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**“REAL DEAL” COWBOY MACKAY HEDGES’ WESTERN NOVEL “LAST  
BUCKAROO” REPUBLISHED; COLLECTORS’ ITEM  
AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1995**

*Former Republic Pictures CEO Bob Sigman Reintroduces Hedges’ Fascinating  
“Cowboy’s Eye-View” of the West To Lovers of Western Life and Lore*

DATELINE – A former head of a major Hollywood studio and avowed lover of western life and culture is giving readers a second chance to hear from the real deal.

Past President and CEO Robert Sigman has spearheaded the republishing of noted buckaroo and author Mackey Hedges’ acclaimed western novel *Last Buckaroo*. The fascinating, authentic and action-packed tale has become a collectors' item classic after going out of print in 1995.

“I read the book a few years back and called Hedges out of the blue to tell him how much I had enjoyed it,” Sigman said. “My life was enriched by this story and by the man who crafted it, and now I want others to have that same experience. Republishing this book is a labor of love meant to honor a quintessentially American way of life and a man who truly embodies the cowboy ideal.”

*Last Buckaroo* is a rollicking, gritty, and always entertaining look at what goes on in the life of a cowboy. Told through the perspective of the larger-than-life narrator, Tap McCoy, the book covers the entire panorama of western lore, from bucking bronks to eccentric cowboys who dance on saloon tables, participate in spontaneous rodeos and more. Readers meet an array of bizarrely real characters, from stoic Indians to ladies of the evening to cowboys of every possible sort imaginable.

True West Magazine proclaimed that the book “shows a side of the west only buckaroos have known in the past.”

Until now, *Last Buckaroo* has only been available online as a "used" book through sites like Amazon, eBay, AbeBooks.com, and Alibris.com...where it commanded prices of up to \$100 per copy in paperback and \$250.00 in hardback.

***Last Buckaroo is now available for \$20.00 at [www.lastbuckaroo.com](http://www.lastbuckaroo.com) or through Amazon.com.***

Sigman and Mackey are delighted to be joining forces to bring this story back to readers. And if all goes according to plan, they might just be bringing the story to movie audiences as well. *Last Buckaroo* took more than a few rides around the Hollywood development track after its initial publishing. At various times, options on the project were held by Alan Sacks Productions and then by actor/producer Luke Perry and Thomas Carter Productions before rights reverted back to Hedges in 1997.

The republishing, Hedges and Sigman hope, could be a first step toward reviving those silver screen dreams.

The book has been a favorite of many of the biggest names in Western culture, including the noted artist Joelle Smith. Hailed as one of the world's most prominent Western artists, Smith passed away in 2005 at the age of only 47. She was a big fan and close friend of Hedges and *Last Buckaroo*, and before she died, she offered Hedges the use of her gorgeous piece *Riata Man* as cover art in the event the book was ever republished.

“After hearing this from Mac and being a longtime admirer of her extraordinary work, I contacted Joelle’s mother, Sally, to tell her we wanted to take her daughter up on this generous offer and share her work with all those who read the book,” Sigman said. “Not only was she delighted with this news, she added to the original gesture by giving us a collection of 13 more incredible prints that we have included throughout the chapters.”

In addition to the prints, *Last Buckaroo* readers will also get a sneak preview of Hedges’ next book project, *Shadow of the Wind*, which is due to for a Spring 2009 publication.

To order your copy of *Last Buckaroo* or to learn more about the project and share your comments, visit [www.lastbuckaroo.com](http://www.lastbuckaroo.com).

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