

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### May's Topic: The Wild West

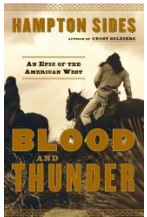
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

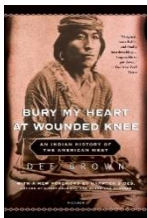
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Wild West. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

### Books:



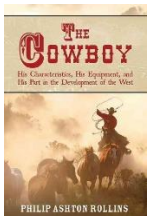
**[Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West](#)** by Hampton Sides – 978.02 SID and [Book on CD](#)

Examines America's westward expansion, describing the forcible subjugation of Native American tribes, including the fierce battles against the Navajo which ended with a brutal siege at Canyon de Chelly and the "Long Walk" migration.



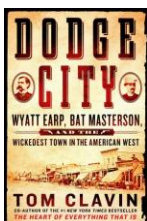
**[Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West](#)** by Dee Brown – 978 BRO, eAudio on [hoopla](#)\* and [eIndiana](#)\*, eBook on [hoopla](#)\* and [eIndiana](#)\*

Dee Brown's eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of the American Indian during the second half of the nineteenth century uses council records, autobiographies, and firsthand descriptions.



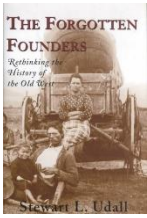
**[The Cowboy: His Characteristics, His Equipment, and His Part in the Development of the West](#)** by Philip Ashton Rollins – 978 ROL

An early practitioner of what has now become the very popular genre Western Writing, Rollins (1869-1950) here argues that cowboys were more than the slow-talking, quick-shooting square-jawed pretty boys on the silver screen but made important contributions to the making of America and should be taken more seriously.



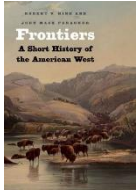
**[Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West](#)** by Tom Clavin – 978.176 CLA, eAudio on [eIndiana](#)\*

This account of the taming of the Wild West as it unfolded in violent Dodge City cites the roles of lawmen Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp, tracing their notable friendships and devastating losses while interacting with the likes of Wild Bill Hickock, Jesse James, and Doc Holliday.



**[The Forgotten Founders: Rethinking the History of the Old West](#) by Stewart L. Udall – 978 UDA**

Udall draws on extensive research and his vast knowledge of and experience in the American West to make a compelling case that the key players in western settlement were the sturdy families who travelled great distances across forbidding terrain to establish communities there. He offers an illuminating and wide-ranging overview of western history and those who have written about it, challenging conventional wisdom on subjects ranging from Manifest Destiny to the importance of Eastern capitalists to the role of religion in westward settlement.



**[Frontiers: A Short History of the American West](#) by Robert V. Hine and John Mack Faragher – 978 HIN**

Updated and revised for a popular audience, a fascinating new edition of the classic *The American West: A New Interpretation* examines the diverse peoples and cultures of the American West and the impact of their intermingling and clash, the influence of the frontier, and topics ranging from early exploration of the region to modern-day environmentalism.

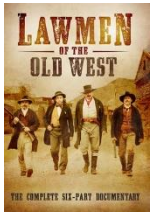
## Videos:



### CrashCourse

**[Westward Expansion: Crash Course US History #24](https://tinyurl.com/kq4ngpg) - <https://tinyurl.com/kq4ngpg>**

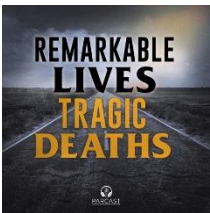
In which John Green teaches you about the Wild, Wild, West, which as it turns out, wasn't as wild as it seemed in the movies.



**[Lawmen of the Old West – Season 1](#) – video on [hoopla](#)\***

See how men like Daniel Boone, Wyatt Earp, and 'Doc' Holliday became frontier legends in their quest to keep the peace and stay alive. Witness some of the most infamous events in American history through authentic re-enactments, historical accounts and, archived photos.

## Podcasts:



### Remarkable Lives Tragic Deaths

**[E28: Wild Bill Hickok](https://tinyurl.com/y7jha9x5) - <https://tinyurl.com/y7jha9x5>**

Wild Bill Hickok was a stagecoach driver and Union Soldier, but that's not what made him famous. This hard-drinking, gun-slinging, high-stakes-gambling sheriff embodied the myth of the old west. Thanks to wild rumors and his appearances in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, Bill became a legend in his own lifetime.



### Stuff You Missed in History Class

**[Calamity Jane](https://tinyurl.com/y85vydqf) - <https://tinyurl.com/y85vydqf>**

Calamity Jane is one of those historical figures whose reputation has in many ways eclipsed the real story. But she was, without a doubt, a unique character who in many ways lived outside the social norms of her time.

**[Who was the real Lone Ranger?](https://tinyurl.com/ybyelzq8) – <https://tinyurl.com/ybyelzq8>**

The Lone Ranger has traditionally been portrayed by white actors, but many believe this character is based on an African-American named Bass Reeves. A former slave, Reeves became one of the most successful lawmen in U.S. history.

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card