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Read a Book and Take a Road Trip

New Mexico and the surrounding states of Texas and Arizona provide an abundance of history for exploration by new and old residents alike. Our featured book this month, *Old Forts of the Apache Wars* is filled with information about the history of the forts built for army and citizen protection and a guide for the current traveler to visit them on a leisurely automobile trip.

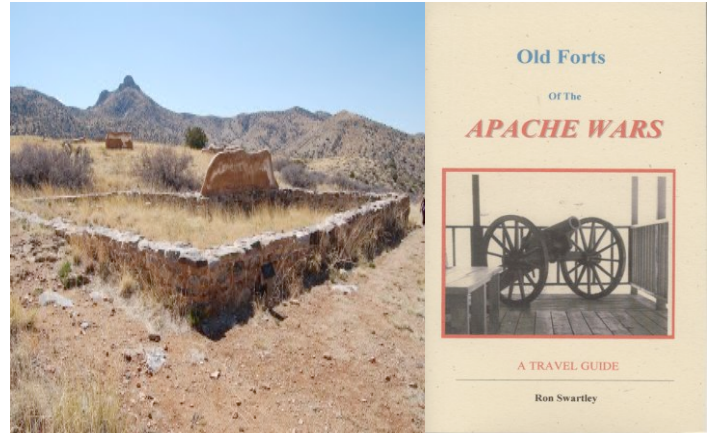
Featured This Month:

OLD FORTS OF THE APACHE WARS by Ron Swartley

Here are a few highlights from this gem written by Ron Swartley and published by High Lonesome Books, our friend Dutch Salmon's publishing house in Silver City, New Mexico.

Fort Bayard. Copper had been mined at the Santa Rita Del Cobre Mine for a couple of decades by the time Mimbres Apache Chief Mangas Coloradas decided that the miners weren't living up to their agreements and waged war on them in 1840, depopulating the whole area. With the end of the Civil War and the death of Mangas Coloradas, the copper mine was back in production, and Fort Bayard was established in 1866. Company B of the 125th Colored Infantry, later known as the Buffalo Soldiers, built and occupied the fort just east of present day Silver City, New Mexico.

Fort Craig. Fort Craig was started in 1853 and built mainly to help protect travelers along the Camino Real and the Jornada del Muerte in central New Mexico. With as many as 4,000 troops who rode out in pursuit of Mescalero and Warm Springs Apaches, the Army rode escort for beef herds and wagon trains traveling through this area. Maybe Fort Craig's main claim to fame occurred in mid-February 1862 when Confederate General Henry Hopkins Sibley approached Fort Craig intending to neutralize this Union stronghold, the one main obstacle between him and Fort Union, where victory would mean New Mexico falling to confederate hands. General Sibley's forces were so decimated



that five weeks later his weakened forces lost the decisive battle of Glorieta Pass, which resulted in his abandoning the campaign to take New Mexico for the Confederate cause.

Fort Sumner. This fort was established in 1862 and built at Bosque Redondo in eastern New Mexico by members of the California Volunteers. It was the rare Southwestern Army fort created not primarily to protect new white settlers and travelers from Indians, but to serve as a kind of incarceration camp for Indians – in this case Apache and Navajo Tribes. Maybe General James Carlton had good intentions when he dreamed up the scheme and location for the camp (He called it a “chaplain post,” meant to instruct Indian children in the ways of Anglo culture and religion.), but the results were far short of original expectations and the beginning of the tragic Indian Schools. Fort Sumner was officially abandoned in 1868 and the land bought by Lucien B. Maxwell. It was in the Maxwell ranch house that Pat Garrett finally caught up with Billy the Kid and shot him. The “Kid's” grave is located at the entrance to the old fort grounds.

These are just a few of the New Mexico, Texas and Arizona forts described in *Old Forts of the Apache Wars*. After reading this guidebook and going back in time in your imagination, pack up your car and see the forts in person. There are detailed directions to every location mentioned.

Introduction and review by John Cornell

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Library Board Notes:

READ, READ READ—With the colder weather coming, now's the time to check-out a few books and find a cozy corner.

EVENING LIBRARY HOURS will be changing on the shift back to MST: Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

HELP! Noxious weeds are invading the grounds around the HCC. Please help clear away the encroachment. Join us on **CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, October 17 at 10 A.M.**

New At the Library

Fiction

Slouching Towards Bethlehem by Joan Didion
The Stone Raft by Jose' Saramago
Trouble the Water by Nicole Seitz
Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell
Sword of God by Chris Kuzneski
River of Doubt by Candice Millard
Dead Heat by Joel Rosenberg
The Sight of the Stars by Belva Plain
The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint by Brady Udall,
Montana 1948 by Larry Watson

Mystery

The Hanged Man's Song by John Sandford
Devil Bones by Kathy Reichs
The Shadow Catcher by Marrienne Wiggins

Video (VHS)

Affliction ... Her Majesty, Mrs. Brown...Iris Mumford...Random Hearts ...Wings Ocean's Eleven
Girl with a Pearl Earring (DVD)

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 6:30 – 8:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 6:30–8:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

Bookmobile: Wednesday, October 21

Hillsboro, 1:00–2:00 pm Kingston, 2:30 –3:30pm

Non-Fiction

A Year by the Sea by Joan Anderson,
Insect World by J Henri
Fabre, Will They Ever Trust Us Again by Michael Moore,
Naturalist by Edward Wilson,
Journey of the Ants by Edward Wilson
The Life of Birds by David Attenborough
Finding Birds in Southeast Arizona by Judy Edison et al.
The Gift of Birds: True Encounters with Avian Spirits by Larry Habegger and Amy G. Carlson
A Birder's Guide to Southern California by Harold Holt
Wings for my Flight: The Peregrine Falcons of Chimney Rock by Marcy Cottrell Houle
A Field Guide to Advanced Birding by Kenn Kaufman
A Field Guide to the Birds by Roger Tory Peterson
On the Wing: To the Edge of the Earth with the Peregrine Falcon by Alan Tennant
Mistress of the Elgin Marbles: A Biography of Mary Nisbet, Countess of Elgin by Susan Nagel
The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester
Life Is So Good by Geo. Dawson and R. Glaubman,
Stalking the Wild Amaranth by Janet Marinelli,
Living on the Wind-Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds by Scott Weidensaul,
John James Audubon, the Making of an American by Richard Rhodes,
All that the Rain Promises and More- A Hip Pocket Guide to Western Mushrooms by D.Arora
The Big Year, A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession by Mark Obmascik
Secrets of the Nest by Joan Dunning
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
Black Elk Speaks as told to John Neihardt

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