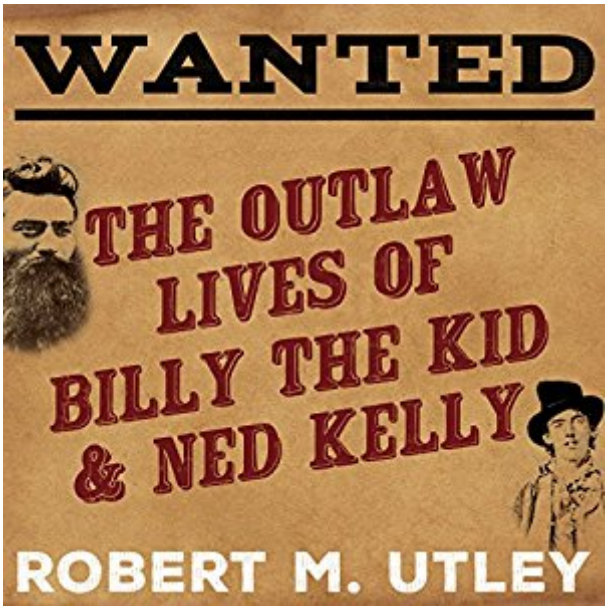
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Synopsis

The oft-told exploits of Billy the Kid and Ned Kelly survive vividly in the public imaginations of their respective countries, the United States and Australia. But the outlaws' reputations are so weighted with legend and myth that the truth of their lives has become obscure. In this adventure-filled double biography, Robert M. Utley reveals the true stories and parallel courses of the two notorious contemporaries who lived by the gun, were executed while still in their 20s, and remain compelling figures in the folklore of their homelands. Billy was a fun-loving, expert sharpshooter who excelled at escape and lived on the run after an indictment for his role in the Lincoln Country War. Bush-raised Ned, the son of an Irish convict father and Irish mother, was a man whose outrage against British colonial authority inspired him to steal cattle and sheep, kill three policemen, and rob banks for the benefit of impoverished Irish sympathizers. Utley recounts the exploits of these notorious young men with accuracy and appeal. He discovers their profound differences, despite their shared fates, and illuminates the worlds in which they lived on opposite sides of the globe.

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As promised and quick delivery.

Interesting comparison of two contemporaries who led lives of crime but with different personalities.

Great book, by a prolific and accomplished author. Price, delivery, condition all excellent

Informing

If you have a keen interest in finding out more about two notorious outlaws, Robert UtleyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Wanted: The Outlaw Lives of Billy the Kid and Ned Kelly !ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• will keep you engaged. Both were infamous and led colourful short lives.Many are familiar with the exploits of Billy the Kid due to the numerous Hollywood movies, but Ned Kelly of Australia may be less well known.Utley includes interesting maps and period photos to enhance his research and tales of both men.During the Beechworth hearing, Ned KellyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s lawyer spoke with his client and Ned said,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“All I want is a full and fair trial, and a chance to make my side heard. Until now, the police have had all the say, and have it their own way. If I get a full and fair trial, I donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t care how it goes; but I know thisÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •the public will see that I was hunted and hounded on from step to step; they will see that I am not the monster I have been made out. What I have done has been under strong provocation. (p. 175, from ARC of the book)Thank you GoodReads for the ARC of the book.

Fascinating, well-written tales about the Wild West days of the southwest and outback, with maps and pictures too. Found myself strangely sympathetic with the two outlaw heroes and turned off by the unethical, wheeler-dealer authorities who turned them into scapegoats. A worthwhile book for anyone interested in how the the west was settled, particularly in Arizona and New Mexico, and how defiant men of action have influenced the national identities of the U.S. and Australia. Great gift for cowboy-culture enthusiasts and history buffs.

This was an interesting read but not one that totally grabbed me. I’m unsure why Billy the Kid has the name he has whereas with Ned Kelly it stands out that he was a real rebel and regardless of your point of view, courageous to the end. This book is one to take you on a journey to other readings or research. It is concisely written; other authors would take you deeper into each man’s life. For me Kelly was the more interesting and his suit of armour to protect him against the bullets of the police made him unique in bandit history.

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