

# HILLSBORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

## Here and Gone

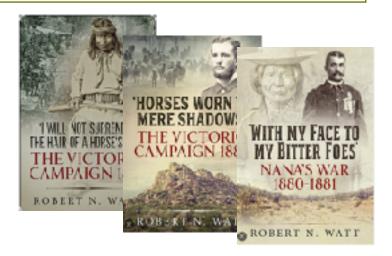
The Apaches of southern New Mexico fought mightily against the invading Americans. These Apache Wars of 1860-1886 are the stuff of legend and the subject of many careful investigations. The Library recently acquired the most comprehensive study yet of the conflict involving the Warm Springs Apache.

## **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.

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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. Box21st Birthday by James PattersonThe Dry by Jane HarperBloodhounds 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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