

## Classic Westerns

Mattie  
- Alter, Judy  
W Fic Alter (1988)  
SPUR AWARD



The Blind Corral  
- Beer, Ralph Robert  
Fic Beer (1986)  
SPUR AWARD

Summer of Pearls  
- Blakely, Mike  
W Fic Blakely (2000) SPUR AWARD

Death Comes for the Archbishop  
- Cather, Willa  
Fic Cather (1927)

The Ox-Bow Incident  
- Clark, Walter Van Tilburg  
Fic Clark (1940) and video

The Dark Island  
- Conley, Robert J.  
**LP** Fic Conley (1995) SPUR AWARD

St. Agnes' Stand  
- Eidson, Tom  
W Fic Eidson (1994) SPUR AWARD

Riders of the Purple Sage  
- Grey, Zane  
W Fic Grey (1940) and audio

The Big Sky  
- Guthrie, A.B.  
Fic Guthrie (1947)

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The Time It Never Rained  
- Kelton, Elmer  
Fic Kelton (1973) and **LP**

Hondo  
- L'Amour, Louis  
W Fic L'Amour (1983) and **LP**

The Searchers  
- LeMay  
Video only

Call of the Wild  
- London, Jack  
Fic London (1963) JFic, LP, video,  
audio

All the Pretty Horses  
- McCarthy, Cormac  
Fic McCarthy (1992) **LP** and audio

Lonesome Dove  
- McMurtry, Larry  
W Fic McMurtry (1985) and video

Centennial  
- Michener, James A.  
Fic Michener (1974) and **LP**

True Grit  
- Portis, Charles  
Fic Portis (1968) and  
video, DVD



Doc  
- Russell, Mary Doria  
Fic Russell, M. (2011) (also ebook form)

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The Sea of Grass  
- Richter, Conrad  
Fic Richter (1937)

By Jack Schaefer:  

- Shane (1949) Fic, **LP** and video
- Monte Walsh (1963) Fic

By Glendon Swarthout:  

- The Shootist (1975) Fic and video
- The Homesman (1988) W Fic

By Richard Wheeler:  

- Fool's Coach (1989) W Fic
- Sierra (1996) Fic

both won SPUR AWARDS

The Virginian  
- Wister, Owen  
W Fic Wister (1929)

Riders to Cibola  
- Zollinger, Norman  
Fic Zollinger (1977)



### *Short Stories*

The Best of the West Series  
By Western Writers of America  
Fic SS Bes La

### *Family Saga*

Holts: an American dynasty series  
- Ross, Dana Fuller  
Some in W Fic, Fic, **LP**

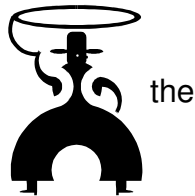
## *The West in Nonfiction*

Hoover Dam: an American adventure  
- Stevens, Joseph  
627.82 Ste (1988)

The Longhorns  
- Dobie, J. Frank  
636.2 Dob (1941)

The Imus Ranch: Cooking for kids and cowboys  
- Imus, Deirdre  
641.5636 Imu (2004)

Undaunted Courage:  
Meriwether Lewis,  
Thomas Jefferson, and  
opening of the American  
West  
- Ambrose, Stephen E.  
917.804 Amb (1996) and audio



Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee  
- Brown, Dee Alexander  
970 Bro (1970)

Fathers and children: Andrew Jackson  
and the subjugation of the American  
Indian  
- Rogin, Michael Paul  
970.5 Rog (1975)

The Cowboy Hero: his image in  
American history and culture  
- Savage, William W., Jr.  
973 Savc (1979)

## *The West in Nonfiction*

Once They Moved like the Wind:  
Cochise, Geronimo, Apache Wars  
- Roberts, David  
973.04972 Rob (1993)

Cheyenne Autumn  
- Sandoz, Mari  
973.04973 San (1992) and video

“Old West” series by Time-Life Books -  
Look for them scattered throughout the  
970's.

Killing Custer: the Battle of the Little  
Bighorn and the fate of the Plains  
Indians  
- Welch, James  
973.82 Wel (1994)

Seeking Pleasure in the Old West  
- Dary, David  
978 Dar (1995) SPUR

Across the Wide Missouri  
- DeVoto, Bernard Augustine  
978 Dev (1947)

Old Jules Country  
- Sandoz, Mari  
978 SanOl (1965)



Men to Match My Mountains: the  
opening of the Far West 1840-1900  
- Stone, Irving  
978 StoMe (1956) and audio

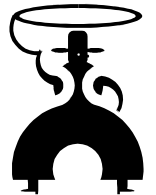
## *The West in Nonfiction*

Precious Dust  
- Marks, Paula Mitchell  
978.02 Mar (1994) SPUR AWARD

And Die in the West: the story of the  
O.K. Corral Gunfight  
- Marks, Paula Mitchell  
979.153 Mar (1989)

Rush for Riches: Gold fever and the  
making of California  
- Holliday, J.S.  
979.4 Holru (1999)

Big Trouble: a murder in a small  
western town sets off a struggle for the  
soul of America  
- Lukas, J. Anthony  
979.6 Luk (1997) SPUR  
AWARD



## *The West in Biography*

Black Elk Speaks: Being the life story of  
a holy man of the Oglala Sioux

- Niehardt, John G.

Biog Black Elk (1932)

Long John Dunn of Taos: from Texas  
outlaw to New Mexico hero

- Evans, Max

Biog Dunn (1993)

Bright Eyes: the story of Susette  
LaFlesche, an Omaha Indian

- Wilson, Dorothy Clarke

Biog LaFlesche (1974)

Jessie Benton Fremont

- Herr, Pamela

Biog Fremont (1987)

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Custer's Last Campaign

- Gray, John S.

Biog Boyer (1991) SPUR AWARD

The Lance and the Shield

- Utley, Robert M.

Biog Sitting Bull Utl (1993) SPUR

John Wayne

- Roberts, Randy

Biog Wayne (1995)

Sword of San Jacinto: a life of Sam  
Houston

- De Bruhl, Marshall

Biog Houston (1993)

## *Nontraditional West*

There's no reason why a novel within  
the "Western" genre has to take place in  
America. Here's one by Zane Grey that  
is set in Australia:

Wilderness trek, a novel of Australia  
S Fic Grey, Z. (1944)

The Sisters Brothers

- DeWitt, Patrick

Fic DeWitt, P. (2011)

(satirical novel set in 1850's Oregon  
Territory and California)



## *Historical Novel of West*

Sam Bass

- Woolley, Bryan

Fic Bryan (1983) SPUR AWARD

Stone Song: a novel of the life of Crazy  
Horse

- Blevins, Win

Fic Blevins (1995) SPUR AWARD

Wanderer Springs

- Flynn, Robert

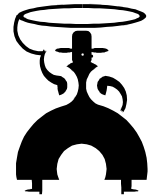
Fic Flynn (1987) SPUR AWARD

By Douglas C. Jones:

- Gone the Dreams and Dancing  
(1984) W Fic

- Roman (1986) Fic  
and **LP**

Both won SPUR  
AWARDS



Panther in the Sky

- Thom, James Alexander

Fic Thom (1989) SPUR AWARD

The Gates of the Alamo

- Harrigan, Stephen

Fic Harrigan (2000) SPUR AWARD

## Contemporary Westerns

The Modern Scene- These authors write Westerns with a 20th century setting:

- Edward Abbey
- Richard Bradford
- J.P.S. Brown
- H.L. Davis
- Robert Day
- Max Evans
- Larry McMurtry
- Max Schott
- Philip Lee Williams

Mystery fans might want to try Steve Hockensmith's Holmes on the Range and other titles in the series. (also available in **LP**)

How about a crime series set in the West? Try these authors:

- C.J. Box
- Michael McGarrity
- Ridley Pearson
- William Kent Krueger
- Craig Johnson (Longmire series—an authentic Western hero with his own television series)

## Contemporary Westerns

There is a fictional series called "Women of the West":

- A Lady Follows - Fic Newman, H. (1999)
- Daughter of Joy - Fic Levy, J. (1998)
- Ladies of the Goldfield Stock Exchange - Fic Downing, S. (1997)
- The Overland Trail - Lee, W. (1996)

She Won the West: an anthology of Western and frontier stories by women - Muller, Marcia (ed.)  
Fic SS She (1985)



Peace like a River (literary)  
- Enger, Lief  
Fic Enger, L. (2001) (also in audio)

Novels by Ivan Doig:

- Bucking the Sun (1996)
- Mountain Time (1999)
- The Eleventh Man (2008) (football) (also in **LP**)

Hearts of Horses  
- Gloss, Molly  
Fic Gloss, M. (2007) (a heart-warming novel about a woman making her way in a man's world)

## Contemporary Westerns with a blend of fantasy or science fiction

Stephen King's Dark Tower Series has many familiar western themes, including a harsh landscape, the flawed hero, and an elegiac tone. You'll find these books in the Fantasy section.



Try Kage Baker's madcap The Empress of Mars (2009) - in the Science Fiction area