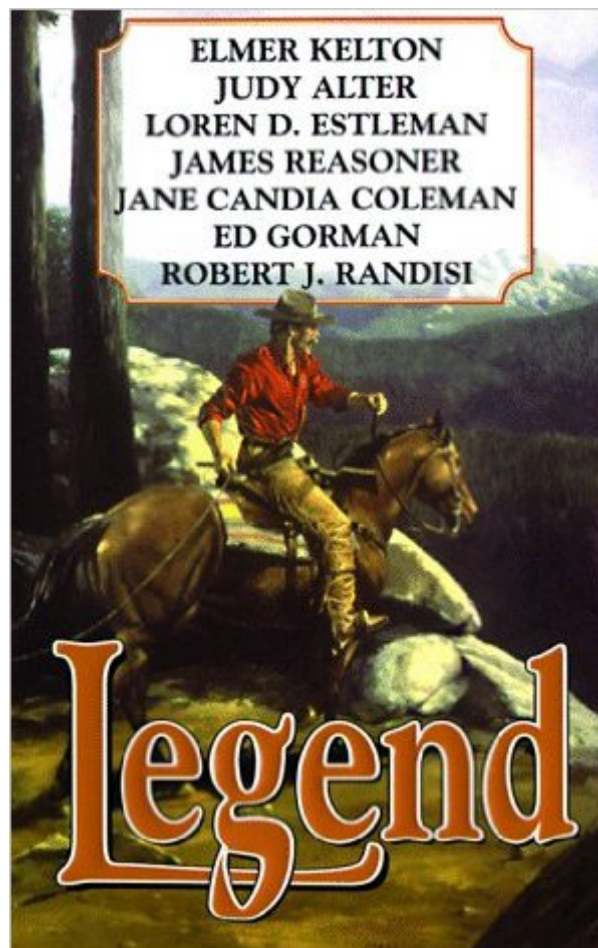


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# Legend



## Synopsis

Paperback with 395 pages. Collaborative Western Novel featuring Seven Legendary Authors including Elmer Kelton, Robert J. Randisi, and others.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I love anything that James Reasoner has a hand in writing and have read many of his books, but have to say this book was somewhat disappointing. You could definitely tell that it was a collaborative effort and not 100% Reasoner. Some of the chapters became disjointed to the point where the story didn't flow very well. It was an interesting concept and some chapters were very good, but others fell short. It became obvious to me that James Reasoner only took a small part in developing this book because it was not up to par with his talent as a historical fiction author. I would only read this if I was out of other James Reasoner books.

This book is put together by a nice compilation of authors and focuses in on the life of Lyle Speaks along with his lifelong friend Sam November. Through their younger years to even their later days in life they share adventures sliced up by the different authors. I was delighted that Kelton wrote about Lyle's younger years and enjoyed the opening chapters as it set the tone. I will admit it was a different change of pace seeing how different authors wrote and displayed their styles and then built upon the story. I can say there was a couple of sections that you could vividly tell that another author had picked up where another left off. Admittedly there were a couple of styles I wasn't totally

fond of, but overall I enjoyed the read and the books story. This would make a great miniseries such as Lonesome Dove did and the vast coverage of Lyle's and Sam's life kind of reminds you of that saga and the adventures they shared together. Overall I would recommend this book for any of you that enjoy the western genre!

Legend is a wonderfully enjoyable story that will give you tears from every possible mood you can be in. Why it is listed in with Loren D. Estleman's name first is beyond me, he did not put this book together. I think it was Robert J. Randisi. At any rate, in my opinion all of the authors put in their best work. A book to be read again.

I just recently finished Legend and thoroughly enjoyed it. I admit that I read "most" of the part about Speaks first love. Overall this was a very enjoyable western that kept me turning pages to see what would happen next. I have already passed it on to my neighbors father who enjoys westerns. Can we look for other collaborative westerns like this? Any way, for what it's worth, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND LEGEND!!!

Another great anthology from some of the best western writers ever, and this is just a beginning. We can look forward to more great fiction from the new Western Writers of America anthology to be released next year. Great news for the genre! Meanwhile, read LEGEND!

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