

Ideal reading for ages 10 to 14

## KIT CARSON AND THE WILD FRONTIER

by RALPH MOODY

As a boy Kit Carson was such a backward little runt that his stepfather was almost ashamed of him. The idea of making a rugged frontiersman out of the shy, bandy-legged boy seemed laughable.

But Kit had different ideas, and at sixteen he joined a wagon train and was heading over the Santa Fe Trail for Taos, the little Mexican settlement that had become headquarters for the mountain men.

From then on, Kit was always on the move — trapping beaver, fighting Indian raiders, pushing into the new territory of the Western frontier. At twenty he was as tough as leather. He could ride any wild horse on the prairies and could shoot the eye out of a racing jack rabbit.

Soon older and more experienced mountain men were turning to Kit Carson as their natural leader. They found he kept his word as steadily as he held a rifle and was willing to tackle what others called impossible.

In *Kit Carson and the Wild Frontier*, Ralph Moody tells a swift-paced story of the mountain man who became a national figure in the early days of the West.



RALPH MOODY's boyhood was spent on a Colorado ranch, soon after the turn of the century. He had many friends among the old-timers, from whom he learned much about the early history of the West and about the pioneers and Indians who used to live there. He has written two books about Colorado, *Little Britches* and *Man of the Family*.

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