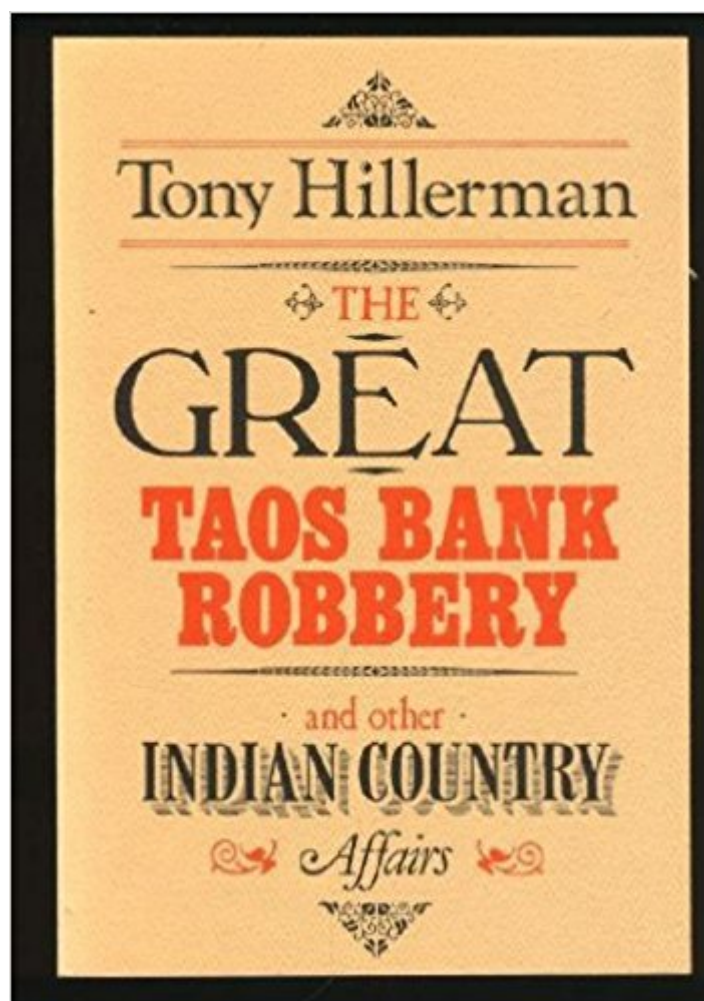


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The Great Taos Bank Robbery: And Other Indian Country Affairs



Synopsis

Novelist Tony Hillerman weaves together some classic stories of contemporary New Mexican life in a collection that makes you laugh, shake your head, and eventually understand more about New Mexico and its people.

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Customer Reviews

"This collection is the essence of Hillerman, which is always instructive fun." -- --New Mexican --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Tony Hillerman (1925–2008), an Albuquerque, New Mexico, resident since 1963, was the author of 29 books, including the popular 18-book mystery series featuring Navajo police officers Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn, two non-series novels, two children's books, and nonfiction works. He had received every major honor for mystery fiction; awards ranging from the Navajo Tribal Council's commendation to France's esteemed Grand prix de litterature policiere. Western Writers of America honored him with the Wister Award for Lifetime achievement in 2008. He served as president of the prestigious Mystery Writers of America, and was honored with that group's Edgar Award and as one of mystery fiction's Grand Masters. In 2001, his memoir, *Seldom Disappointed*, won both the Anthony and Agatha Awards for best nonfiction. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

All these essays were written by Hillerman when he was a graduate student at the University of New

Mexico. He himself states in his autobiography, "Seldom Disappointed" that he would have liked to have rewritten or edited some of them using the knowledge and skill he learned from writing LATER books. However, these are all good reading and cover real life topics, some of which persons familiar with New Mexico may remember, such as Reis Lopez Tiferina's takeover of the Tierra Amarilla courthouse back in the 60's. The fact that Hillerman is writing non-fiction here makes these interesting reading. The essays are all long enough to be interesting but short enough not to be boring.

Whether the story was funny or serious, these short stories were slices of New Mexican life that otherwise might have been lost. Hillerman includes science, history, politics, geography and other slices of the state. My favorite was, oh I didn't have a favorite, they were all good. Included are 8 small 2 page articles at the end of each short story that, for the most part, don't have anything to do with the short story they are paired with. They are named: 1 The Navaho who had so many friends he couldn't get any wire strung. 2 The mountain on the guardrail at MP 164B. 3 The messenger birds. 4 The Apache who wouldn't be missed. 5 How Quemado got Quemado. 6 Black Jack Ketchum and the sixteen faithful bartenders. 7 The committee and the mule deer. 8 Keeping secrets from the Russians.

I'm a fan of all Hillerman's books, I have read the Chee-leaphorn series 3 times now and expect a 4th, but I am biased as I was formerly from New Mexico, so this one is more interesting to me I'm sure especially being non-fiction tales.

Being from New Mexico I have always enjoyed Tony's books. But this one is a special favorite. Very funny, and true to the unique New Mexico way of doing things.

Subtle Hillerman humor that I hadn't seen in his Navajo mystery books. He is really quite clever. History with a few laughs.

This is, of course, a collection of short stories so they didn't all appeal to me as much as the title story. Even so, I would have bought it just for that one alone. I first heard this story on books on tape and have never forgotten it so I was pleased to find it again in print. It's funny, clueless, and charming. I've never found it's equal.

Tony Hillerman long ago became a skilled master story teller He could spin yarns and tales about the old west and the different nationalities of people involved.

This version, read by Tony Hillerman is simply the BEST!!

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