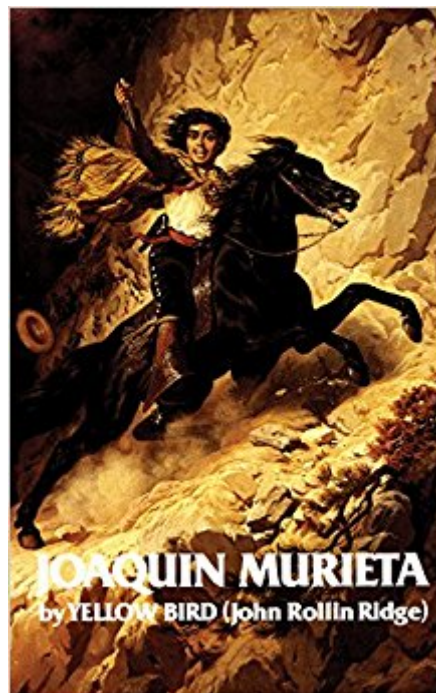


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Life And Adventures Of Joaquin Murieta: Celebrated California Bandit (The Western Frontier Library Series)



Synopsis

In 1854, a Cherokee Indian called Yellow Bird (better known as John Rollin Ridge) launched in this book the myth of Joaquin Murieta, based on the California criminal career of a 19th century Mexican bandit. Today this folk hero has been written into state histories, sensationalized in books, poems, and articles throughout America, Spain, France, Chile, and Mexico, and made into a motion picture. The Ridge account is here reproduced from the only known copy of the first edition, owned by Thomas W. Streeter, of Morristown, New Jersey. According to it, the passionate, wronged Murieta organized an outlaw company numbering over 2,000 men, who for two years terrorized gold-rush Californians by kidnapping, bank robberies, cattle thefts, and murders. So bloodthirsty as to be considered five men, Joaquin was aided by several hardy subordinates, including the sadistic cutthroat, "Three-Fingered Jack." Finally, the state legislature authorized organization of the Mounted Rangers to capture the outlaws. The drama is fittingly climaxed by the ensuing chase, "good, gory" battle, and the shocking fate of the badmen.

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John Rollin Ridge, or Yellow Bird, was born in Georgia in 1827 and participated in the Indian Removal to present Oklahoma and in the bitter Cherokee Factional wars. After killing a man, Ridge fled to California, where he heard about and wrote of Joaquin Murieta.

John Rollin Ridge, Yellowbird, is credited with writing the first Cherokee novel in English. Ridge's

novel paints a wonderful tale of the bandit Joaquin Murrieta (the inspiration for Zorro). It has fascinating parallels to his own life in terms of its themes of revenge. In truth, Ridge is a more interesting character than his Murrieta, but that has more to do with Ridge's life than his writing. I bought this to research Murrieta (and Ridge) and was not disappointed in reading the tale.

I gave it 4 stars , it kept me interested and I realised it was the first book ever written on the subject of Joaquin .I have researched alot on the life of Joaquin M.Like many others I don't believe he met his fate the way it is written in this book which is my dislike ,the ending .I have a list of other books that I want to purchase on the same subject via shortly .I would recommend to the adventurous reader with an open mind and opinion .

Introduction sifts through Ridge's story to get closer to the truth. Otherwise, a very interesting account of a historical character. For a more accurate history, try the heavily researched "Joaquin Murrieta and His Horse Gangs" by Frank Latta and find out whose head is really in that jar.

Good piece of inaccuracy most read!

It is all about the history, lure, romance, of the San Joaquin valley. Read; Shoot Guns on Sunday.

OK read.

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Very good story!

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