**Classic Westerns**

Mattie
- Alter, Judy
W Fic Alter (1988)
SPUR AWARD

The Blind Corral
- Beer, Ralph Robert
Fic Beer (1986)
SPUR AWARD

Summer of Pearls
- Blakely, Mike
W Fic Blakely (2000) SPUR AWARD

Death Comes for the Archbishop
- Cather, Willa
Fic Cather (1927)

The Ox-Bow Incident
- Clark, Walter Van Tilburg
Fic Clark (1940) and video

The Dark Island
- Conley, Robert J.
LP Fic Conley (1995) SPUR AWARD

St. Agnes’ Stand
- Eidson, Tom
W Fic Eidson (1994) SPUR AWARD

Riders of the Purple Sage
- Grey, Zane
W Fic Grey (1940) and audio

The Big Sky
- Guthrie, A.B.
Fic Guthrie (1947)

The Time It Never Rained
- Kelton, Elmer
Fic Kelton (1973) and LP

Hondo
- L’Amour, Louis
W Fic L’Amour (1983) and LP

The Searchers
- LeMay
Video only

Call of the Wild
- London, Jack
Fic London (1963) JFic, LP, video, audio

All the Pretty Horses
- McCarthy, Cormac
Fic McCarthy (1992) LP and audio

Lonesome Dove
- McMurtry, Larry
W Fic McMurtry (1985) and video

Centennial
- Michener, James A.
Fic Michener (1974) and LP

True Grit
- Portis, Charles
Fic Portis (1968) and video, DVD

Doc
- Russell, Mary Doria
Fic Russell, M. (2011) (also ebook form)

**Short Stories**

The Best of the West Series
By Western Writers of America
Fic SS Bes La

**Family Saga**

Holts: an American dynasty series
- Ross, Dana Fuller
Some in W Fic, Fic, LP
The West in Nonfiction

Hoover Dam: an American adventure
- Stevens, Joseph
627.82 Ste (1988)

The Longhorns
- Dobie, J. Frank
636.2 Dob (1941)

The Imus Ranch: Cooking for kids and cowboys
- Imus, Deirdre
641.5636 Imu (2004)

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West
- Ambrose, Stephen E.
917.804 Amb (1996) and audio

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
- Brown, Dee Alexander
970 Bro (1970)

Fathers and children: Andrew Jackson and the subjugation of the American Indian
- Robin, Michael Paul
970.5 Rog (1975)

The Cowboy Hero: his image in American history and culture
- Savage, William W., Jr.
973 Savc (1979)

Once They Moved like the Wind: Cochise, Geronimo, Apache Wars
- Roberts, David
973.04972 Rob (1993)

Cheyenne Autumn
- Sandoz, Mari
973.04973 San (1992) and video

“Old West” series by Time-Life Books - Look for them scattered throughout the 1970’s.

Killing Custer: the Battle of the Little Bighorn and the fate of the Plains Indians
- Welch, James
973.82 Wel (1994)

Seeking Pleasure in the Old West
- Dary, David
978 Dar (1995) SPUR

Across the Wide Missouri
- DeVoto, Bernard Augustine
978 Dev (1947)

Old Jules Country
- Sandoz, Mari
978 SanOl (1965)

Men to Match My Mountains: the opening of the Far West 1840-1900
- Stone, Irving
978 StoMe (1956) and audio

Precious Dust
- Marks, Paula Mitchell
978.02 Mar (1994) SPUR AWARD

And Die in the West: the story of the O.K. Corral Gunfight
- Marks, Paula Mitchell
979.153 Mar (1989)

Rush for Riches: Gold fever and the making of California
- Holliday, J.S.
979.4 Holru (1999)

Big Trouble: a murder in a small western town sets off a struggle for the soul of America
- Lukas, J. Anthony
979.6 Luk (1997) SPUR AWARD
The West in Biography

Black Elk Speaks: Being the life story of a holy man of the Oglala Sioux
- Niehardt, John G.
  Biog Black Elk (1932)

Long John Dunn of Taos: from Texas outlaw to New Mexico hero
- Evans, Max
  Biog Dunn (1993)

Bright Eyes: the story of Susette LaFlesche, an Omaha Indian
- Wilson, Dorothy Clarke
  Biog LaFlesche (1974)

Jessie Benton Fremont
- Herr, Pamela
  Biog Fremont (1987)
  SPUR AWARD

Custer’s Last Campaign
- Gray, John S.
  Biog Boyer (1991) SPUR AWARD

The Lance and the Shield
- Utley, Robert M.
  Biog Sitting Bull Utl (1993) SPUR

John Wayne
- Roberts, Randy
  Biog Wayne (1995)

Sword of San Jacinto: a life of Sam Houston
- De Bruhl, Marshall
  Biog Houston (1993)

Nontraditional West

There’s no reason why a novel within the “Western” genre has to take place in America. Here’s one by Zane Grey that is set in Australia:
Wilderness trek, a novel of Australia
- Fic Grey, Z. (1944)

The Sisters Brothers
- DeWitt, Patrick
  Fic DeWitt, P. (2011)
  (satirical novel set in 1850’s Oregon Territory and California)

Historical Novel of West

Sam Bass
- Woolley, Bryan
  Fic Bryan (1983) SPUR AWARD

Stone Song: a novel of the life of Crazy Horse
- Blevins, Win
  Fic Blevins (1995) SPUR AWARD

Wanderer Springs
- Flynn, Robert
  Fic Flynn (1987) SPUR AWARD

By Douglas C. Jones:
• Gone the Dreams and Dancing (1984) W Fic
• Roman (1986) Fic
  and LP
  Both won SPUR AWARDS

Panther in the Sky
- Thom, James Alexander
  Fic Thom (1989) SPUR AWARD

The Gates of the Alamo
- Harrigan, Stephen
  Fic Harrigan (2000) SPUR AWARD
Contemporary Westerns

The Modern Scene- These authors write Westerns with a 20th century setting:

• Edward Abbey
• Richard Bradford
• J.P.S. Brown
• H.L. Davis
• Robert Day
• Max Evans
• Larry McMurtry
• Max Schott
• Philip Lee Williams

Mystery fans might want to try Steve Hockensmith’s Holmes on the Range and other titles in the series. (also available in LP)

How about a crime series set in the West? Try these authors:

• C.J. Box
• Michael McGarrity
• Ridley Pearson
• William Kent Krueger
• Craig Johnson (Longmire series—an authentic Western hero with his own television series)

Contemporary Westerns

There is a fictional series called “Women of the West”:


She Won the West: an anthology of Western and frontier stories by women - Muller, Marcia (ed.) Fic SS She (1985)

Peace like a River (literary) - Enger, Lief Fic Enger, L. (2001) (also in audio)

Novels by Ivan Doig:

• Bucking the Sun (1996)
• Mountain Time (1999)
• The Eleventh Man (2008) (football) (also in LP)

Hearts of Horses

- Gloss, Molly Fic Gloss, M. (2007) (a heart-warming novel about a woman making her way in a man’s world)

Contemporary Westerns with a blend of fantasy or science fiction

Stephen King’s Dark Tower Series has many familiar western themes, including a harsh landscape, the flawed hero, and an elegiac tone. You’ll find these books in the Fantasy section.

Try Kage Baker’s madcap The Empress of Mars (2009) - in the Science Fiction area

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