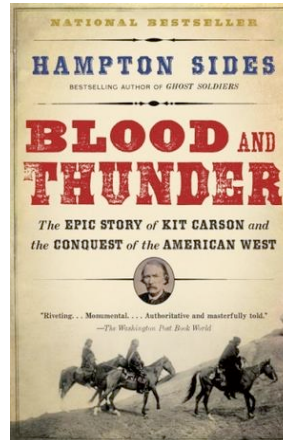


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Epic New Mexico

Our featured book this month should be of interest to anyone in New Mexico. It is a beautifully written history of an incredible series of major events that took place west of the Mississippi from roughly 1842 to 1868, that is, from John C. Fremont's explorations as far as the Pacific to the return of the Navajo from exile in the Bosque Redondo. The story covers the West from St. Louis to California and Oregon but focuses primarily on events that took place in New Mexico and immediately adjacent areas.



Featured This Month

Blood and Thunder: *An Epic of the American West*

by Hampton Sides

The story is appropriately framed around Kit Carson. The first chapter describes his early history from his birth in 1809, and the next-to-last chapter deals with his agonizing death in 1868. Carson managed to stumble into much of the history covered here. Having established himself early on as a mountain man and Indian trader, he served as a guide for Fremont's exploration as far as Oregon and subsequent incursion into California just as the Mexican-American war was getting underway. After General Stephen Watts Kearny's bloodless occupation of New Mexico in 1846, Carson guided Kearny west along the Gila to pursue the war in California. During the Civil War, Carson became a Union military leader and played a major role in the battle at Valverde near Fort Craig. Though he considered himself a close friend to the Indians (and had married two Indian women), he led many campaigns again raiding tribes – and committed some grave atrocities, including the horrific conquest of the Navajos that led to the infamous Long Walk across New Mexico to Fort Sumner at the Bosque

Redondo, where Carson served as the first superintendent.

But this book deals with a host of other major protagonists who accomplished many things, sometimes good and sometimes very bad. There is President James Polk, who unswervingly pushed war with Mexico in order to achieve the “Manifest Destiny” of a coast-to-coast United States. There is Narbona, the aged and influential Navajo who tried to make sense of dealing with the new invaders who were taking the side of the Navajos' Mexican enemies. And many more, such as Manuelito, Charles Bent, and James Carleton. Sides does a magnificent job of interweaving the stories of these heroes and villains. Moreover, he tends to portray all of these characters and their actions with considerable sympathy while acknowledging significant flaws. One gap that bothers me personally is that Sides examines only a couple of New Mexicans and those portrayals are but brief and quite negative.

Hampton Sides is a magnificent writer, perhaps a better writer than historian, though this book seems to be thoroughly researched and well documented. I highly recommend it.

Introduction and review by Garland Bills

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New at the Library

Films

on DVD Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost
4 Classic Movies (*Arrowsmith, Made for Each Other, Marty, Lilies of the Field*)
Gene Hackman Collection (*Hoosiers, The French Connection, Mississippi Burning*)
Hollywood Romance Classics: (*Dinner at the Ritz, Meet John Doe, Made for Each Other, Heartbeat, Penny Serenade, Love Affair, Outpost in Morocco, Eternally Yours, Anna Karenina, Of Human Bondage*)
Hollywood Western Collection: (*Angel and the Bad Man, Abilene Town, Under California Stars, Santa Fe Trail, The Outlaw, Mystery of the Hooded Horseman, Painted Desert, Man of the Frontier, Rage at Dawn, Vengeance Valley*)
on VHS Oliver Twist ... Risky Business ... Shine Far from the Madding Crowd ... Sophie's Choice
Fried Green Tomatoes ... Up Close & Personal
Native Son ... Das Boot ... Gosford Park ... Dave Green Card ... The Motorcycle Diaries
Pretty Baby ... Requiem for a Heavyweight
Mary Shelley's Frankenstein ... Rounders
The Molly Maguires ... Reservoir Dogs
Pow Wow Highway ... The Verdict
Splendor in the Grass ... A Tale of Two Cities
The Great Train Robbery ... Judy Berlin
A Room with a View
The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, September 19

Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed

Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm

Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Non-Fiction

Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison by Piper Kerman
Spirits, Heroes & Hunters from North American Indian Mythology by M. Wood and J. Sibbick
Weight Loss Boss by David Kirchoff
All About Evergreens by Michael Dirr
Popular Mechanics Outdoor & Garden Projects
Three Simple Steps- A Map to Success in Business and Life by Trevor Blake
The Bursums of New Mexico by Ron Hamm
Breaking Blue by Timothy Egan
Ghost Soldiers by Hampton Sides
The Tennis Partner by Abraham Verghese
On CD **John Adams** by David McCullough

Fiction and Mystery

New Moon by Stephenie Meyer
Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer
Breaking Dawn by Stephenie Meyer
The Litigators by John Grisham
The Healer by Greg Hollingshead
Floating in My Mother's Palm by Ursula Hegi
A Rule Against Murder by Louise Penny
Buried Prey by John Sandford
Bad Blood by John Sandford
Independence Day by Richard Ford
Eat the Document by Dana Spiotta

Classics

Saratoga Trunk by Edna Ferber
The Glimpses of the Moon by Edith Wharton
Jennie Gerhardt by Theodore Dreiser
In Dubious Battle by John Steinbeck

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