



Chronicles of the Big Bend: A Photographic Memoir of Life on the Border (Paperback)

By W.D. Smithers

Texas State Historical Association, U.S., United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. As a young teamster on a pack-mule train, Wilfred Dudley Smithers saw the Rio Grande s Big Bend for the first time in 1916, and it captured his imagination forever. For decades thereafter he returned to Texas last great frontier-the great bend of the Rio Grande on the Texas-Mexico border-chronicling the region and its people in words and photographs. After half a century of photography, Smithers superlative collection of nine thousand images ended up at the University of Texas at Austin, and in 1976 more than one hundred of these were reproduced in *Chronicles of the Big Bend*, a critically acclaimed work that until now has long been out of print. The years that Smithers chronicled in the Big Bend were sometimes violent ones. Pancho Villa and Chico Cano were among the many bandits playing hide-and-seek with the U.S. Cavalry-events Smithers recorded. He was also an eyewitness to liquor-running and smuggling during Prohibition. His principal subjects, however, were the people of the Big Bend: local ranchers, Mexican American and American families, miners, Texas Rangers, and others living simple lives...



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