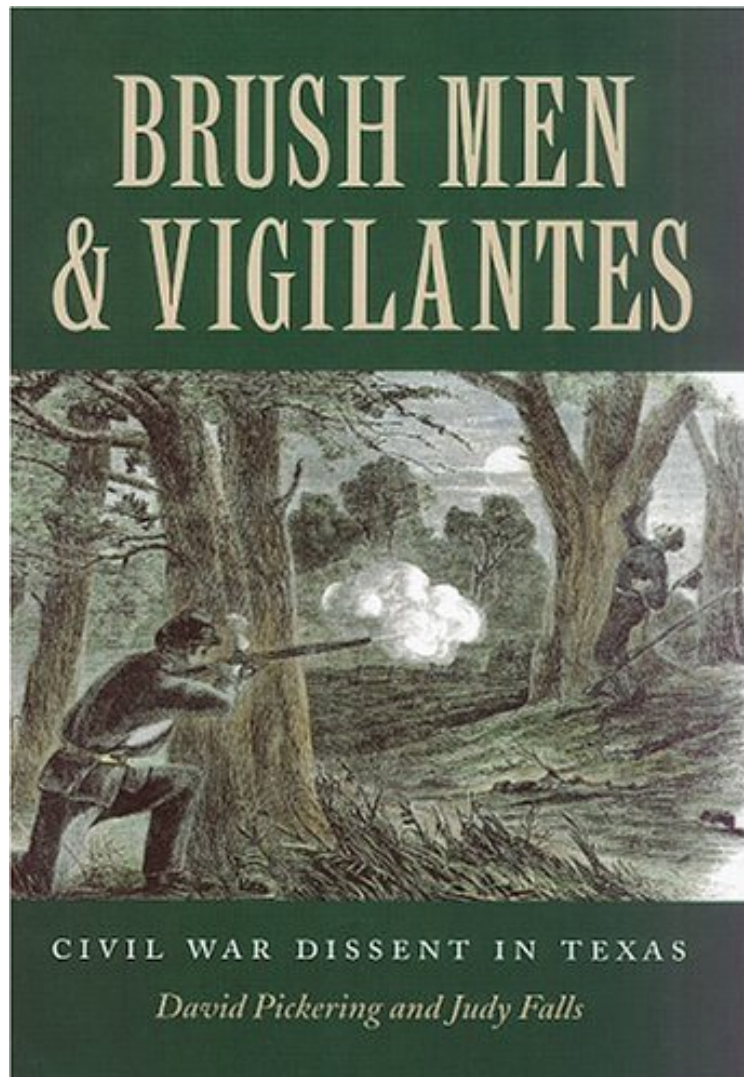


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Texas Brush Men HangingsVon James PalmerThis is a very well researched book pertaining to the Civil War tensions that arose in northeast Texas prior to and during the Civil War. A lot of the settlers were from non slave holding areas of Kentucky and Tennessee while others were from slave staes and owned slaves. The two groups had opposing views, with one supporting the Union while the other supported the Confederacy. The wealthier slave owning group who supported the Confederacy put down those with Unionist views by making them leave or in some cases hanging them after mock trials. Some Unionists escaped to a dense thicket in the area, only to be later captured and hanged. This book is not a work of fiction. It is based on real events about real people. I highly recommend it to anyone with family connections to the Hunt County, Texas area and to anyone with an interest in those unfortunate people who ended up in the Confederate States, but were still loyal to the Union.

KurzbeschreibungAs Charles Frazier's novel Cold Mountain dramatized, dissenters from the Confederacy lived in mortal danger across the South. In scattered pockets from the Carolinas to the frontier in Texas, some men clung to a belief in the Union or an unwillingness to preserve the slaveholding Confederacy, and they died at the hands of their own neighbors. Brush Men and Vigilantes tells the story of how dissent, fear, and economics developed into mob violence in a corner of Texasthe Sulphur Forks river valley northeast of Dallas.Authors David Pickering and Judy Falls have combed through court records, newspapers, letters, and other primary sources and collected extended-family lore to relate the details of how vigilantes captured and killed more than a dozen men. The authors' story begins before the Civil War, as they describe the particular social and economic conditions that gave rise to tension and violence during the war. Unlike most other parts of Texas, the Sulphur Forks river valley had a significant population of Upper Southerners, some of whom spoke out against secession, objected to enlisting in the Confederate army, or associated with "Union men." For some of them, safety meant disappearing into the tangled brush thickets of the region. Routed from the thicket or gone to ground there, dissenters faced death. Betrayed by links to a well-known Union guerrilla from the Sulphur Forks area, more men of the area were captured, tried in mock courts, and hanged. Other men met their death by sniper fire or private execution, as in the case of brush man Frank Chamblee, who for years eluded his enemies by clever tricks but was finally gunned down after the war, reportedly by one of the area's most prominent men.Anyone with an interest in the new history of the Civil War or Texas should find much to digest in this compelling book, whose authors Richard B. McCaslin congratulates for taking their place "in the ranks of Texas' literary reconstructionists."