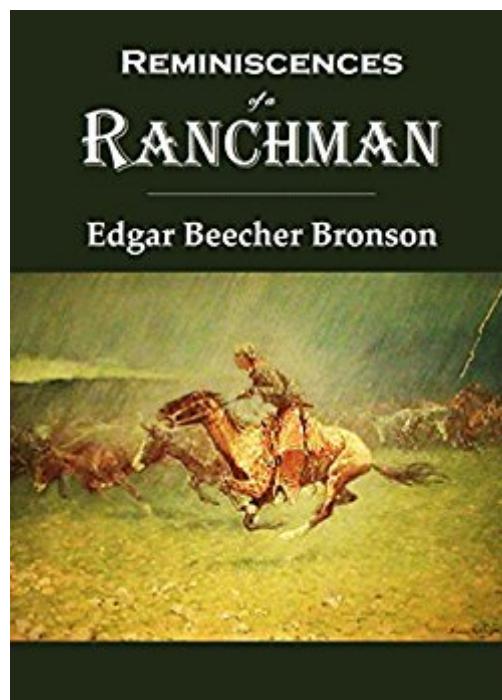


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Synopsis

Edgar Beecher Bronson (1856–1917) was a Nebraska rancher, a West Texas cattleman, an African big-game hunter, a serious photographer and starting late in life, an author of fiction and personal memoirs. No one will say that the life of Edgar Beecher Bronson was not packed with adventure. He began his out-of-doors and venturesome career as a western cowman, going into the cattle country from New York a very tender tenderfoot. Mr. Bronson's search for thrills led him to undertake many daring feats. The years of his young manhood—fifteen in all—were spent in New Mexico and Wyoming, as a ranchman, and it was during this time that he was able to collect the material for many of his books, the most popular of which probably is "Reminiscences of a Ranchman." Like Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Bronson was a sickly youth, and the years he spent in the saddle overcoming odds in the form of hostile Indians, rustlers, outlaws and blizzards and storms of the prairies, benefited him physically in the same way it did the former President.

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Customer Reviews

If you're interested in life in the Old West, cowboys and Indians, Edgar Beecher Bronson's account of his arrival in Wyoming from the East as a Tenderfoot and his transition to cowboy and ranch owner is compelling. Much more entertaining than a history book, Bronson weaves a spellbinding story, wrapping the heart-breaking saga of Wyoming's Indian tribes into his story to present a complete picture of his life in Wyoming. Bronson's remembrances of conversations reveal how the cowboys of the Old West spoke. That's not available in a current history book.

Very good information in this book.....I could have done without all the heavily accented quotes of what someone supposedly said 50 years before the writing but overall a very entertaining and informative narrative.

That very real ranchman was also a talented writer, skillfully using various styles, according to the circumstances being described, ranging from insightful historical records, to the realistic scenes recording the spoken language of the lowest-of-the-low characters populating the Wild West in the second half of the nineteen century. His lively style makes the reader feel a part of those numerous actions. But the most important fact about this book is that nowhere else one can read such a detailed description of the most noble, desperate and doomed struggle of a small group of the Native American "Indians", trying to survive the genocide.

I'm sorry but I just couldn't get past the heavily accented quotes that Mr. Keep mentioned. If you can spare the time to translate page after page of phonetic dialogue & enjoy it, you might like the book. I deleted it & moved on. EXAMPLE: "'N' when yu gits t' handlin' 'v 'em in big bunches, cows o' cayuses, ol' Mahste hisse'f even caint sorta reckon what they'll up 'n' do." This goes on & on...

This is a great book for anyone interested in western history. Mr. Bronson gives an eyewitness account of the last Sioux Sun Dance which by itself makes the book worth reading. His eyewitness

account of Dull Knife's heroic fight to lead the Cheyenne 700 miles from their Oklahoma reservation, where they were starving, to the northern plains where they were finally captured ranks as one of the greatest stories of courage ever told. This man was alive, and intelligent enough to write about a time in our history, when our country was changing. His writing records this time the way Charlie Russell did with paint and canvas.

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