

HISTORY

Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

November's Topic: The Old West

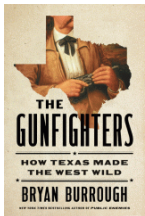
Meeting Date: Tuesday November 24th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the **Old West**. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:

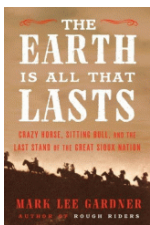


[The Gunfighters: How Texas made the West Wild](#) by Bryan Burrough – NONFICTION

HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST Burrough; [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Libby*

The "Wild West" gunfighter is such a stock figure in our popular culture that some dismiss it all as a corny myth, more a product of dime novels and B movies than a genuinely important American history. In fact, as Bryan Burrough shows us in his dazzling and fast-paced new book, there's much more below the surface. For three decades at the end of the 1800s, a big swath of the American West was a crucible of change, with the highest murder rate per capita in American history. The

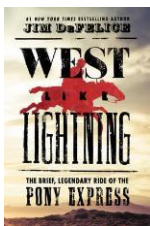
reasons behind this boil down to one word: Texas.



[The Earth is all that Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation](#) by Mark Lee Gardner – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES NATIVE Gardner;

[eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Libby*; [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Hoopla*

A magisterial dual biography of Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, revealing in groundbreaking new detail the two most legendary and consequential American Indian leaders, who triumphed at the Battle of Little Big Horn and led Sioux resistance in the fierce final chapter of the "Indian Wars."

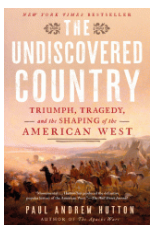


[West like Lightning: the Brief, Legendary Ride of the Pony Express](#) by Jim DeFelice –

NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST DeFelice; [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via

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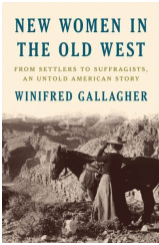
In the spring of 1860, on the eve of a civil war that threatened to tear the country apart, two Americans conceived of an audacious plan for linking the nation's two coasts, thereby joining its present with its future. This book traces the development of the Pony Express and follows it from its start in St. Joseph, Missouri, 1,500 miles west to Sacramento.



[The Undiscovered Country: Triumph, Tragedy, and the Shaping of the American West](#) by

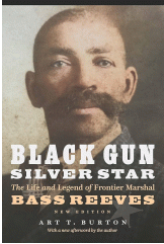
Paul Andrew Hutton – Evergreen Indiana*; [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Libby*

The epic of the American West became a tale of progress, redemption, and glorious conquest that came to shape the identity of a new nation. Over time a darker story emerged--one of ghastly violence and environmental spoliation that stained this identity. *The Undiscovered Country* strips away the layers of myth to reveal the true story of this first epoch of American history.



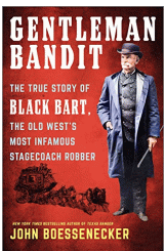
[New Women in the Old West: From Settlers to Suffragists, an Untold American Story](#) by Winifred Gallagher – Evergreen Indiana*

A riveting history of the American West told for the first time through the pioneering women who used the challenges of migration and settlement as opportunities to advocate for their rights, and transformed the country in the process. Gallagher brings to life the little known and under-reported women who played monumental roles in one of the most vibrant and transformative periods in the history of the United States.



[Black Gun, Silver Star: The Life and Legend of Frontier Marshal Bass Reeves](#) by Art T. Burton – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Reeves; [eBook via Libby](#); [eAudio via Hoopla](#)*

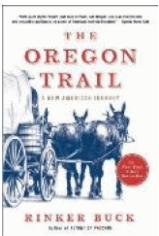
This lively and detailed biography traces the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who became a living legend serving as a peace officer in the tumultuous and lawless Indian Territory and surrounding regions in the late-nineteenth-century. *Black Gun, Silver Star* tells Bass Reeves's story for the first time and restores this remarkable figure to his rightful place in the history of the American West.



[Gentleman Bandit: The True Story of Black Bart, the Old West's most Infamous Stagecoach Robber](#) by John Boessenecker – NONFICTION TRUE CRIME THEFT

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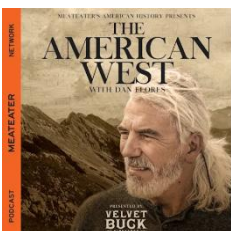
Black Bart is widely regarded today as not only the most notorious stage robber of the Old West but also the best behaved. Over his lifetime, Black Bart held up at least twenty-nine stagecoaches in California and Oregon with mild, polite commands, stealing from Wells Fargo and the US mail but never robbing a passenger. Boessenecker sheds new light on Black Bart's beginnings, reputation and exploits, bringing to life the glittering story of the mysterious stage robber who doubled as a rich, genteel socialite in the golden era of the Wild West.



[The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey](#) by Rinker Buck – NONFICTION HISTORY UNITED STATES WILD WEST Buck; [eAudio via Libby](#)* and [eBook via Hoopla](#)*

Spanning 2,000 miles and traversing six states from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean, the Oregon Trail is the route that made America. At once an American journey, a work of history, and a personal saga, this book tells the story of Buck's 2,000-mile expedition across the plains. He was accompanied by three cantankerous mules, his boisterous brother, Nick, and an "incurably filthy" Jack Russell terrier named Olive Oyl. Buck introduces readers to the evangelists, shysters, natives, trailblazers, and everyday dreamers who were among the first of the pioneers to make the journey west.

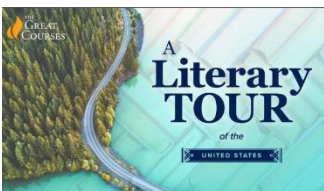
Podcasts:



[The American West](#) by Dan Flores

Long-time western author Dan Flores presents a big picture history of an American West you've never encountered. Covering a vast time span in western America whose landscapes and wild animals drew people from around the world, this podcast tells a new story of our most fascinating region. Sample episodes: [Ep 1: West of Everything](#) and [Ep. 27: Messages from the Past – The Rock Art of the American West](#).

Videos:



[The Wild West: A Literary Tour of the United States](#) via Kanopy*

Grasp how the familiar archetypes of the American West were created, through the work of popular novelists such as Owen Wister (*The Virginian*), Zane Grey (*The Code of the West*), and the exploits of the showman Buffalo Bill Cody. Take account of the highly romanticized and mythologized portrayals of cowboys and frontier life so prevalent in 20th-century American popular culture. (Episode 16 in [A Literary](#)

[Tour of the United States](#) – Episodes 17-22 also have an American West focus)

*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card