Gunfighters, Outlaws, and Sheriffs Books

1. Wyoming’s Territorial Sheriffs Nathaniel Boswell, T. Jeff Carr, and Jim Rankin were brave and colorful. Frank Canton lived on both sides of the law. Joseph Young was called a coward. Bill Jaycox left town without an explanation. But most of the fifty-five men who pinned on stars were simply good citizens who carried out the routine duties of office-maintaining order, collecting taxes and liquor license fees, inspecting chimneys, and running the county jail. They all helped the history of the territory and the state it became.

2. Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters O’Neal lists data on 255 gunmen, both outlaw and lawmen, including dates and places of birth and death, (where available) aliases, nicknames, occupations, and a brief biography, followed in chronological order by detailed accounts of verified gunfights by each individual.

3. The Shooters: a Gallery of Notorious Gunmen from the American West From the famous to the lesser known, Metz documents the gunfighters in rich, easily readable detail.

4. Triggernometry: a Gallery of Gunfighters This history presents nearly a score of master gunfighters with their backgrounds and deeds; good and bad and mixed of nature are here, but all played their part in building the West.

5. You are Respectfully Invited to Attend my Execution Bad men on the Wyoming frontier! Many were lynched, but seven were legally hanged. You are respectfully invited to attend the executions. Read of the crimes, investigations, lawmen, capture, legal maneuvers, trials, and deaths of the seven men legally hanged in Wyoming Territory.

6. The Wild Bunch at Robber’s Roost Robber’s Roost (in Utah) was a hideout for hunted men long before Butch Cassidy found it in 1894. Growing up on a ranch that included Robber’s Roost, Baker heard many of the legends and talked to many who remembered the notorious Wild Bunch.

7. Tiger of the Wild Bunch During his lifetime, Harvey “Kid Curry” Logan became the most feared fugitive in America. From 1894-1904, he robbed banks and trains all across the West, eluding every posse that galloped his way.

8. In Search of Butch Cassidy Pointer, an authority on Cassidy and the infamous Wild Bunch, believes he has convincing evidence that Cassidy was not killed in a 1908 shootout with Bolivian cavalry, as reported, but returned to the United States to Spokane, Washington. That the bandit lived on as William T. Phillips until 1937.

9. Butch Cassidy: a Biography Separating mythology from actual events in the life of Butch Cassidy has been made extremely difficult by the many stories told about him by family members, acquaintances, and writers after his presumed death in a Bolivian
village. Richard Patterson’s book brings together diverse anecdotes, providing both a wonderful tool for researchers and a lively read.

10. **Digging up Butch and Sundance** Hard traveling historians on a quest! Romance! Altitude sickness! The driest desert in the World! Potentially deadly disputes over centuries-old bones! And finally, the answer to a ninety-year old mystery.

11. **The Last Eleven Days of Earl Durand** At long last, a well-researched history of the poacher turned murderer. This Wyoming tragedy began in the Cody-Powell-Heart Mountain area of Wyoming and ended when Durand botched a bank robbery in Powell.

12. **Age of the Gunfighter: Men and Weapons on the Frontier 1840-1900** This beautiful book is about men and weapons on the frontier. It includes, in addition to many old outlaw photos, twenty-seven outstanding color spreads featuring artifacts from the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

13. **The Sundance Kid: the Life of Harry Alonzo Longabaugh** Donna B. Ernst, a relative of the Sundance Kid, spent more than a quarter century researching his life, bringing to print the most thorough account ever of one of the West’s most infamous outlaws, tracing his life from his childhood in Pennsylvania to his involvement with the Wild Bunch and, in 1908, to his reputed death by gunshot in Bolivia.

14. **Outlaws and Lawmen of the West, Volume I** After the discovery of gold in California and parts north, and the Civil War, the West became home to settlers, gold seekers and entrepreneurs, as well as highwaymen, killers, and outlaws keen to make a quick buck and stay out of reach of the long arms of the law. This volume includes Butch Cassidy, Jack Slade and Henry Plummer, Billy the Kid, Tiburcio Vasquez, Jesse James, Sam Bass, the Dalton Gang, etc.

15. **Outlaws and Lawmen of the West, Volume II** The second volume of the series, this book includes Wyatt Earp, Bill Longley, Dave Mather, Bat Masterson, Luke Short, Ben Thompson, Wild Bill Hickok, Charlie Siringo, Bill Doolin, etc.

16. **With Badges & Bullets: Lawmen & Outlaws in the Old West** Who are the lawmen and who are the outlaws? This is among the key questions that ten well-known historians puzzle in revealing portraits of such frontier figures as Wyatt Earp, Billy the Kid, Belle Starr, Jesse James, and Wild Bill Hickok. With Badges & Bullets showcases lively, well-researched biographies that re-examine and illuminates the mythic lives of some of the most famous – and infamous – characters of the Old West.

17. **Butch Cassidy, My Uncle** The author Bill Betenson is the great-grandson of Butch Cassidy’s younger sister Lula Parker Betenson, who wrote *Butch Cassidy, My Brother*. Bill is interested in setting the record straight and his quest for answers has been a lifelong pursuit that has led him from dusty jail basements in the American West to Butch’s ranch in Argentina and beyond.