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Desperadoes of the Ozarks

By Larry Wood

Pelican Publishing Co, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This collection of events carries readers through an era of bootlegging, highway robbery, and vigilante courts. From the cow town of Baxter Springs, Kansas, to the booming mining camp of Granby, Missouri, the Ozarks were a magnet for lawlessness. Though some stories contain gory details, the authors intention in narrating these events is not to pay tribute to the likes of the Tri-State Terror, Bloody Britton, or the Missouri Kid. Instead Larry Wood aspires to come to terms with the regions violent past, learn from it, and move forward. Among tales of desperate characters and brutal murders is a strengthening of law and order. As the areas criminals wreak havoc, the Ozarks become the staging area for the last public hanging in the United States and the FBI's first killing of a criminal. Each chapter is filled with the grisly excitement of flying bullets and mob lynchings as vengeance is dealt by the betrayed, but the book also captures the changes made to protect law-abiding citizens.



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