

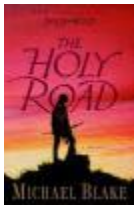


# Westerns Booklist

by Kevin Oberhansly 07/2010

## Traditional and historical Westerns about the men and women who tamed the West.

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### **The Holy Road**

By Michael Blake

**Call #:** Western F Blake

Comanche warrior, Dances with Wolves, must rescue his kidnapped wife and daughter from the white rangers forcing the Indians onto reservations.



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### **The Ox-Bow Incident**

By Walter Van Tilburg Clark

**Call #:** Western F Clark

A portrait of frontier life that focuses on the tragic lynching of three innocent men when law and order are abandoned and mob violence is embraced.



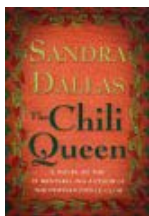
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### **Bitter Creek**

By Dane Coolidge

**Call #:** Western F Coolidge

Cal concocts a tricky scheme to win back his money and humiliate the man who conned him. The shrewdest, most dangerous man in town-- a man who would take Cal's life just as easily as he took his mine.



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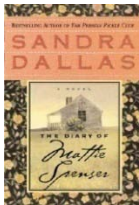
### **The Chili Queen**

By Sandra Dallas

**Call #:** F Dallas

A whorehouse madam, a bank robber, a mail-order bride and a former slave romp around 1860s New Mexico in this novel from the author of The Persian Pickle Club.





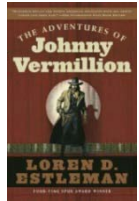
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## The Diary of Mattie Spenser

By Sandra Dallas

**Call #:** F Dallas

Mattie Spenser sets off with her new husband to make a home in Colorado Territory, where she records her joys and secret frustrations in her journal.



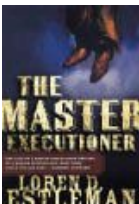
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## The Adventures of Johnny Vermillion

By Loren D. Estleman

**Call #:** Western F Estleman

Johnny uses his theater troupe's performances as a clever cover-up for a bank robbery operation that is investigated by a suspicious Pinkerton man.



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## The Master Executioner

By Loren D. Estleman

**Call #:** Western F Estleman

Hangman Oscar Stone is a master executioner, who prides himself on his careful and exacting work, until a sudden moment of realization and devastating truth forces him to come to terms with himself and his profession.



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## One Thousand White Women

By Jim Fergus

**Call #:** F Fergus

An Indian request in 1854 for 1,000 white brides to ensure peace is secretly approved by the U.S. government in this alternate-history novel.



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## Brokentrail

By Alan Geoffrion

**Call #:** Western F Geoffrion

Set in 1897, a man and his nephew are trying to deliver a herd of horses when they become the reluctant guardians of five abandoned Chinese girls.



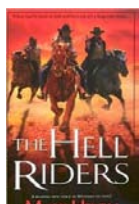
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## Riders of the Purple Sage

By Zane Grey

**Call #:** Western F Grey

Gunman Lassiter helps a wealthy Mormon rancher protect her ranch from cattle rustlers and the church.



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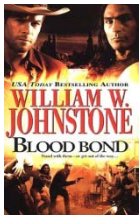
## The Hell Riders

By Mark Henry

**Call #:** Western F Henry

Thirty years ago, they came together on a war-torn frontier. Now, they'll stand together once more-to honor one of their own, to return his body to its final resting place.





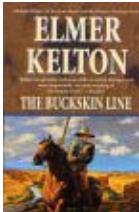
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### **Blood Bond**

By William W. Johnstone

**Call #:** Western F Johnstone

Matt Bodine and Sam Two Wolves, blood brothers through a Cheyenne ritual, travel deep into Apache territory where they fight off gun runners, white slavers, and warring Apache tribes.



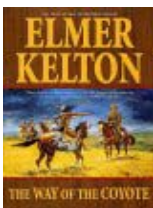
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### **The Buckskin Line**

By Elmer Kelton

**Call #:** Western F Kelton

In 1861, Rusty Shannon, whose family was killed by a Comanche war party twenty years earlier, rides out from the family homestead to join a company of Texas volunteers dedicated to protecting settlers against Indian raids.



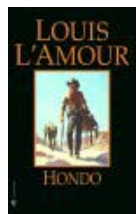
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### **The Way of the Coyote**

By Elmer Kelton

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In post-Civil War limbo, a former Texas Ranger, a freed slave, and a boy who was a captive of a Comanche tribe, join to rescue a kidnapped teen.



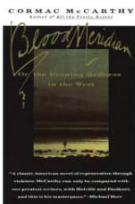
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### **Hondo**

By Louis L'Amour

**Call #:** Western F L'Amour

Hondo befriends Angie Lowe and her young son amidst rising tension between whites and Apaches. Angie's shiftless husband, an unscrupulous gambler, returns to "take back what is his".



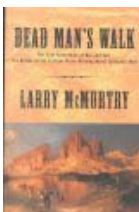
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### **Blood Meridian, or, the Evening Redness in the West**

By Cormac McCarthy

**Call #:** F McCarthy

The adventures of a young runaway, the kid, who stumbles into the company of the Glanton Gang, outlaws and scalp-hunters who cleared Indians from the Texas-Mexico borderlands during the late 1840s under contract to territorial governors.



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### **Dead Man's Walk**

By Larry McMurtry

**Call #:** Western F McMurtry

In the prequel to *Lonesome Dove*, coming of age Woodrow Call and Gus McCrae are novice Texas Rangers who are forced to grow up quickly to avoid certain death.





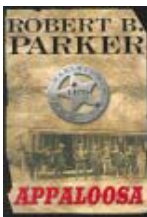
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## **Lonesome Dove**

By Larry McMurtry

**Call #: Western F McMurtry**

Former Texas Rangers leave their unsuccessful cattle business when they hear of good opportunities in newly opened territory.



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## **Appaloosa**

By Robert B. Parker

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Arriving in a small western town where the sheriff has been killed and the residents are at the mercy of a renegade rancher, lawmen Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch face an adversary who works by playing psychological games.



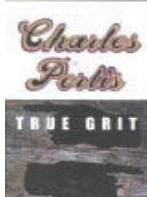
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## **Gunman's Rhapsody**

By Robert B. Parker

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In 1879, lawman Wyatt Earp, accompanied by his wife and his brothers, leaves Dodge City and heads to Tombstone, Arizona, where he takes a job as deputy sheriff.



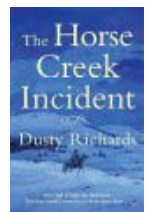
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## **True Grit**

By Charles Portis

**Call #: Western F Portis**

With the help of a disreputable marshal and a Texas Ranger, Mattie Ross, 14, rushes after the man who robbed and killed her father in the 1870s.



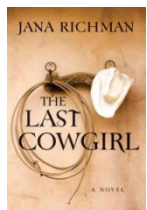
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## **The Horse Creek Incident**

By Dusty Richards

**Call #: Westerns F Richards**

When a brutal cattle baron lays siege to Horse Creek, Montana, controlling both the law and the land, Herschel Baker, after his friend is murdered, decides that enough is enough and takes a stand against greed and injustice.



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## **The Last Cowgirl**

By Jana Richman

**Call #: Western F Richman**

Expressing public disdain for her childhood on a Utah ranch despite her secret cowgirl's heart, Dickie Sinfield becomes a journalist in Salt Lake City and is forced to make a difficult choice in the wake of a family funeral.



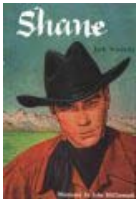
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## **The Wrangler**

By Frank Roderus

**Call #:** Western F Roderus

Scarred, out-of-work Confederate veteran John Chandler, suddenly finds himself willing to fight--and die--for a financially strapped family of strangers at the mercy of a killer.



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## **Shane**

By Jack Schaefer

**Call #:** Western F Schaefer

A mysterious and charismatic man rides into a small Wyoming valley, where he joins homesteaders who take a stand against a bullying cattle rancher, and where he changes the lives of a young boy and his parents.



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## **The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton**

By Jane Smiley

**Call #:** F Smiley

The fictional memoirs of Lidie Harkness describe the abolitionist's 1855 involvement in the dispute between Kansas free-staters and slave-holding Missourians.



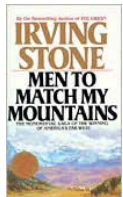
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## **The Virginian**

By Owen Wister

**Call #:** Western F Wister

A classic story about a cowboy in the untamed territory of Wyoming and his choice between the woman he loves and his quest for justice.



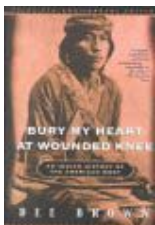
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## **Men to Match My Mountains: The Opening of the Far West**

By Irving Stone

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A collection of stories which provide an insight into the colorful and diverse personalities of the settlers who helped tame America's Far West.



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## **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**

By Dee Alexander Brown

**Call #:** 978.004 Bro

Documents and personal narratives record the experiences of the American Indian during the nineteenth century.

