

STORIES OF THE WEST

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649358267

Stories of the West by Theodore Roosevelt

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

**STORIES
OF THE WEST**

**STORIES OF
THE GREAT WEST**



Copyright, 1915, by Alexander Lambert, N.Y.C.

Theodore Roosevelt

STORIES OF THE GREAT WEST

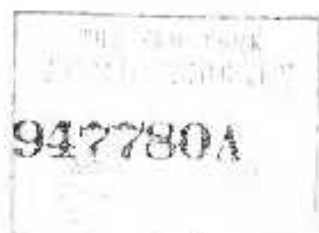
BY
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Illustrated



NEW YORK
THE CENTURY CO.

1914



Copyright, 1888, 1895, 1909, by
THE CENTURY Co.

Copyright, 1896, by G. P. Putnam's Sons

Published June, 1909

PUBLISHERS' NOTE

As a youth Theodore Roosevelt was an enthusiastic student of Western history and pioneer types. Later, as ranchman and hunter, he grew to know intimately and to love deeply the rough, free life of the Western plains. Mr. Roosevelt's interest in history probably was inherited, but his fondness for outdoor life grew out of his grateful love for his foster mother—the green earth—who took the delicate youth in her rough, but kindly, embrace and gave him a sound body and a clear vision.

It was during the quiet evenings, and the otherwise idle hours, spent at "Elkhorn," his Dakota ranch, that Theodore Roosevelt penned most of the fascinating pictures of frontier and ranch life that make up this present volume.

"The Backwoodsmen of the Alleghanies" and "Lewis and Clark and the Exploration of the Far West" are from "The Winning of the West," permission to republish here having kindly been granted by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The other stories are from "Hero Tales" and "Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail." Some of these stories have been condensed from the original version for reasons of space.

THE FORELOPER

The gull shall whistle in his wake, the blind wave break in fire,
He shall fulfil God's utmost will, unknowing his desire;
And he shall see old planets pass and alien stars arise,
And give the gale his reckless sail in shadow of new skies,
Strong lust of gear shall drive him out and hunger arm his hand
To wring his food from a desert nude, his foothold from the sand.
His neighbors' smoke shall vex his eyes, their voices break his rest;
He shall go forth till South is North, sullen and dispossessed;
He shall desire loneliness, and his desire shall bring
Hard on his heels a thousand wheels, a people and a king.
He shall come back on his own track and by his scarce cool camp,
There shall he meet the roaring street, the derrick, and the stamp;
For he must blaze a nation's ways, with hatchet and with brand,
Till on his last-won wilderness an empire's bulwarks stand.

Kipling.

CONTENTS

PART I

STORIES FROM HISTORY

	PAGE
DANIEL BOONE AND THE FOUNDING OF KENTUCKY	3
THE BACKWOODSMEN OF THE ALLEGHANIES	15
I WHO THEY WERE AND WHERE THEY SETTLED.	
II THEIR HABITATIONS.	
III THEIR DAILY LIFE AND THEIR DRESS.	
IV THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE.	
V THE LAW OF THE LAND.	
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK AND THE CONQUEST OF THE NORTHWEST	55
LEWIS AND CLARK AND THE EXPLORATION OF THE FAR WEST	69
I PURPOSE OF THE EXPLORATION.	
II START OF THE EXPEDITION.	
III AMONG THE INDIANS.	
IV IN THE GAME COUNTRY.	
V ADVENTURES ON THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY.	
"REMEMBER THE ALAMO"	97

PART II

STORIES OF ADVENTURE

THE CATTLE COUNTRY OF THE FAR WEST	109
THE HOME RANCH	123