# Week 4: United Frontiers

Note: All BR (braille) books are available from BARD.

## Books for Adults

### True Grit book cover. Title and author's name in large, black print type like a newspaper with a bullet hole right above the "R" and a drip of blood from the gunshot to the bottom of the book cover.DB 44219 [*True grit*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=81692831.6232) by Charles Portis

Annotation: Fifty years afterward, a woman tells how, as a girl of fourteen, she, a federal marshal, and a Texas Ranger tracked her father's murderer from Arkansas into Indian territory. Some violence.

Also available as BR19212.

### DB 111495 [*Firestick*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=291724696.6232) by J. A. Johnstone

Annotation: "Johnstone Justice. What America Needs Now. In this exciting new series, bestselling authors William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone pay homage to America's trail-hardened backwoodsmen who, like a fine grain whiskey, only get better with age.... REAL MEN DON'T RIDE INTO THE SUNSET In his mountain-man days, Elwood "Firestick" McQueen was practically a living legend. His hunting, tracking, and trapping skills were known far and wide. But it was his deadly accuracy with a rifle that earned him the Indian name "Firestick." His two best buddies are Malachi "Beartooth" Skinner-whose knife was as fatal as a grizzly's chompers-and Jim "Moosejaw" Hendricks, who once wielded the jawbone of a moose to crush his enemies in the heat of battle. Of course, things are different nowadays. The trio have finally settled down, running a horse ranch in West Texas-and spending quality time with their lady friends. But if you think these old boys are ready for lives of leisure, think again.... Firestick is the town marshal. Beartooth and Moosejaw are his deputies. And when a hired gunman shows up with bullets blazing, these three hard-cases are ready to prove they aren't getting older. They're getting deadlier." -- Provided by publisher. -- Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

### A person riding a horse  Description automatically generated with medium confidenceDB 101315 [*Massacre at Whip Station*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=253903079.6232) by Dusty Richards

Annotation: Joe O'Malley and his family attempt to plant roots at Whip Station, a critical stop on the Butterfield stagecoach line. Unfortunately, Whip Station is hunting ground for Mexican revolutionaries, Indians, renegade Confederates, and deadly outlaws. Sequel to Dead Aim (DB 93819). Some strong language, some violence. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

### Dark sky book cover. Silhouette of a man wearing a jacket and cowboy hat in front of mountain range and foothills under a dark sky.DB 102652 [*Dark sky*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=260473695.6232) by C. J. Box

Annotation: Game warden Joe Pickett is coerced by Wyoming's governor to take a tech baron into the wilderness on an elk hunting trip. But as they venture further away from society, Joe realizes they are the ones being hunted. Nate Romanowski and his daughter Sheridan follow Joe to help. Contains violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

Also available as BR23603.

### A picture containing text, person, sign  Description automatically generatedDB 94008 [*Those Jensen Boys!*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=183138472.6232) by William W. Johnstone

Annotation: Ace and Chance--the sons of Luke Jensen and the nephews of Smoke Jensen--are reckless and wild gunfighters. Their skills are put to the test when two young ladies ask them to protect their stagecoach line from a despicable and powerful mine owner. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

### DB 107555 [*One for the blackbird, one for the crow*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=275756469.6232) by Olivia Hawker

Annotation: Wyoming, 1876. The Bemis and Webber families have relied on each other to survive on the frontier. But then Ernest Bemis finds his wife, Cora, in a compromising situation with their neighbor. In one impulsive moment, a man is dead, Ernest is off to prison, and the women left behind are divided by rage and remorse. Some violence and some strong language. 2019.

### DB 87906 [*Days without end*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=157886363.6232) by Sebastian Barry

Annotation: Thomas McNulty arrives in America from famine-starved Ireland and makes friends with John Cole. They team up to survive the harsh times on the Missouri frontier. Eventually, they both join the Army and see war. Their connection to each other helps them endure. Violence and some strong language. 2016.

### The Cane Creek Regulators book cover. Close-up of the middle section of man in uniform, clenching one fist while the other holds a shotgun.DB 83354 [*The Cane Creek Regulators*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=135509341.6232) by Johnny D. Boggs

Annotation: The South Carolina back country is a difficult place to live in the 1760s--gangs of criminals terrorize the country, and the government in Charlestown refuses to send help. Desperate, Breck Stewart decides to take a stand and forms a vigilante group called the Cane Creek Regulators. Some violence. 2014.

### DB 32009 [*Dances with wolves*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=75261096.6232) by Michael Blake

Annotation: When Lieutenant Dunbar arrives at Fort Hays, the drunken, half- crazed major in charge immediately assigns him to Fort Sedgewick, an abandoned army outpost. Then the major is sent back east because of mental incompetence, and the army is unaware of Dunbar's presence at the fort. Alone, with only a wolf and Indian friends, Dunbar finds himself adapting to the Indian way of life--a life in which he is happy until his past comes back to haunt him. Bestseller.

### The homesman book cover. A earthen-brick house on open prairie grassland with a person riding a horse away from the house.DB 29819 [*The homesman*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=109978903.6232) by Glendon Swarthout

Annotation: For many women attempting to settle in the West, the rigors of frontier life proved to be too much, and they went mad. To Mary Lee Cuddy falls the task of escorting four of these women back to Iowa. To help out she takes along John Briggs, whom she saved from lynching. The many difficulties they face along the way destroys one person and rejuvenates another. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

### BR12160 *Chinook* by Max Brand

Annotation: Joe Harney is a greenhorn, heading for the Alaskan goldfields. On the way he joins up with Andrew Steen and his great husky dog, Chinook. Together they come to the aid of a young woman, Kate Winslow. Joe falls for Kate and helps her out of many jams.

### The last cattle drive book cover. A painting of a pair of dark brown cowboy boots on a green and yellow striped surface. BR07976 *The last cattle drive* by Robert Dey

Annotation: An ornery cattle rancher in western Kansas is determined to get his herd to market without paying outrageous trucking charges. He, his tiny wife, a seventy-year-old ranch hand, and a greenhorn schoolteacher set out to drive 250 steers over highways, parking lots, and cloverleafs to the Kansas City stockyards. A rip-roaring tale told with humor by the schoolteacher. Strong language.

### BR08295 *Bitter trumpet* by Fred Grove

Annotation: When the Civil War ends, Jesse Wilder returns home to Tennessee. Because he had joined the Union Army in order to escape certain death in the Yankee prison camp, he is not welcome back home. Drifting west, Jesse ends up in El Paso where he joins up with Cullen Floyd, who is running weapons to the Juaristas in Mexico. As they train troops led by Father Graza, Jesse again finds himself caught up in the horrors of war. Some strong language.

## Books for Youth

### The case of the deadly desperados book cover. Silhouette of three people on horses chasing after a stagecoach with the silhouette of a cowboy hat above with the title on it and two birds flying overhead.DB 75506 [*The case of the deadly desperados*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=92510109.6232) by Caroline Lawrence

Annotation: Nevada Territory, 1862. After finding his foster parents scalped and left for dead, twelve-year-old Pinky Pinkerton, son of a railroad detective and a Sioux Indian, inherits a valuable deed. But now murderous Whittlin Walt and his gang are after Pinky. Some violence. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2011.

Also available as BR19633.

### DB 57492 [*Stop the train!*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=47355108.6232) by Geraldine McCaughrean

Annotation: Cissy Sissney and her parents join other homesteaders and head for the Oklahoma territories. In Florence they discover the town hasn't been built yet, so they set to work. When the railroad threatens to pass it by, everyone schemes to force it to schedule stops there. For grades 5-8. 2001.

### Slingshot and Burp book cover. Two kids riding bicycles in the desert, wearing cowboy hats over their helmets and cowboy boots.DB 85398 [*Slingshot and Burp*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=145043276.6232) by Richard Haynes

Annotation: Best friends and neighbors Slingshot and Burp spend the summer as cowboys looking for Old West adventures filled with outlaws, ghosts, and coyotes. For grades K-3. 2016.

### Like a river glorious book cover. A young woman standing in a river witth strands of gold coalescing around the bottom of her skirt with the rocky shore behind her and mountains in the distance.DB 87452 [*Like a river glorious*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=153865998.6232) by Rae Carson

Annotation: After her dangerous journey to California, Lee Westfall's magical power to sense gold continues to grow. When her villainous Uncle Hiram kidnaps her, Lee hopes her ability and her friends can stop him. Sequel to Walk on Earth a Stranger (DB 83092). Some violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2016.

### DB 12844 [*The tale of Lazy Lizard Canyon*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=131704137.6232) by Doris Burn

Annotation: A sweet-talking, fun-loving cowboy and a lovely young girl outsmart both their families and settle a long feud over Lazy Lizard Canyon. A humorous spoof of the West that was. For grades 3-6.

### DBC06624 [*Trouble at Sugar Dip Well*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=193327488.6232) by Esther Watson

Annotation: Cowgirl Jules and her clever horse Gertie save the townsfolk when Mean Bulldog Pike and his greedy horse Bullet escape from jail and steal the water supply. For grades K-3.

### DBC07192 [*Diablo, the devil steer*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=271578615.6232) by William J. Buchanan

Annotation: Brought together by a mutual love of Horses, David an Isleta Indian, and Steven, an Anglo boy, forge a close friendship that is tested in the aftermath of a near-fatal attempt to capture a mad bull.

### BR22120 *Insignificant events in the life of a cactus* by Dusti Bowling

Annotation: Born without arms, spunky thirteen-year-old Aven worries about making friends at her new school after her family moves to Arizona to manage the run-down Stagecoach Pass theme park. Aven bonds with classmate Connor, and the two soon find themselves immersed in a mystery at the park. For grades 5-8. 2017.