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Bored with Same Old Mystery? Get History!

If you're looking for something new, try New Mexico. The Library has a comprehensive collection of books on local history, like **Black Range Tales** by James McKenna or **Buckboard Days** by Sophie A. Poe or our featured book below. Learn all about the cowboys and Indians, outlaws and lawmen, founding fathers and pioneer women who walked this land when it was the Wild West. This IS your grandfather's New Mexico!

Featured This Month:

If you are a history buff and are curious about the true story of Billy the Kid, Robert Utley's **Billy the Kid - A Short and Violent Life** is the book of choice. Utley, a respected historian of the American West, a factual and unbiased account of Billy, the men he fought with and against, and of Sheriff Pat Garrett, who finally brought Billy down. Although Utley's book was published in 1989, it has only recently been added to Hillsboro's growing collection of local and New Mexico history.

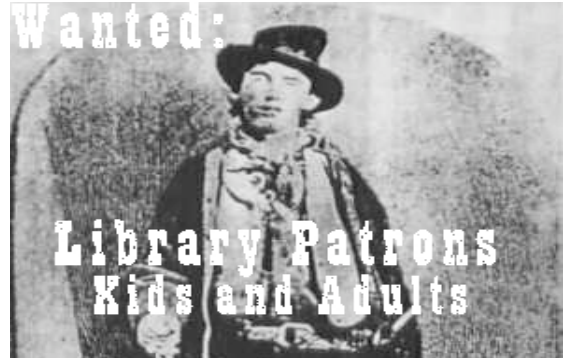
Billy the Kid, who started life as Henry McCarty and went through a series of names that included Henry Antrim, Kid Antrim, Billy Bonney, and, simply, The Kid. No one seems to know where the name William Bonney originated, but it was the name that finally mutated, via help by the mass media of the time, into Billy the Kid.

Utley presents Billy as a likeable and impetuous youngster who was more or less a product of his time. While Billy did not, as the song says, kill 21 men, he was known to have personally shot down 4. His bullets may have helped kill several others in circumstances where many individuals were shooting at once. What emerges from the story is a young man who befriended many and who came to enjoy his notoriety. However he was capable of killing friend or foe whenever circumstances placed his life or freedom in peril. In every case, he blamed the outcome on circumstances beyond his control. Although he played lip service to leaving his life of crime, the pattern of irresponsibility established early in his life set him on a course wherein the outcome, Billy's early death, was inevitable. Had Garrett not shot him, someone else soon would have.

Although the book is an accurate and factual portrayal of Billy and his times, it nonetheless is as exciting as a Luke Short novel. Once I had started it, it pushed aside all of the other books in which I was dabbling, and I stayed with it non-stop. I now know who Billy the Kid was and why he has remained famous.

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Notes from the Library Board

Billy could have used a little parental guidance. Maybe his folks should have taken him to the library more often. Every month now, your Library is offering a special **TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE HOUR** with goodies for the kids. Here's a chance to encourage their reading. Borrow a book for each and a movie for all! Make it an outing for the family.

Special Events:

Tuesday, May 9 : COFFEE HOUR 7:00pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 13: BOOK GIVEAWAY at Percha Creek Traders during the Annual Hillsboro Yard Sale!
(Donations are welcome, but the books are free!)
Saturday, June 3: BAKE SALE: 12:00am-1:00 pm

New at the Library:

Videos: (on VHS tape) Hotel Rwanda
The Manchurian Candidate ... Something's Gotta Give
Non-Fiction: Meet Mr. Grizzly; A Saga on the Passing of the Grizzly Bear by Montague Stevens
Columbus, NM; Queen of the Mimbres Valley by Ray Sherdell Page
Apache Days & Tombstone Nights; John Clum's Autobiography edited by Neil B. Carmony
Chasing Villa; The Last Campaign of the U.S. Cavalry by Frank Tompkins
Triumph and Tragedy; A History of Thomas Lyons and the LC's by Ida Foster Campbell
Batik, Tie Dyeing, Stenciling, Silk Screen, Block Printing, by Francis J. Kafka
Fiction: Xavier's Folly and Other Stories by Max Evans
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Library Hours:

Sunday and Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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