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Westerns: Classics

DB22959 Lonesome Dove by Lary McMurtry

A three-thousand-mile cattle drive, from the banks of the Rio Grande to Montana's big sky country, is the setting for this vivid epic which describes the developing American West and the ranchers, cowboys, prostitutes, and adventurers who attempt to make a new life for themselves in its vast reaches. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1985.

DB44219 True Grit by Charles Portis

Fifty years afterward, a woman tells how, as a girl of fourteen, she, a federal marshal, and a Texas Ranger tracked her father's murderer from Arkansas into Indian territory. Some violence. 1968.

DB63028 Blood Meridian Or The Evening Redness In The West by Cormac McCarthy
1850s. A teenager known only as the Kid runs away from his alcoholic father in Tennessee. The Kid journeys west to the Texas-Mexico borderlands, where he encounters a ruthless paramilitary gang sent by the government to scalp Indians. Violence and strong language. 1985.

DB53457 Hondo by Louis L'Amour

Angie Lowe is raising her son Johnny on an isolated ranch in Apache country. Hondo Lane approaches her homestead on foot to buy a horse. Soon Angie and Hondo are involved in a tale of love, war, and honor. 1983.

DB49208 Riders Of The Purple Sage by Zane Grey

Utah, 1871. When Jane Withersteen incurs the wrath of her fellow Mormons for befriending Gentiles, gunman Lassiter comes to her aid and makes a startling personal discovery. Violence. 1912.

DB60163 Shane by Jack Schaefer

Wyoming territory, 1889. A mysterious stranger named Shane rides into the Starretts' ranch and learns of trouble between cattle baron Fletcher and the homesteaders. Shane decides to stay and help the family keep their stake. Some violence. 1949.

DB86668 News Of The World by Paulette Jiles

1870. Captain Kidd rides across Texas delivering the news of the day. He is asked to take ten-year-old Johanna Leonberger, recently rescued from a Kiowa tribe, to her family near San Antonio. The captain must deal with Johanna's inability to reacclimate to white culture. Some violence and some strong language. 2016.

DB33963 Sackett's Land; Sacketts 01 by Louis L'Amour

The Sackett saga goes back to England and follows Barnabas Sackett from his struggles in the English countryside and intrigue in Elizabethan London to the New World, where he establishes a western dynasty. 1974.

DB36421 The Virginian: A Horseman Of The Plains by Owen Wister

The story of the Virginian is told by an easterner who, while visiting a Wyoming ranch, is impressed by the slow-talking, quick-witted, southern cowboy. Things heat up when another easterner arrives on the scene-- the new schoolteacher, young Molly Wood. The Virginian falls for Molly and tries to convince her to reciprocate, but his irksome feud with a surly ranch hand threatens their relationship. Some violence. 1902.

DB66047 Butcher's Crossing by John Edward Williams

1870s. After hearing Ralph Waldo Emerson speak, Will Andrews drops out of Harvard and heads west to "find himself." He funds a hunt that spirals into the slaughter of thousands of buffalo. Andrews returns from the expedition questioning both his actions and the value of his experience. 1960.

DB52564 The Ox-Bow Incident by Walter Van Tilburg Clark

Nevada, 1885. Wrangler Art Croft reluctantly joins a group of citizens in a small town who hastily form a posse to catch murdering cattle rustlers. Three men are accused of the crime and, although there are some doubts about their guilt, lynched. Some violence and some strong language. 1940.

DB36446 Flint by Louis L'Amour

Years ago a young man avenged the wrongful death of his friend Flint. The man is now successful financier James T. Kettleman, but a wife who wants him dead and a diagnosis of cancer have convinced him to leave that identity behind. He plans to live out his days quietly in the ranch country of his youth as Jim Flint, but an ongoing land swindle and a woman in need force him back into action as the legendary sharpshooter. Violence. 1960.

DB62475 The Quick And The Dead by Louis L'Amour

Con Vallian encounters Duncan McKaskel and his family heading west and saves Duncan from outlaws. He soon finds himself guiding Duncan, Duncan's beautiful wife, Susanna, and their son, Tom, across the prairie, and fighting off rustlers, Huron Indians, and a lion along the way. 1973.

DB32463 Little Big Man by Thomas Berger

The fictitious memoirs of Jack Crabb, 111-year-old ex-cowboy who claims to be the only survivor of Custer's Last Stand. Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Calamity Jane, and many other characters of the Old West appear in this humorous, sometimes absurd recreation of the Western frontier. 1964.