

# WHAT ARE WESTERNS?

Westerns capture the spirit of the American frontier, whether through classic tales of cowboys and outlaws or stories where the landscape of the

West shapes the characters and conflicts. Some embrace the genre's familiar themes of law and survival, while others simply draw on the setting to tell a deeper story.

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[amazon.com/b?node=17143709011](https://amazon.com/b?node=17143709011)

### BOOKPAGE (MAGAZINE)

[bookpage.com](http://bookpage.com)

Print copies also available in the library

### GOODREADS

[goodreads.com/genres](http://goodreads.com/genres)  
[goodreads.com/new\\_releases](http://goodreads.com/new_releases)

### LIBRARY READS

[libraryreads.org](http://libraryreads.org)

### LIBRARY THING

[librarything.com](http://librarything.com)

### NEW YORK TIMES

[nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/](http://nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/)

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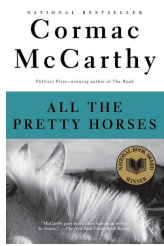
### WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT

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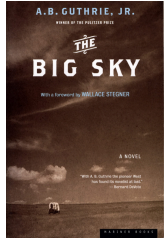
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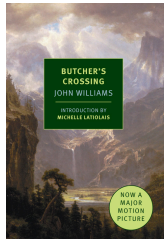
**All the Pretty Horses**  
by Cormac McCarthy

A young Texan crosses into Mexico in search of a new life, encountering love, conflict, and betrayal.



**The Big Sky**  
by A.B. Guthrie, Jr.

A frontiersman's exploration of the untamed West explores the complexities of survival and human nature.



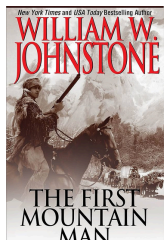
**Butcher's Crossing**  
by John Williams

A young man's quest to hunt buffalo in the Colorado wilderness leads to violence and existential questioning.



**Cherokee America**  
by Margaret Verble

In the 19th century, a strong-willed Cherokee woman navigates family drama, betrayal, and cultural conflict.



**The First Mountain Man**  
by William W. Johnstone

A frontiersman known for his survival skills must face brutal challenges in the American wilderness.



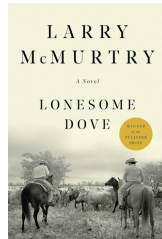
**Four Treasures in the Sky**  
by Jenny Tinghui Zhang

In this tale of self-discovery, Daiyu, a Chinese girl, struggles to find her place in the 1880s American West.



**Inland**  
by Téa Obreht

In 19th-century Arizona, a woman contends with personal loss and strange visions during an ongoing desert drought.



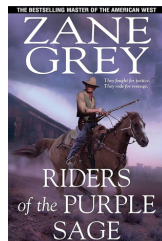
**Lonesome Dove**  
by Larry McMurtry

Two retired Texas Rangers embark on an epic cattle drive, confronting danger, friendship, and their pasts.



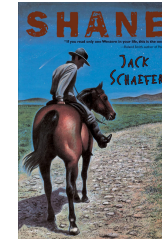
**Outlawed**  
by Anna North

A young woman joins an outlaw gang in the Wild West, seeking freedom and a new future amidst danger.



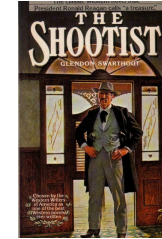
**Riders of the Purple Sage**  
by Zane Grey

A lone gunman battles corrupt forces to protect a woman's land and faith in the West.



**Shane**  
by Jack Schaeffer

A mysterious gunslinger helps a struggling family, but his violent past catches up with him.



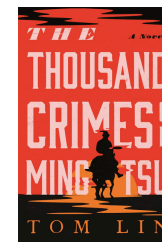
**The Shootist**  
by Glendon Swarthout

A dying gunfighter seeks redemption and a peaceful end while facing a world that no longer needs him.



**The Sisters Brothers**  
by Patrick deWitt

Two gunslinging brothers navigate chaos, betrayal, and their flawed relationship on a darkly comedic journey.



**The Thousand Crimes of Ming Tsu**  
by Tom Lin

A Chinese-American outlaw seeks revenge and redemption across the American West in a violent, poetic odyssey.



**True Grit**  
by Charles Portis

A determined young girl hires a U.S. Marshal to avenge her father's murder in the wild West.