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## Stanley Vestal Gives Dodge City Its Due In This Zestful Piece of Americana

QUEEN OF COWTOWNS: DODGE CITY  
By Stanley Vestal. (Harper: \$3.50.)

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"The Beautiful Bibulous Babylon of the Frontier." "Hell on the Plains," a rip-roaring place with the happy record of one saloon for every 50 residents. Such was Dodge City in its gaudy Western prime, and nobody has ever given it its due as has Mr. Vestal in this fine piece of Americana, a legitimate offspring of earnest scholarship and zestful story-telling.

As one critic observed, Dodge City "called that day lost whose low descending sun saw no man killed or other mischief done." And generally, pardner, you could take your pick of mischiefs, with knife, gun, rope or sporting girl's stiletto. Dodge was rough and raw, and if you didn't believe that, ready to prove it to you. A large proportion of its cowboy and other



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residents were proud of its rank as the "wickedest little city in America."

Digging into authentic contemporary records, Mr. Vestal has found literary gold in old newspapers, reminiscences, pro-saic court records. He has no need to draw a long bow. The facts themselves are bizarre enough and bloody enough; and when he recounts a legend, he labels it as such. He offers us a titillating gallery of wild men, wilder women, bullwhackers, Indian killers and, on page after page, the ever-present gamblers who offered odds on anything.

Bad men were heroes then, but also some good ones. "Wyatt Earp Takes a Hand" describes how one of the officers of the law made himself felt. "Cockeyed Frank Kills Richardson" is another zestful section; and then there are "The Killing of Dora Hand," "Mysterious Dave" and a full chapter dealing with tricks played on newcomers, scares and alarms for belly-laughs. Throughout the author shows the result of painstaking study that is far from painful for the reader—in itself an achievement.

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