Ranald S. Mackenzie on the Texas Frontier

By Ernest Wallace

Texas A&M University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 256 pages. Dimensions: 7.8in. x 5.5in. x 0.6in. Once called the Fighting Colonel of the Texas frontier, Ranald S. Mackenzie in the brief years of his career through the 1870s and early 1880s secured that land for the surging wave of settlers who turned the wilderness into a place of cattle ranches, productive farms, and prosperous towns. In this classic account of the dashing cavalryman's campaigns, first published in limited numbers in 1965, eminent historian Ernest Wallace brought to life an era of the frontier that continues to intrigue readers. Mackenzie, after achieving an amazing record during the Civil War, rode onto the unexplored Southern Plains as commander of the 4th Cavalry, assigned to drive the Comanche and Kiowa tribes from their favorite hunting and camping grounds. These campaigns, along with his strikes across the Rio Grande to stop Apaches and Mexican Kickapoos from raiding across the border, won for him the respect and admiration of his superiors and subordinates alike and the plaudits of the Texans of his day. In eloquent prose, Wallace presented his careful research on Mackenzie's military career in a way that illuminated the period and its ethos.

Reviews

The most effective book I ever read. I really could comprehend almost everything out of this published e-book. You won't truly feel monotony at any time of your respective time (that's what catalogs are for regarding should you ask me).
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Totally one of the better publications I have actually read through. It really is rally fascinating through studying time period. It's been printed in an extremely simple way and is particularly just following I finished reading through this ebook in which basically modified me, modify the way I think.
-- Mrs. Maudie Weimann
Mackenzie decisively defeated the Comanches in Texas in 1872, then crossed the Mexican border to destroy Kickapoo raiders on the far side of the Rio Grande. A year later, he inflicted a major defeat on Kiowa, Comanche and Cheyenne warriors at Palo Duro Canyon during the Red River War. In the aftermath of the Custer massacre at the Little Bighorn in 1876, Mackenzie led a retaliatory raid against Chiefs Dull Knife, Yellow Nose, and Little Wolf, destroying the Northern Cheyenne power base in the Powder River Valley and capturing Sioux chief Red Cloud. Ernest Wallace did not consider Ranald S. Mackenzie on the Texas Frontier to be his best book, but there is no doubt that the action-filled narrative represents Ernest Wallace at his best. Painstakingly researched and highly detailed, this brief study of one phase of the life of the dashing cavalry officer not only documents Mackenzie's conquest of the Southern Plains but also provides a glimpse into the short, colorful, and unusual life of Ranald Slidell Mackenzie. Born in New York City on July 27, 1840, Ranald Mackenzie enjoyed a splendid West Point career, finishing first of twenty-eight weeks in the National Archives in Washington compiling information on Mackenzie and the West Texas frontier. With this he had ample material for Texas in Turmoil.