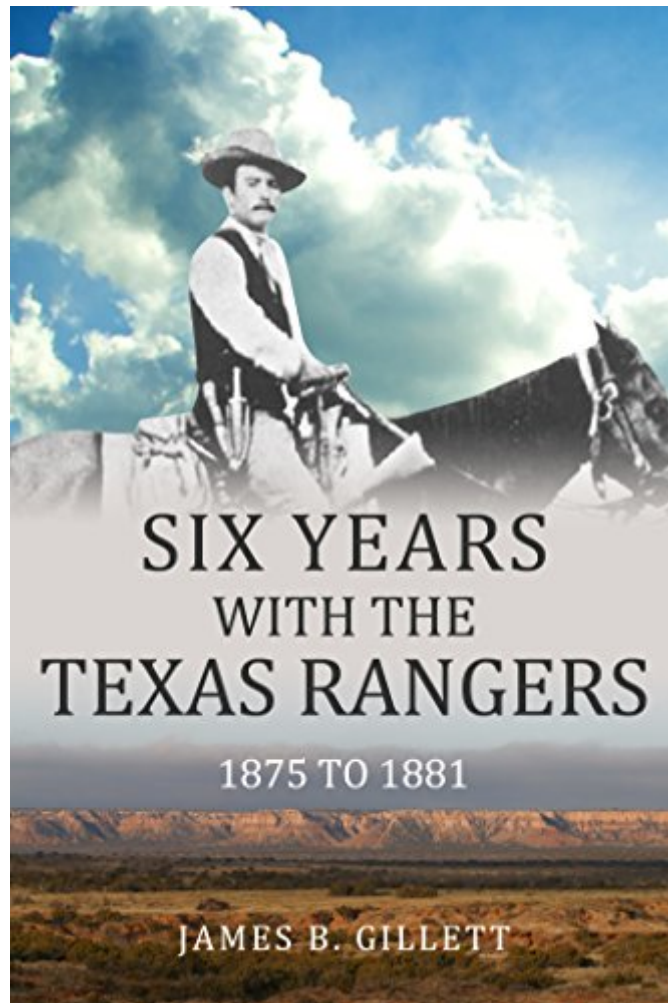




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Six Years With The Texas Rangers: 1875-1881



Synopsis

Texas in the nineteenth century was a dangerous place. The Texas Rangers were there to keep people safe. James Gillett joined the rangers in 1875 with the task of repressing domestic foes of this frontier region where banditry flourished and crimes of violence were committed with appalling frequency. He joined Company D of the Texas Rangers at the age of just seventeen. For the next six years he would be combatting horse thieves and murderers, fighting in the Mason County War, capturing vigilantes and providing law and order for the towns. He met and fought against some of the most infamous criminals of his day, from Sam Bass and his train robber gang to the Horrell Brothers and the outlaw Dick Dublin. That is not to say that Gillett only fought against domestic criminals, he was frequently called to combat dangerous Native Americans, particularly the Apaches, who were raiding, threatening or stealing from Texan inhabitants. At points the Rangers would even be drawn across the border into Mexico in order to implement justice against those who had attempted to escape. *Six Years with the Texas Rangers* is a fascinating account of one Ranger's life attempting to maintain law and order on the Texan frontier. "Combines all the excitement of a Western yellowback with the genuineness of a first-hand document" *Saturday Review*. After James Gillett left the Texan Rangers he worked as a Deputy Marshal, Marshal, and later cattle rancher. This book was published in 1921 and he died in 1937.

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A fascinating biography covering a six-year span starting with Indian trouble where warriors raided, kidnapped, and killed. Then the focus changed to the gun-men and hard cases who had flocked to Texas from other states as their deeds began catching up with them. And range wars were inevitable as men grabbed as much land as possible, roped the free ranging longhorn cattle and began establishing Texas as a source of meat and hides for the industrial north. A great slice of history, told first person, and well worth the time.

Gillett told it the way it was. If you are a history buff and are interested in the period in this country after the civil war when in some parts of this country there was very little law and order then this book is for you. I thought it was very well written considering that Gillett left school at an early age. I found the book interesting and informative. I'm glad the Texas Rangers were around back then to keep law and order. Shootout in Cheyenne: Exciting Western Tale of Love and Revenge

Jim Gillett wrote a fascinating book about his years with the Texas Rangers. I was in the saddle with him, getting a clear view of every adventure. I do not know if he single handedly wrote this book, but for a boy who dropped out of school early on and went to work, he certainly wrote it very well and somewhere, somehow, he learned to put his thoughts down on paper and made a wonderful biography about Rangering and catching bad guys, and the Tribes which at that time were on the war path in New Mexico, Texas and across into Mexico. The Mexicans were a hardy bunch of outlaws and also gave the Rangers a run for their money. Gave this one five stars!

This is a good story. Historical account of a time gone by. If you have a teen interested in the past and adventure I highly recommend this story. Some might take exception to the non PC ideas and references, but this allows discussion time with you. A time when men were men. 911 did not exist and it was easy to die. Not gruesome or harsh just his career factually related by the writer. An easy read, no pictures.

This is the book that will give you a view of what it was like in the early days of the Republic of Texas for law enforcement against outlaws, indians, and renegades. Life was tough in general to even exist from day to day. Jim Gillett joined the Rangers at a very early age when most youngsters would be in school today. Way before autos and such, they traveled by horseback and survived by steel nerves, true grit, and fantastic courage. Another good book to read about the Texas Rangers was written by Mike Cox formerly with The Texas Department of Public Safety. Its title is "Texas Ranger Tales, Stories that need telling."

As a history buff, I found the book to be very interesting and as an avid reader of western novels, I found there to be plenty of action and adventure. I recommend the book to anyone who enjoys either of those genres.

The book was very well done. It seems like all the western movies that I saw over the years were really true for the most part. There are accounts of Indians, rustlers, outlaws, desperadoes, and renegade rangers in this book. It made me wish that I had been born in time to see the West as it was in the 1880s.

What a fine book detailing the exciting six years of service with the Texas Rangers. This took place at the end of the Indian Wars in Texas. There are lots of encounters with real bad men and raiding Indians. The writing is excellent and moves along very well, keeping the readers attention and providing an entertaining true story. I highly recommend this fine book for everyone.

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