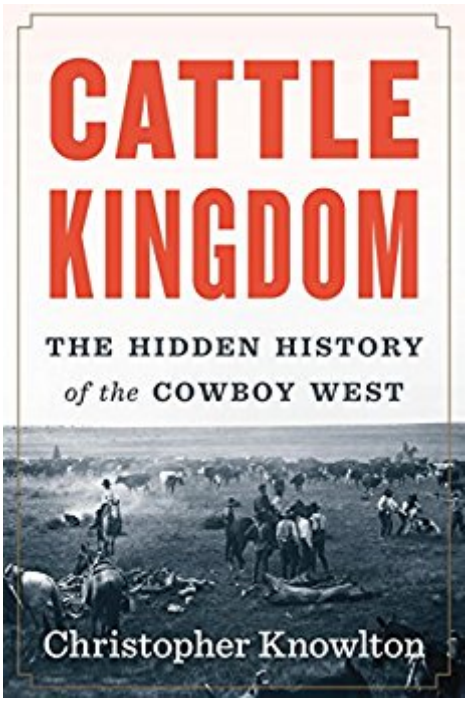
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This book needs a good editing by someone familiar with the cattle industry. It is full of little mistakes. For example, it says cattle are branded with a "red hot" iron (not so). It says that cowboy became unhappy having to do "hay bailing (sic) ". Hay balers were barely invented by the 1880s and hardly common in the west. Many more mistakes can be found, which makes one wonder about whether the author did adequate research and whether the publisher edited thoroughly. None the less, it is an interesting read..

I’m just in the middle of it and it is WONDERFUL. So interesting how it was really was -- the "cowboys" and how they lived and what really was happening at that time. Not your movie characters!!

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An amazing recount of the development of the American West around the cattle industry, Full of factoids about foreign investors, wall street involvement and more.

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