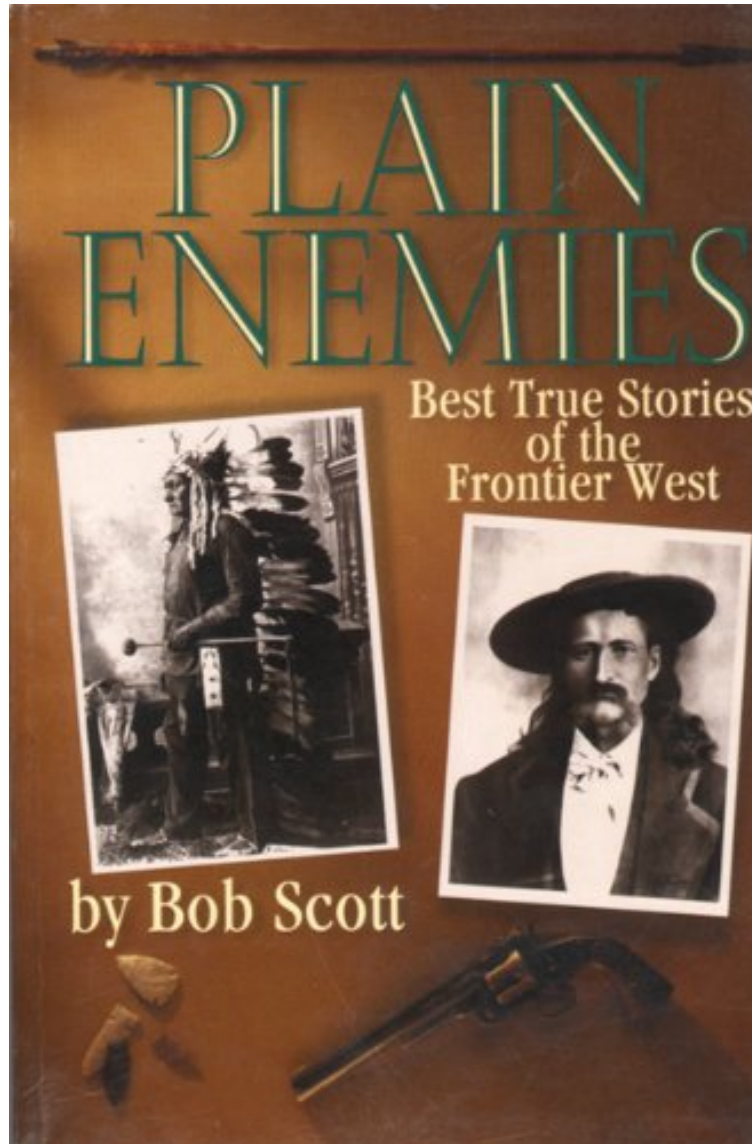


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**Bob Scott : Plain Enemies** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Plain Enemies:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is a travesty! By RonB208 I have never felt the need to write a review before, but this book has left such a bad taste in my mouth I must make an exception. The book is poorly researched with factual errors, e.g. Spencer rifles are 'repeaters' on 1 page and single shots on another, Major Joel Elliot, killed at Washita Springs, was demoted to Sergeant Major, Sand Creek is referred to as a battle while Mr.

Scott refers to Fetterman's men as having been murdered. On page 232 Mr. Scott starts a defense of both Custer, at the Washita, and Col. John Chivington, at Sand Creek, alleging that the attacks on their exploits came from largely the same group of Eastern politicians and bureaucrats and hints that a later era of political correctness has contributed to the controversies. In arriving at this conclusion, Ms. Scott had to ignore that many of Custer's detractors were officers serving within his regiment who had been there and the finding of the Congressional Committee that had investigated Sand Creek; "As to Colonel Chivington, your committee can hardly find fitting terms to describe his conduct. Wearing the uniform of the United States, which should be the emblem of justice and humanity; holding the important position of commander of a military district, and therefore having the honor of the government to that extent in his keeping, he deliberately planned and executed a foul and dastardly massacre which would have disgraced the veriest [sic] savage among those who were the victims of his cruelty. Having full knowledge of their friendly character, having himself been instrumental to some extent in placing them in their position of fancied security, he took advantage of their inapprehension and defenceless [sic] condition to gratify the worst passions that ever cursed the heart of man. Whatever influence this may have had upon Colonel Chivington, the truth is that he surprised and murdered, in cold blood, the unsuspecting men, women, and children on Sand creek, who had every reason to believe they were under the protection of the United States authorities, and then returned to Denver and boasted of the brave deed he and the men under his command had performed." Chivington's chief critic was none other than General Christopher "Kit" Carson, hardly an Easterner of any sort. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent. Well written. Reads like a novel. By A Customer Bob Scott, a relatively new writer in the field of 19th century western history, is now writing about a book a year. This is his fourth book and he documents many of the battles that took place on the Nebraska and Wyoming plains. Scott writes well and documents his work from original sources. Any Ph.D. student of this era needs to be familiar with his work.

Between 1830 and 1876, the U.S. government encouraged citizens to settle the great untamed wilderness from the Ohio Valley to the Pacific. But the West was already occupied by Native peoples. The conflicts that ensued are legendary and Bob Scott brings many of the more obscure stories to light narratives of faith and fear, heroism and horror, love and hatred.

"Plain Enemies, by Bob Scott, is an excellent collection of true stories of the frontier West." Broox Sledge, The Neshoba Democrat