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Here and Gone

The Apaches of southern New Mexico fought mightily against the invading Americans. These Apache Wars of 1860-1886 are the stuff of legend and the subject of many careful investigations. The Library recently acquired the most comprehensive study yet of the conflict involving the Warm Springs Apache.

Featured This Month

By Robert N. Watt:

“I Will Not Surrender the Hair of a Horse’s Tail”:

The Victorio Campaign 1879.

“Horses Worn to Mere Shadows”: The Victorio Campaign 1880.

“With My Face to My Bitter Foes”: Nana’s War 1880-1881.

These works deal with only a three-year period in which the Warm Springs Apache struggle for the return of their Ojo Caliente reservation while the Army struggles to subdue the Apaches on U.S. terms of the concentration policy. However, almost a third of the first volume does summarize the Apache Wars leading up to 1879. The third volume ends with Nana’s retreat into Mexico after the Gavilán Canyon battle, and Watt says nothing of the Apache surrender in 1886 and subsequent 27 years as prisoners in Florida, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

Watt incorporates and carefully interprets all previous research on this narrow period of the Apache Wars. His work is especially significant because of his thorough exploration of the military archives, which reveal not only the government’s and the Army’s often conflicting priorities but also the Army officers’ self-serving, turf-protecting, and political record keeping. Of particular importance is that Watt includes transcriptions of hundreds of pages of the original documents, and thoughtfully uses italics for the letters and reports that are handwritten and normal font for typed or published sources. This



documentation in the second volume is so extensive that Watt makes the original documents available only online as a free download.

In addition to his thorough review of military records, Watt also provides reportage from the contemporary press that airs grievances of the local Americans and puts further pressure on the military leaders. The big gap in the history of the Apache Wars is, of course, the lack of records on the Apache perspective.

Watt’s meticulous research is heavy lifting. He provides an extremely detailed assessment of all the historical evidence. He carefully evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of the differing tactics used by the two combatants. It is heavily footnoted. It is the best study ever of the period. But it is not an easy read.

This definitive history is also heavy lifting in a physical sense. Each volume has a sturdy hard cover and high quality paper. The three volumes comprise 1,347 pages, plus dozens of colored maps depicting battle positions of the opposing forces. The first two volumes weigh close to three pounds each and the third is well over two pounds. These books are not conducive to bedtime reading.

Introduction and review by Garland Bill

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New at the Library

Fiction

We Are Water by Wally Lamb (LP)
Camino Winds by John Grisham
Death of the Black-Haired Girl by Robert Stone
Baba Dunja's Last Love by Alina Bronsky
The Anatomy of Dreams by Chloe Benjamin
The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo
Fast Girls by Elise Hooper
To the Bright Edge of the World by Eowyn Ivey
Saint X by Alexis Schaitkin
The Invaders by Karolina Waclawiak
The Bottom of Everything by Ben Dolnick
The Plot by Jean Korelitz
Left Neglected by Lisa Genova
Undone by John Colapinto

Non Fiction

The Resourceful Renovator-A Gallery of Ideas for Reusing Building Materials by Jennifer Corson
Crafting New Mexican Furniture-A Handbook to Design, Plans, and Techniques by Kingsley H Hammett
Landscapes for the Highlands by Nichole Trushell
A Sense of Mission -Historic Churches of the Southwest by David Wakely
In the Darkroom by Susan Faludi
New Mexico, Rio Grande and other essays by Tony Hillerman
We Called It Ghost Ranch by Arthur Newton Pack
John Muir Life and Work edited by Sally M. Miller
Priestdaddy by Patricia Lockwood
Dreaming Bears A Gwich'in Indian Storyteller, A Southern Doctor, A Wild Corner of Alaska by J. Michael Holloway
Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien
Instinctive Fly Fishing by Taylor Streit
The Cubs Way by Tom Verducci
Poser my life in twenty-three yoga poses by Claire Dederer
The End of Alzheimer's by Dale E. Bredesen, M.D.
Life Will Be the Death of Me by Chelsea Handler
The Believer by Ralph Blumenthal

Mystery

Storm Watch by C.J. Box
21st Birthday by James Patterson
The Dry by Jane Harper
Bloodhounds by Peter Lovesey

DVDs

The Big Short ... Blade Runner, the Final Cut
Blacklist seasons 1-9

Audio Books

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende
The Queen of the South by Arturo Perez-Reverte

Bake Sale

In conjunction with the **Hillsboro Street Sale** the **Library Bake Sale** is on for **Saturday, May 13 9:00am -1:00pm**
Come and get your goodies!

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday~10:00am -1:00pm
Thursday~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturday ~ 10:00pm - 2:00pm

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