



# OUT WEST

## **WOLFVILLE**

Alfred Henry Lewis (1858-1914)

Illustrated by Frederic Remington (1861-1909)

First Edition

New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1897

Alfred Henry Lewis, a New York journalist and active Progressive Democrat, wrote historical romances, exposés, and patriotic histories, but is best remembered for his Wolfville books, set in the Golden Age (1880s) of the Southwest. These novels might be regarded as a transitional step between the mining camp tales of Mark Twain and Bret Harte and the cowboy novels that followed *The Virginian*. Wolfville is probably Tombstone, and the plot revolves around the life of the town. His characters---card-sharps, vigilantes, Wells Fargo drivers, fancy ladies---are by now familiar. The "Old Cattleman," whose narrative holds the loosely connected short stories together, is the original, wizened, sidekick philosopher that became so popular in later westerns. (In print.)

## **RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE**

Zane Grey (1872-1939)

First Edition

New York: Harper, 1912

Zane Grey wrote 60-odd books which sold 13-15 million copies. He was diligent in his research and he succeeded in reproducing authentic landscapes. Otherwise, he was influenced by books he had read as a youth. *Riders of the Purple Sage* contains the ingredients of the classic western: a woman in need of protection, a cowboy in need of a home, a gunman, a masked girl, an "outlaw," a kidnapping, rustlers, Mormons, cliff-dwellings and gold. *The Heritage of the Desert* (1910) and *Rainbow Trail* (1915) are two other early novels inspired by Grey's visits to Arizona in 1906 and 1907. (In print.)

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