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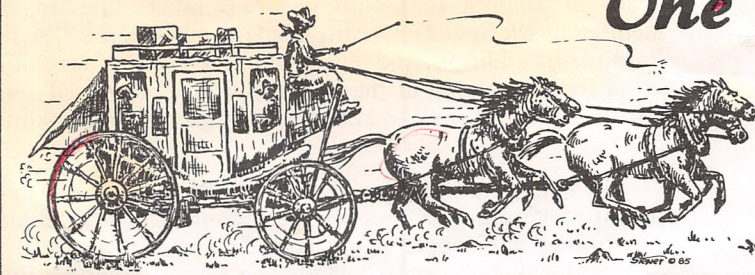
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4th ANNUAL ZGWS Convention

Holiday Inn Flagstaff, Arizona

June 9-12

4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Flagstaff, here we come. From June 9 thru June 12, the ZG family will gather to renew friendships and mutual interests in the Northern Arizona city of Flagstaff. Some will be arriving on Sunday and the circle will be closed by Tuesday morning, June 10 when the opening session will kick off.

On Monday evening, the Western Barbecue will be held, and from there on a whirlwind of activity will keep everyone busy. The bus tour on Wednesday promises to be the mountain high of the trip. North from Flagstaff to the site of IMAX, a giant movie with a screen 80x70 feet. This movie shows you at close up range all the details and glory of the Grand Canyon. From there on into the Grand Canyon area for scenic views and a magnificent lunch. The tour will leave the canyon by the east drive stopping at several different points for camera fans and viewers. The last stop will be at Desert View and from there will proceed down to Wupatki Ruins and Sunset Crater. Of course this is the day we will all gather for a membership breakfast and honor those who have signed up three new members.

Thursday is our final day and the morning will be spent with speakers and the business session. Thursday afternoon gives everyone a chance to see Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona or what ever suits the individual. That evening the grand finale, the banquet will bring this convention to a close and I can assure you, that our after dinner program will please and entertain all.

The Inn, the City, and yes, the state of Arizona are looking forward to hosting this convention. I am sure the members will enjoy this "Western Hospitality" and take part in all the functions. We encourage the use of the Holiday Inn as they have been so helpful in fine tuning for this affair. Finally, while in "Flagerstown", visit the Monte Vista Hotel and see the Zane Grey corner suite on the second floor. It has been completely redone and is something every ZG fan should see.

Just a reminder that the book auction will be held on Tuesday afternoon, June 10. This is our way of supporting the organization and something that we can all take part in by donating articles or sending a buy order with someone we know. The few members that can't come can therefore be a part in this and with the auctioneer we have, it should be quite a event. Flagstaff, here we come!!!

ZANE GREY CABIN TO REMAIN OPEN

by bill close

The well-known and heavily-visited Zane Grey Cabin in Arizona will remain the tourist attraction it became following its restoration by the late William "Bill" Goettl, Sr.

That is the wish of "Bill's" four children following the death of their mother, Juanita L. Goettl last November 19th. She had suffered a massive stroke July 7th.

Survivors include her daughters, Dixie Lee Huemoeller, Sheryl Ann Blanton and Linda Gaye Kitchen, all of Scottsdale; a son, William Harold, Jr., of Gilbert; three sisters, a brother and nine grandchildren. Burial was at Green Acres Mortuary in Scottsdale.

"Bill" Goettl bought and, with the help of his family, restored the Cabin under the Mogollon Rim near Payson, in 1964. Following his death in 1979, Mrs. Goettl assumed operations of the Cabin.

Many members of the Zane Grey's West Society met Mrs. Goettl and her children during the second annual convention of the Society in June of 1984. In fact, Mrs. Goettl became one of our new members.

Daughter Linda said she, her brother and two sisters are determined to preserve the cabin which became so much a part of the lives of her parents and the children. She recalled the many weekends the entire family drove to the site to help in the restoration. Bruises, scratches and hammered fingers were common among the children. She said the Cabin will remain a "living memorial" to her mother and father.

A monument of "Bill" Goettl was erected at the cabin soon after his death; plans call for the installation of a plaque in honor of Mrs. Goettl.

Many of us will avail ourselves of the opportunity to re-visit the Cabin during the fourth annual convention of the Society in nearby Flagstaff in June.

It was during the many writings of the great author at the cabin that he re-named the site of this year's convention Flagerstown.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT . . .

by Don Warren

Another issue is about wrapped up and another deadline will soon be a thing of the past. The time has flew by since the last issue but when you are doing things you like to do that is the way it is. On the Saturday following Christmas, Dot and I headed for our second home, Arizona, and what a time we had. The weather here was cold and we decided to head as far south as we could as quick as we could. This meant down thru Illinois, Missouri and across Arkansas into the great state of Texas. As we headed south across Missouri the skies cleared, the sun warmed, we shed our coats and from then on the weather was almost perfect. Arizona was clear and warm as was the feeling we had for the state and all of our friends, most of which were Zane Grey friends. We were all over northern Arizona meeting with and working with different members in getting the upcoming convention planned. Yes, there are still a few loose strings but everything is falling into place and it should be a convention for all to remember. We did spend a lot of time with Boyd Steiner and Bill Close and what a joy to work with people who know what is needed to entertain and host a convention. We were also with the Baybrook's, the Stiles, Helen Mallicoat, Marguerite Noble, Bob Bradshaw, and Margaret Sells. The word is out all over Arizona that the Society will be meeting there in June and it seems everyone is pleased and wants to help make it a successful meeting. You can help too by attending and taking part in your organization.

Dr. Schissel has asked me to remind you to send in your list of your favorite Zane Grey books. Just list your top 12 and fire it off to him. He wants input from all and hopes to publish a mini research paper on ZG's best loved books. Send your list to Dr. Charles J. Schissel, 51 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury, MA 01913.

At the time of this writing I have been working with a computer program which will print out labels. If all goes well your label for this issue should show your membership number and the date your membership has been paid up to. If it has an 85 on it this means you are paid through 1985 and now owe for 1986. We hope to have it set up soon to where it will print out a late notice for those who have not paid. Bear with me, and if we make mistakes point them out. In addition this mailing will include a 1986 membership card to all of those who are paid up and a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws that was ratified in Zanesville last June. I hope the design and colors of the card meets with general approval. I was taking into consideration Zane Grey's favorite color and it seemed to work out. The big problem was finding some one to make the design and then print them. After several months of search, the right firm was found and our first membership cards and our first C & B are now in the hands of our members.

Dr. Loren Grey has a new western novel out. It is entitled "*Lassiter Gold*" and is the third in a series that first came out in 1985. The first was "*Lassiter*" which was published in January, 1985 followed by "*Ambush for Lassiter*" in April, 1985. They are paperbacks published by Pocketbook, a division of Simon and Shuster, Inc. I think they are something that every ZG collector will want in their collection.

In planning your trip to Flagstaff be sure and include time either going out or on the return trip to spend some time at the ZG cabin at Payson. It was a real thrill for me to revisit the site this last month and if you haven't been

there, let me assure you, Margaret Sell and the Haughts will be there to greet you. We were sorrowed to hear of the death of Juanita L. Goettl last November. She was a member of the Society and attended the 1984 convention in Payson. In addition, she along with her family, were our hosts for an evening at the cabin. She will be missed and our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family.

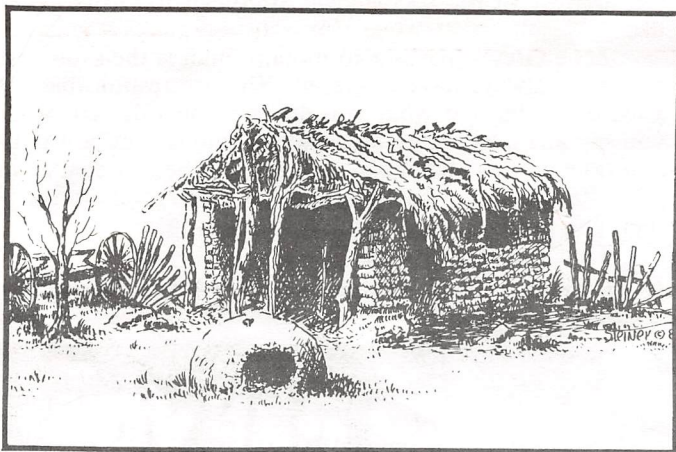
In setting up the tours at the convention it became apparent very soon that there was not enough time to include everything that people might want to see. Of course the highlight would have to include the Grand Canyon and Oak Creek Canyon and Sedona. The traffic through the Oak Creek Canyon is such that it was felt the members would rather drive this on their own and we would include literature with their registration handout to guide them through the area. It is worth the time and effort to do, so keep Thursday afternoon open for this.

Our staff artist, Boyd Steiner will be working on another picture in a series commemorating the annual meeting. In 1984, for the Payson convention he did "*Under the Tonto Rim*," in 1985 at Zanesville, "*The Spirit of the Border*" and this year at Flagstaff he will do "*The Call of the Canyon*." Be sure and look these over as I understand he still has a few from 1984 and they are well worthwhile. In addition, as seen elsewhere in this issue Boyd will be receiving auction material from now until the convention. If you don't want to haul it yourself, send it out to him. In addition those of you who won't be able to attend can send out any material you wish to donate. For those of you who wish to donate money for the book auction fund, you may send it directly to this office and designate the book auction fund. It will be so credited. Remember on the books that quality will be a big help with the distance to be traveled.

I have just received a new book "*Kohl's Ranch*" from the author, Katie Bell. Although I haven't had time to read it, it looks very interesting and gives the history of the Ranch. The Ranch is located on the highway just off the turn-off to the ZG Cabin. Katie is a member and I am sure will have some copies at the convention. They sell for \$8.95. It was a pleasant surprise to receive the book and find out Katie is from Mattoon, Illinois which is just a few miles down the road from me. I am including an excerpt from the book concerning Zane Grey. Perhaps it will whet your appetite a little.

Zane Grey showed a great deal of interest in his friends and neighbors. On one of the cattle drives to Winslow, the combined herds of Babe Haught and Lew Kohl were sold to an eastern cattle buyer. Haught needed to get back to his ranch right away, so he left Lew Kohl to pick up the check for both their herds. Kohl returned two days later, took the check down to the Payson Commercial & Trust Bank to cash it, and was told it was not good. Upon hearing the story, Zane Grey was so concerned for his friends that he put a tracer on the brands of the cattle, but they were never found. Cattle and buyer had disappeared.

In closing let me assure you our vacation in the sun was the best we have ever had. We even had nice weather for the trip home and for January that is unusual. Let's make this coming convention the best and biggest ever. I will be there, how about you???? We will be with you again in April...



FROM THE DESK OF THE OLD COLLECTOR HIMSELF—G.M.F.

(but I'm not as old as Darrell C. Richardson)

Zane Grey Collector Karl Rothermund has sent me the sad news that Octave (Bee) Grey recently passed away at the age of 86. Private services were held in Indio, California.

Bee, a native of Elvins, Missouri, was the wife of the late Romer Zane Grey.

Bee accompanied Romer for the opening of the Zane Grey Museum at Zanesville, Ohio. For details of their visit to the birthplace of Zane Grey, see The Zane Grey Collector number 22.

CALL OF THE CANYON

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, June 9

Preparations for the Book Auction

Western Barbecue (Time and place to be determined)

Tuesday, June 10

Opening Session (Speakers have been invited)

Book Auction (We are grateful to have Paul Lieker of Peoria, Arizona as the auctioneer.)

Wednesday, June 11

Membership Breakfast (\$3.00 ea. except for those signing up three or more members)

Bus Tour (Busses depart at 8 a.m. for IMAX, the Grand Canyon. Lunch at the Canyon. After touring the Canyon on to the Wupatki Ruins and Sunset Crater. Arrive at the Inn by 7 p.m. Cost \$16.00 ea.)

Thursday, June 12

Final Session (Speakers, officer reports and business session)

Afternoon—(Individual tours of the Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona and other points of interest as decided by each. Brochures on the area will be given out at registration.)

Evening—(Banquet, speaker and entertainment) (Buffet dinner \$8.00)

This is very general but as of this writing invited speakers have not responded. Our April issue will be more detailed.

NOTICE

The April issue will contain registration blanks for you to fill out for the convention, events and rooms. All of this will be sent in to:

Don G. Warren
P.O. Box 203, Sullivan, IL 61951

Remember, make your room reservation thru the Society and be assured of the convention rate.

Room rates: \$47 Single, \$57 Double

Registration: Regular members \$25, Associate \$15, Student \$10

Banquet: \$8, Student n/c

Breakfast: \$3

Bus Tour: \$16, includes IMAX movie and lunch

Guide to Zane Grey manuscripts available!

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Publications of related interest include the following:

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REGISTER OF THE CHARLES KUHLMAN COLLECTION by Dennis Rowley, Aimee Legg and Michael Koury. Softcover—\$7.50.

ZANE GREY GETS THE DROP ON COLD BUGS AND MASOCHISTIC VARMINTS

The best cold remedy I have found is a combination of vitamin C tablets and Zane Grey novels.

What you do is scarf down a bunch of vitamin C's, then get in a prone position and read one or two of the old master's Western novels such as *The Hash Knife Outfit*.

Grey, who was a dentist from the East, practically invented the West that was later reflected by the Hollywood Western. His first novel eventually sold 3 million copies and he ended up being probably one of the most widely read writers in all history.

What I love about Grey's novels is his great outlook on life, which is reflected in his work.

To Grey, the world was a breathlessly beautiful and exciting place and the people in it were admirable and interesting. His is a world of real heroes and heroines. Even his villains—and he created some pretty evil guys—are written about with sympathy. It's not the kind of mushy sympathy that excuses their behavior. Rather, it's a realistic knowledge of how bad people can become bad and an acknowledgement that even a bad person can have some admirable traits.

I never have detected even a hint of malice, pessimism, cynicism or hate in a Grey novel. He must have been one heck of a guy to stay so much in love with the world.

You might think that he just ignored the bad side of life, but he didn't. There is no attempt in any of his novels to ignore or minimize the dark side of life. His novel about buffalo hunting explores the slaughter of the great herds in raw detail and even gets into Gen. Phil Sheridan's encouragement of the slaughter in order to break the back of the Plains Indians.

Grey was an "as is" guy—a person who could take life as it is and still love it. Those are the best kind of people, certainly the bravest. That's why a Zane Grey novel is a psychological tonic. He never lost the child's zest for life and reading his work gives you a bit of it.

I keep a stack of Zane Grey paperbacks around not only for colds but also for when I get the mulligrubs—when I'm sick to death of politicians, pundits, Middle East intrigues, nuclear armament talks, endless sociological jargon, academic treaties and all the rest. Then, for an hour or two, I can retire to the great Tonto Basin or to the Hole in the Wall and spend some time with decent people working out relatively simple problems such as survival.

Escapist books are frowned upon by the great literary critics who in this century have equated good literature with depressing literature. Why people with this kind of weird mind have been able to make a living as critics is beyond me. I don't pay good money to be depressed by either a book or a movie. If I were afflicted with that form of masochism, I would be a psychiatric social worker. Psychiatrists make people pay them big sums to listen to the kind of garbage many writers expect us to buy.

If you are into lessons, there is a lesson for the modern American in Zane Grey's work. We have been sidetracked. People today think problems are to be solved by legislation, regulation, therapy or education. Actually, all social problems are simply individual moral problems.

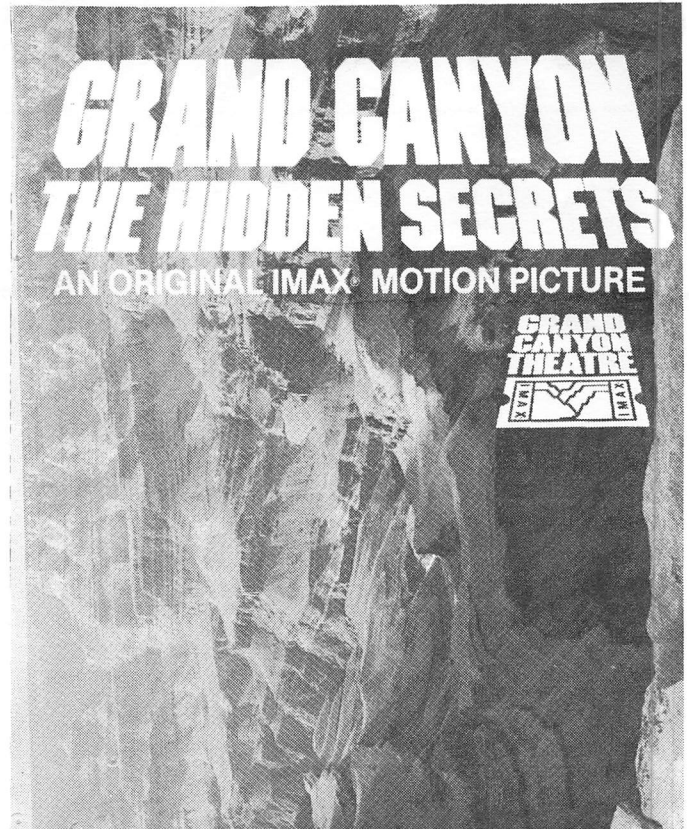
Consumers don't need protection from honest businessmen. Children aren't abused by loving parents. The secular modern world's desperate attempt to eliminate morality, individual choice and responsibility from the social equation has doomed all its remedies to failure. We have had more crime, more suicide, more child abuse, more divorce and more drug abuse in direct proportion to

the increase in the sociological approach to curing these ills.

Zane Grey's message to modern man is the same one wise men always have delivered: You are responsible for your own life—for what you do and don't do, for what you say and don't say—you and you alone, and not until you take up this responsibility will there be any change in your life. But, once you decide to take charge of your life, then you are free to make it what you want.

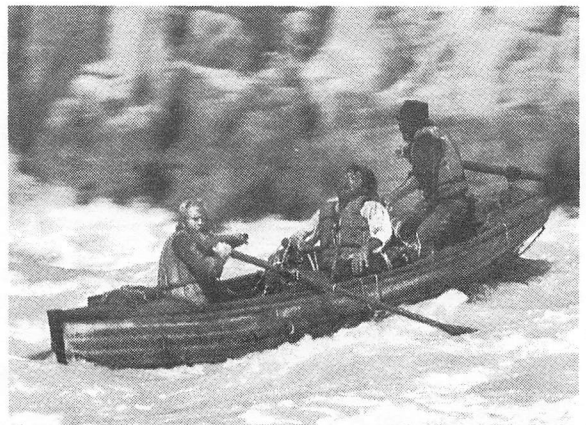
That's good medicine, pard.

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THE COLLIER BOOKS

Three more new titles have come in to add to our list since the December issue. Marian Davison of Ft. Gibson, OK submitted, "The Shepherd of Guadalupe" and "The Vanishing American." "Valley of Wild Horses" was submitted by William C. Haskett of Elmer, NJ. This give a total of 25 titles.

If anyone knows of more give us a hand. Let's finish up this list.

The Thundering Herd
Wild Horse Mesa
Sunset Pass
The Drift Fence
Code of the West
The Trail Driver
West of the Pecos
Knights of the Range
30,000 on the Hoof
Majesty's Rancho
Wilderness Trek
The Vanishing American
Shepherd of Guadalupe

Forlorn River
Fighting Caravans
Robbers' Roost
The Hash Knife Outfit
Thunder Mountain
The Lost Wagon Train
Raiders of Spanish Peaks
Western Union
Twin Sombreros
Stairs of Sand
Shadow on the Trail
Valley of Wild Horses

MY CREED

To live as gently as I can;
 To be, no matter where, a man;
 To take what comes of good or ill
 And cling to faith and honor still;
 To do my best, and let that stand;
 The record of my brain and hand;
 And then, should failure come to me,
 Still work and hope for victory.

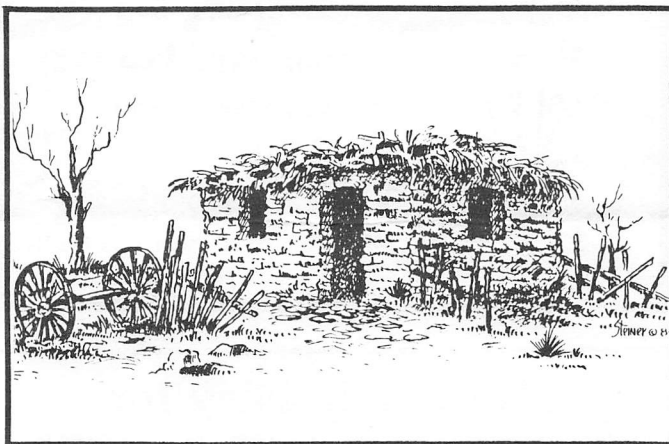
MEMBERSHIP

The membership drive is moving along nicely and as you can see below we have 15 new members from December 1 thru January 31. Cliff Ford and G.M. Farley both signed up two new members so they are getting close to becoming winners of a free breakfast. The Holidays are past so think about a gift membership for some loved one's birthdays. Here is a list of our new members which makes a grand total of 60 since Zanesville in June.

1. Owen Aldridge, reg. member North Carolina
2. Mrs. A.L. Behrens, reg. member Texas
3. Nicole Behrens, student member Texas
4. Jim W. Dynes, reg. member Wyoming
5. Marilu Ford, reg. member Georgia
6. Frank H. Hall, reg. member Michigan
7. William T. Holifield, reg. member Texas
8. Nick Manietta, reg. member Illinois
9. Eunice S. Honneman, reg. member Arizona
10. Nancy Price, assoc. member Pennsylvania
11. Sherwood Ritter, reg. member Illinois
12. Lester H. Sheldon, reg. member Massachusetts
13. Stanley A. Skalski, reg. member Illinois
14. Valerie J. Vickers, reg. member Maryland
15. Mrs. Ruth Ford Wallace,
 reg. member Tennessee

SUNSET CRATER The sun sets eternally at Sunset Crater, when the striking hues became a permanent part of its beauty during the volcanic eruptions that formed it 900 years ago. The crater's unique coloring comes from minerals that were deposited around the rim by volcanic vapor; the minerals stained the cinders and continue to make this remarkable summit glow at any time.

WUPATKI The Hopi word for "tall house," Wupatki is a three-story Indian ruin. The Wupatki basin was once fertile farmland that harbored a melting pot of prehistoric Indians; the population was between 250 and 300 people. Now only these enduring dwellings remain as evidence of a once proud culture.



FINANCES

Ending December 31, 1985

Receipts	\$6,417.40	
Expenses	<u>3,157.68</u>	
Balance	3,259.72	
Savings	<u>2,000.50</u>	
	\$1,259.22	Balance in checking acct.
Savings	\$2,000.50	
Interest	<u>49.44</u>	
	\$2,049.44	Balance in saving acct.

Total monies in checking and savings
 as of December 31 \$3,308.66

Balance as of January 31, 1986

Checking acct.	\$ 832.28	
Savings	<u>3,549.44</u>	
	\$4,381.72	Total

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Deadline for April advertising is March 20, 1986.

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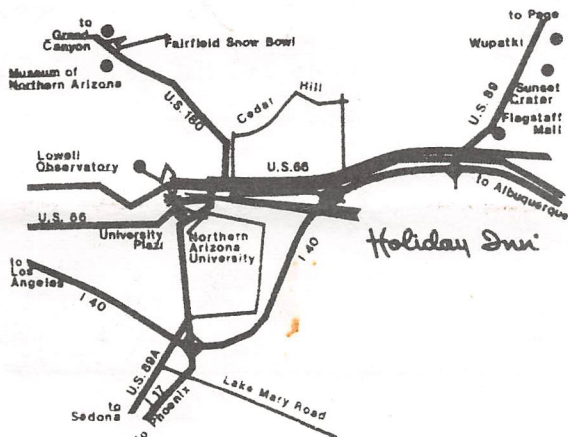
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LONESOME DOVE

LARRY McMURTRY—Simon and Schuster 1985

by Vanessa VandenBrink

Larry McMurtry has written several books that deal with life in the American West. The most notable being *Horseman Pass By*, *Leaving Cheyenne*, and a collection of essays titled *In A Narrow Grave*. But Mr. McMurtry's latest work of fiction *Lonesome Dove* is by far the most expansive and impressive.

The novel takes its name from the godforsaken one-saloon town located on a dusty Texas plain near the Rio Grande. The main business establishment in town is the Hat Creek Cattle Company which is owned by two retired Texas Rangers who are weary of chasing Mexicans and fighting Indians. One of them is Captain Augustus McCrae, a man who enjoys a leisurely pace of life, preferably accompanied by a whiskey bottle. His partner, W.F. Call is a tough old cowboy who maintains his strong silent demeanor even in circumstances that don't call for it. Call and McCrae have a unique way of doing business, when a customer orders some stock they sneak into Mexico at night and steal it.

One day an old ranger friend rides into town, on the lam because he accidentally killed a man in Arkansas. He suggests that they drive a herd of cattle to Montana. After Augustus and Call think about it for awhile they decide it's a good idea. Call steals the horses and cattle for the drive and Augustus invites the town prostitute to come along as his guest.

Throughout the cattle drive McMurtry sets up a series of subplots involving secondary characters and out-of-the-way-places that effectively create a view of the American West in the late 1870's. Everything about the book seems true and valid, this is due to McMurtry's deliberate care with the validity of his characters. He provides the reader with the cowboys who ride tall in their saddles, the dirt farmers, the cavalry, and the Indians. Scenically he offers the reader spacious grasslands and dusty cow kicking towns, as well as the Nueces River and the Platte and Yellowstone rivers. The action in this book is straight out of traditional western scenes. McMurtry fills it with hangings, stampedes, gunfights, and horse stealing.

McMurtry's book is well conceived and written. After reading this book one can sit back in their chair and feel satisfied. *Lonesome Dove* is a treasure for any reader interested in the American West.

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