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100 BEST BOOKS IN NM

The New Mexico Book Co-op asked that libraries and bookstores poll their customers on the 100 best books in New Mexico to honor the 2012 Centennial. The major criteria for nomination was that the books must have either been written about NM, by a NM author, or published by a NM company. Nominations were then voted on by librarians, authors and the public. Here are the results:

The Top Ten

Bless Me, Ultima, Rudolfo Anaya
A Thief of Time, Tony Hillerman
Ben Hur, Lew Wallace
Death Comes for the Archbishop, Willa Cather
First Blood, David Morrell
House Made of Dawn, N. Scott Momaday
Lamy of Santa Fe, Paul Horgan
Milagro Beanfield War, John Nichols
Red Sky at Morning, Richard Bradford
The Rounders, Max Evans

Albuquerque, Rudolfo Anaya
All the Pretty Horses, Cormac McCarthy
The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid,
Pat Garrett
Black Mesa Poems, Jimmy Santiago Baca
Black Range Tales, James A. McKenna
The Blessing Way, Tony Hillerman
Blood and Thunder, Hampton Sides
Bloodville, Don Bullis
Bluefeather Fellini, Max Evans
Brothers of Light, Brothers of Blood,
Marta Weigl
But Time and Chance,
Fray Angelico Chavez
The Centuries of Santa Fe, Paul Horgan
Ceremony, Leslie Marmon Silko

Chaco Banyon: Sheriff of Lordsburg,
Fred Schmidt
Chaco Canyon, Robert Hill Lister
Charlie Carrillio: Tradition & Soul,
Barbe Awalt and Paul Rhett
Coronado, Knight of Pueblos and
Plains, Eugene Bolton
Cuentos, Rudolfo Anaya
Curse of the ChupaCabra, Rudolfo Anaya
Dance Hall of the Dead, Tony Hillerman
The Day It Snowed Tortillas, Joe Hayes
Delight Makers, Adolph Bandelier
Ditch Rider, Judith Van Gieson
The Education of Little Tree,
Forrest Carter
Eight Rattles and a Button,
Merle Blinn Brown
Face of an Angel, Denise Chavez

100 Best Books in New Mexico (continued)

- **El Gringo: New Mexico & Her People,** William W.H. Davis
- **Fire on the Mountain,** Edward Abbey
- **Forgotten People,** George I. Sanchez
- **Great River,** Paul Horgan
- **Hatchet,** Gary Paulsen
- **Homesteading on Grasshopper Flats,** Etta Rose Knox
- **The House at Otowi Bridge,** Peggy Pond Church
- **I Fought with Geronimo,** Jason Betzinez & Wilbur Sturtevant
- **An Illustrated History of New Mexico,** Thomas Chavez
- **In the Days of Victorio,** Eve Ball
- **Jemez Spring,** Rudolfo Anaya
- **John Gaw Meem,** Bainbridge Bunting
- **Journeys of Faith,** Lee Priestly
- **Kiva, Cross & Crown,** John Kessell
- **History of La Mesilla & Her Mesilleros,** Lionel Cajen Frieze
- **Land of Poco Tiempo,** Charles Lummis
- **Las Cruces,** Linda G. Harris
- **The Last Conquistador,** Marc Simmons
- **The Leading Facts of New Mexican History,** Ralph Emerson Twitchell
- **The Legend of La Llorona,** Rudolfo Anaya
- **Lottie Deno,** J. Marvin Hunter
- **Maria,** Alice Marriott
- **Mayordomo,** Stanley Crawford
- **Mimbres Painted Pottery,** J.J. Brody
- **The Missions of New Mexico, 1776,** Fray Francisco Dominguez, edited by Adams & Chavez
- **My Penitente Land,** Fray Angelico Chavez
- **New Mexico: A Pageant of Three Peoples,** Erna Fergusson
- **New Mexico Biographical Dictionary, 1540 - 2000,** Don Bullis
- **New Mexico Style,** Nancy Hunter Warren
- **New Mexico Tinwork,** Lane Coulter
- **No Life for a Lady,** Agnes Morley Cleaveland
- **Nobody's Horses,** Don Hoglund
- **Origins of New Mexico Families,** Fray Angelico Chavez
- **People of the Valley,** Frank Waters
- **The Place Names of New Mexico,** Robert Julyan
- **Popular Arts of Spanish New Mexico,** E. Boyd
- **Pueblo Nations,** Joe Sando
- **Riders to Cibola,** Norman Zollinger
- **Rio Grande Fall,** Rudolfo Anaya
- **River of Traps,** William duBoys & Alex Harris
- **Roadside Geology of New Mexico,** Halka Chronic
- **Sabino's Map,** Donald Usner
- **Saints of the Pueblos,** Charles M. Carrillo
- **Santa Fe Design,** Elmo Baca
- **Santa Fe on Foot,** Elaine Pinkerton Coleman
- **Santa Fe Style,** Christine Mather
- **Santos & Saints,** Thomas J. Steele
- **Scavengers,** Steven Havill
- **Shaman Winter,** Rudolfo Anaya
- **Slash Ranch Hounds,** Dub Evans
- **Stolen Gods,** Jake Page
- **Tularosa,** Michael McGarrity
- **Villages of Hispanic New Mexico,** Nancy Hunter Warren
- **Visions Underground,** Lois Manno
- **When Jesus Came, the Corn Mothers Went Away,** Ramon Gutierrez
- **The Whole Damned World,** Martha Shipman Andrews
- **Wind Leaves No Shadow,** Ruth Laughlin
- **Winter in Taos,** Mabel Dodge Luhan
- **The Wolf Path,** Judith Van Gieson
- **The Woman at Otowi Crossing,** Frank Waters
- **Works on Paper,** Georgia O'Keeffe & Barbara Haskell
- **Zia Summer,** Rudolfo Anaya
- **Zuni Pottery,** Marian Rodee