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Rustlers, Rangers, and Regulars on the Lower Rio Grande, 1861–1877

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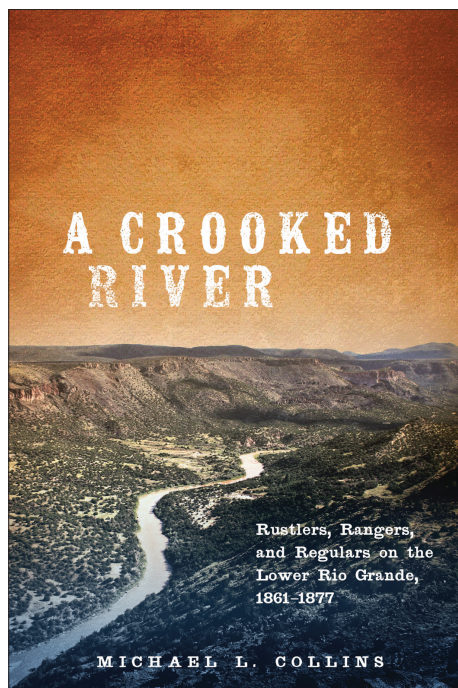
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