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Wild Women of the West!!!

If you thought that the story of how the west was won starred only cowboys, you should check out the library's biography section for the personal tales of the women who helped to settle the frontier, like that local gal, Sadie....

Featured This Month

Those of us who live in Hillsboro and Kingston have long heard the stories of the legendary Sadie Orchard. Now along comes a book by Patsy Crow King, *Sadie Orchard, the Time of her Life* to tell us which of the legends are true and which are not. For instance, you undoubtedly thought Sadie came to New Mexico from England, given her cockney accent and her claims of English upper class. Sadie was actually born Sarah Jane Creech in Lyon Township, Mills County, Iowa, on March 16, 1859, the fifth of eight children. Why she came to New Mexico is unknown, but King implies that a young girl growing up on a farm in Iowa might well think it more exciting to live in a raucous mining town in the west.

And liven up the towns of southwestern Sierra County she did! For some fifty years, Sadie was madam, stagecoach owner and driver, hotel and restaurant owner, socialite, humanitarian, and philanthropist. In short, Sadie was the Belle of the Black Range. She owned brothels in Kingston and Hillsboro, and when she married James W. Orchard in 1895, she added his stageline to her holdings, running the stage from Lake Valley to Hillsboro to Kingston.

At 101 paperbound pages, this book may be light in weight, but it is not light in content. King is careful to sort legend from fact. The black and white photographs, while a little dark and grainy, are all attributed, so if you hanker to see the original, you know where to find it. Knowing old photographs, the originals may be no clearer than the book's reproductions. There is a fine reproduction of a page handwritten by justice of the peace, R.A. Nickle on page 33, which raises the book's only question for me. The page has a recapitulation of marriages performed by Nickle since he was elected in January 1895, listing "James W. Orchard to Sarah Jane Creech July 17, 1895." King's text says "Sadie married James W. Orchard, (also known as Henry) on July 8, 1895." Which date is correct? Perhaps Nickle copied the date incorrectly in his recapitulation. Do we even care given the fact that the marriage was rocky from the start and ended with Sadie driving "Henry" off with a shotgun.

There is a short bibliography (about half of the books are in the Hillsboro Library) and index along with acknowledgements to several people in Hillsboro. Thanks for an excellent book, Patsy. How about tackling Tom Ying's life next?

Reviewed Betty Reynolds

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Notes from the Boards

Our thanks once again to Barbara Bedford, retiring Volunteer Coordinator and welcome to Patty Woodruff, who will be taking over this very important job.

Special Events:

Tues, Oct. 10, Thank-you Volunteers Party, 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday, November 4: BAKE SALE 12 noon-2pm

New at the Library:

Adult Films: (on VHS)

Cat Ballou...Cimarron,,Destry Rides Again ...Spellbound
Ox-bow incident...Night at the Opera...Hamlet(DVD)

Fiction:

Trails Plowed Under by Charles Russell
Cold Flat Junction by Martha Grimes
Songcatcher by Sharyn McCrumb
Total Recall by Sara Paretsky
Rounders 3 by Max Evans
Cross Bones by Kathy Reichs
Two Dollar Bill by Stuart Woods (in large print)
Copenhagen Papers and Spies, by Michael Frayn
The Law of Love by Laura Esquivel
Twelve Sharp by Janet Evanovich
Blue Last, by Martha Grimes
Maximum Insecurity by P.J. Grady
Sting of the Scorpion, by Marilyn Haddrill & Doris Holmes
Rattlesnake Lawyer, by Jonathan Miller
Santa Fe Strangers to Crime, by James Wright
The March by E.L. Doctorow (Audio book)

Nonfiction:

Vanished Arizona by Martha Summerhayes
Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers
The Last Conquistador, Coronado's Land, and Massacre on the Lordsburg Road, by Marc Simmons
Wild Women of the Old West, G. Riley & R. Etulain, ed.
20,000 Years of History, a N M bibliography, by F.Swadesh
Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid as I Knew Them, J.Meadows

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