

RECOMMENDED READING

Here are some great reads to add to your nightstand.
Some of the books are brand new; some are older releases but are worth a look.

The Making of America

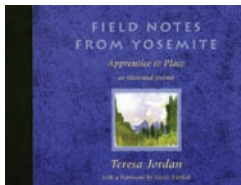
The Substance and Meaning of the Constitution
W. Cleon Skousen
www.nccs.net



Of all the books available today on helping one to understand the ins and outs of the U.S. Constitution, Skousen's book fills the bill for ease of understanding and clarity. This book is not far from our Nicole Krebs' right hand on her desk in the PARAGON office. To quote her, "This is the best resource I have seen on truly deciphering the meaning of the document. I don't know what I would do without it. Every citizen should have a copy in their home." There you have it.

Field Notes From Yosemite

Teresa Jordan
www.FieldnotesWest.com



Teresa Jordan is part of a fourth generation ranching family from the Iron Mountain country of southeast Wyoming and has written or edited seven books about Western rural life, culture and the environment. These

include the memoir *Riding the White Horse Home* and the classic study of women on ranches and in the rodeo, *Cowgirls: Women of the American West*. As writer Gretel Erlich describes in the book's forward, "This book is her small homage to that singular place. [She reminds us] that apprenticeship, not expertise, is what allows us to see, and to revel in, the glories of the Range of Light."

The Last Cowboy

Adam Jahiel
www.adamjahiel.com



For many years, Adam Jahiel has been photographing the cowboys of the Great Basin. His subjects represent one of the last authentic American subcultures. For many, cowboying as an art form seems almost obsolete; still, the cowboys hang on, with a ferocious tenacity. Respect in their world doesn't come from the trappings of modern life. Talent, knowledge and skill are valued above all else, as they live in a place where competency is king and self-reliance is a way of life. This book is a glorious view into the dust, sun and wind of the life of a buckaroo.

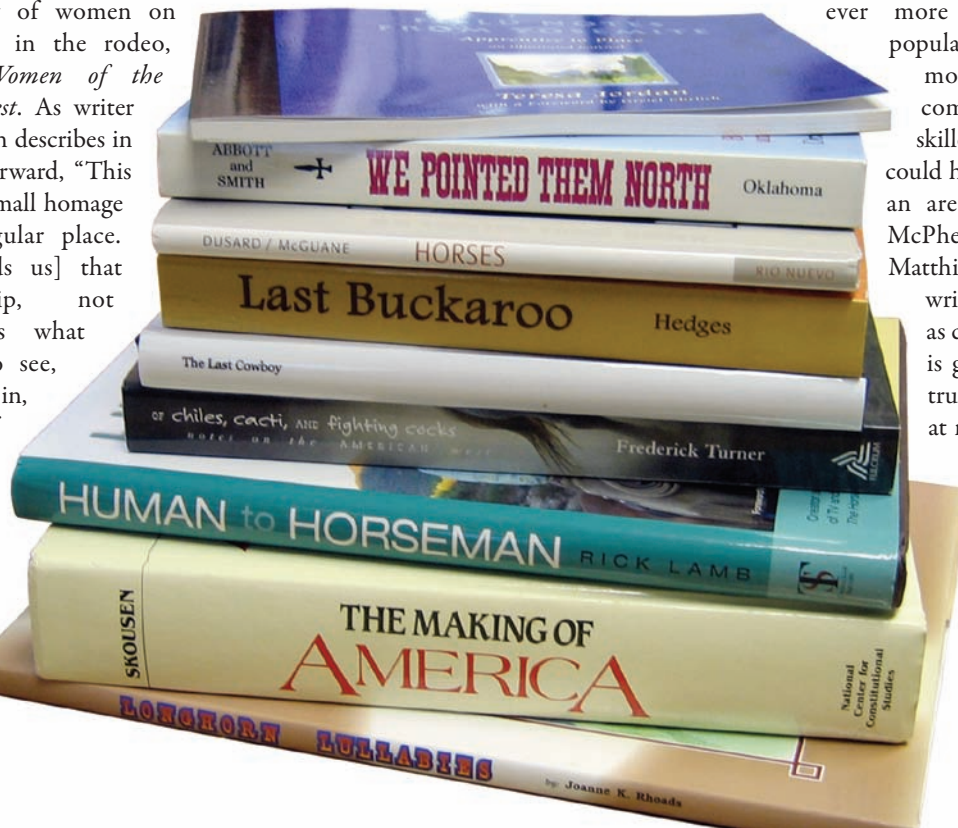
Of Chiles, Cacti and Fighting Cocks

Frederick Turner
www.fulcrum-books.com



As writer William Kittredge describes in his forward to Turner's tome to the West, "Turner fits Billy the Kid, saguaro cactus and Basques, cockfighting and Custer, and cooking with hot chiles into a story of Western happenstance and consequence that helps us understand who Westerners have been and might become in an ever more

populated and commoditized world community." A skilled essayist who could hold his own in an arena of a John McPhee or a Peter Matthiessen; Turner's writing is at once as compelling as it is graceful. It is a true moving look at not only a geographic region but also a conceptual state of mind.

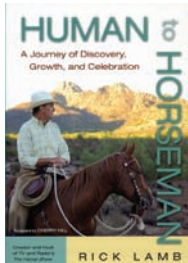


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Human to Horseman

Rick Lamb

www.trafalgarbooks.com



Rick Lamb is the creator and host of the syndicated radio program, *The Horse Show*, and has spent decades bringing listeners the information they seek on care, riding and the training of horses. His book is a soul-searching collection of personal stories and life lessons after years of interviewing the best in the horse world. Designed for riders of all

levels, the book features tips and solutions from some of America's finest horsemen and women. An additional section in the book gives the history and evolution of the very popular "Road to the Horse" colt starting competition held each year.

Last Buckaroo

Mackey Hedges

www.lastbuckaroo.com



Hailed as one of the most authentic narratives of the life of a contemporary buckaroo, Mackey Hedges book, *The Last Buckaroo*, is the story of the real deal. The book was originally published in 1995 and became an immediate must-have for those who loved the life of the high-desert buckaroos. As a niche publisher released the book initially, the print run sold out

quickly and was not reprinted in any quantity. The reputation of the book flew around the west and with the advent of the Internet; copies could be found only on auction sites, sometimes ten-times its original price. Enter entrepreneur and western aficionado, Robert Sigman. Through his help and guidance, Mackey was able to re-gain his copyright and re-package the book – this time with charming line drawings by another legendary westerner, the late artist, Joelle Smith. Now available once again, *The Last Buckaroo* has found its rightful place amongst the classic books of the west. So enthused about having his book back in print, Mackey is working on a sequel – sort of a part two – that will be out in 2009. *The Last Buckaroo* should be in every westerner's book shelf – right up there with Will James, Ivan Doig and Thomas McGuane.

Errata: In the last issue of the magazine we had Skip Halmes' email address wrong, the correct address is SHalmes@dadco.com. The Editor

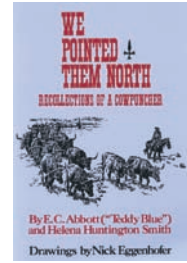


We Pointed Them North

E.C. "Teddy Blue" Abbott and Helena Huntington Smith

www.oupres.com

One the greatest and most authentic books about the real life on the range during the early years of the American West. Teddy Blue Abbott was a cowboy in the great days of the 1870s and 1880s. He came up the trail to Montana from Texas with the long-horned herds that were intended to stock the northern ranges. This is the story of the American Cowboy told by one who lived the life when there wasn't a fence to be seen from Texas to the Montana territory. A classic.

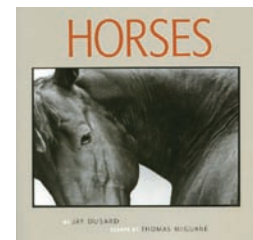


Horses

Jay Dusard and Thomas McGuane

www.rionuevo.com

A book by these two is a handful. With Dusard's exquisite photography and the word-smithing of McGuane, *Horses* is a loving look into both of these artists' favorite world. Supported by Dusard's sculptural-like images of horse in action and at rest, McGuane delves into the mystery of the relationships between humans and horses while celebrating mounts as diverse as Napoleon's horse, Marengo, the mustangs to be found in BLM corrals and a newborn filly in his own barn. For both of these creative artists, the reader can feel that they both believe that a life without horses is only half-lived.



Longhorn Lullabies

Joanne K. Rhoads

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After having read all the Will James books on the ranch house shelf to the little buckaroos and buckarettes – several times; it can be a task to find a new volume to read them at bedtime. Rhoads' story of the cowboy world is told in easy sentences that are supported by the wonderful illustrations of the brilliant Larry Bute. The book is an imagination launch pad for a whole new generation of Westerners and has recently garnered praise by winning a 2008 Will Rogers Medallion Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Publishing of Western Literature.

