and over again. Very thought-provoking and insightful, think about hardships, hope, strengths and freedoms. Read a section and talk about it as a family. What do you believe?

Where to Purchase: Amazon, Barnes & Noble

Publisher: Fall River Press

Publication Date: 2021

Age Range: Young Adult and Adult

Price: \$9.00 Hardcover