

New & Noteworthy List for October 2016

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1. A Noose for Chipita By Smylie, Vernon

Provides a historical, political, and legal perspective on the hanging of Chipita Rodriguez, a century-old capital punishment case that haunts South Texas. Describes how local legend says that Chipita's sorrowful cries can be heard on the banks of the Nueces River, mourning her untimely death and her improper burial. Explains another legend that Chipita is seen whenever a woman in Texas is about to be executed. Notes that the 69th Texas Legislature in 1985 provided a symbolic redress of her case (SCR 14).

Texas News Syndicate Press, 1970. 63 pages.
343.2 SM92

2. Edmund J. Davis of Texas: Civil War General, Republican Leader, Reconstruction Governor By Mneyhon, Carl H.

Presents a biography of Edmund J. Davis, the much maligned Reconstruction-era governor of Texas. Examines Davis' opposition to secession and the Confederacy, and his attempts to bring Texas back to the Union. Highlights the controversial election of 1874 and Davis' refusal to leave office, an event which led some to believe his spirit still wanders the Capitol grounds, mulling over the unfortunate end to his career.

TCU Press, 2010. 337 pages.
976.405 D292M2010

3. Ghost Stories of Texas By Syers, Ed
Presents 50 ghost stories about Texas, told to the author by Texans from all walks of life. Relays stories of legendary hauntings and supernatural happenings, emphasizing the cultural and historical significance of each. Asserts that "the supernatural is an inherent part of Texan heritage."

Texian Press, 1981. 206 pages.

976. 43 SY26G 1981

4. Haunted Austin: History and Hauntings in the Capital City By Zeller-Plumer, Jeanine Marie

Delves into the history of the events surrounding several ghost sightings in Austin. Highlights stories of convicts who gave their lives in the construction of the Capitol building, and of Robert Marshall Love, a former state comptroller who was assassinated at his desk, and whose ghost has been seen wandering the east hallway of the Capitol wishing visitors "good day."

History Press, 2010. 110 pages.

976. 43 Z38H 2010

5. Mysteries and Legends of Texas: True Stories of The Unsolved and Unexplained By Ingham, Donna

Provides personal accounts from a variety of Texas locales about strange and unexplained phenomena such as the Marfa lights and the legend of the ancient Indian spirits that roam Enchanted Rock. Offers a unique historical perspective to many of Texas' most well-known mysteries, as well as the lesser-known legends and stories.

Globe Pequot Press, 2010. 177 pages.

976. 4 IN4M2010

6. Tales of Old-Time Texas By Dobie, J. Frank
Presents 28 of the Texan storyteller's best tales. Tells the story of Jim Bowie's knife, the stranger of Sabine Pass, the "wild woman of the Navidad," and "the headless horseman of the mustangs," in which Bigfoot Wallace "scared up a legend not yet dead."
University of Texas Press, 1984. 336 pages.
398.2 D653T 1928

7. Towering Texan: a Biography of Thomas J. Rusk By Huston, Cleburne
Describes the brilliant career of Thomas J. Rusk, a man who served Texas as a soldier, jurist, and statesman, and who was once touted as a potential candidate for President of the United States. Recounts the story of Rusk's suicide, and how he was one of five prominent public figures in Texas who committed suicide between 1838 and 1858.
Texian Press, 1971. 191 pages.
328.73 H969T 1971