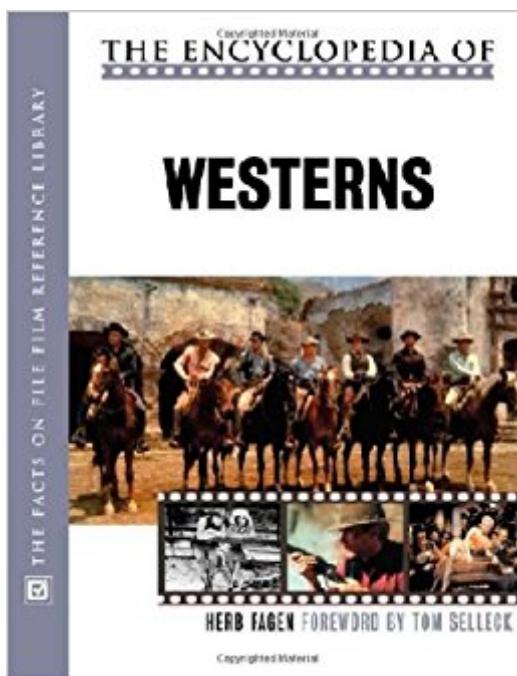


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A history of the western movie, from "The Great Train Robbery" in 1902 to Hollywood hits of the early-21st century. It takes an A-to-Z look at the thousands of westerns that have packed movie houses and captured audiences over the years. There are more than 3500 entries, and each one includes the film's statistics - title, year released, director, writers and screenwriters, cast, and running time - along with a summary of the film and a critical analysis of the more significant stars and films. This reference also includes information on popular western serials and film series. Additional features include: information on the genre that made Clint Eastwood an international star - spaghetti westerns, so-called because most of these films were produced in Europe and financed by Italian companies; approximately 75 black-and-white photographs that capture moments in western film history; a historical overview of western movies at the Oscars - the winners, the losers, and the overlooked; and an appendix citing literary sources for western films.

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Western films endure even through the ebb and flow of their immediate popularity. This reference book covers more than 3,500 western films over the past 100 years. The author has tried to be as comprehensive as possible in listing feature films. He includes mainly sound productions and covers silent, serial, and TV films selectively. A few crossover titles, such as *Hud* and *Oklahoma!* show the Western influence. Longtime western aficionado Fagen has written several books on this genre. Both Tom Selleck and Dale Robertson wrote prefaces for this volume, in support of westerns and

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Herb Fagen is one of the nation's leading experts on the subject of the Hollywood Western. He is the author of several books, including *Duke, We're Glad We Knew You* and *Stand Tall, Pilgrim: The John Wayne Quote Book*. Mr. Fagen also contributes articles on Western movies for publications such as *Filmfax*, *Classic Images*, and *Movie Marketplace*. He lives in Walnut Creek, CA.

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Exhaustive and well researched book about any flavor of Westerns for the past and current millennium...great pics and well set up...great to have Tom Selleck provide the forward...he fits the mold of a cowboy

Herb Fagen's *The Encyclopedia of Westerns* is a great reference book for Western movies. It includes entries for over 3,500 Westerns, with most getting a plot synopsis and some comments

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