

The Light Side of Little Texas

Uyless Black's *The Light Side of Little Texas* won the 2012 Historical Society of New Mexico award for the best depiction of domestic life in New Mexico. It was selected as a finalist for the 2012 best non-fiction book by the New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards Co-Op.

Although titled Little Texas, the setting is the southeastern plains of New Mexico that is contiguous to Texas. This area is the last frontier of New Mexico with its pioneers arriving in covered wagons as late as 1906. Mr. Black's book fills a void in the literature about this area of America.

The author tells of his adventures with horses, brandings, hunting, law enforcement, education, music, oil men, rodeos, growing up Baptist, life guarding, the courtship rituals of the 1950s, and his solutions for dealing with five older siblings when they "resorted to performing the preordained, genetically determined roles of older brothers." The concluding chapters tell of his returning to his childhood home as an adult, about how things have changed but have also remained the same.

Uyless Black

Uyless Black spent his childhood and teenage years on the great plains of America's southwest. During his adult years he was an officer in the U.S. Navy. Later, he was a software programmer. He was Senior Vice President for the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, and an Assistant Director at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., where he also served as Ombudsman for two years. He was the founder of three data communications network consulting firms, became an international lecturer, and wrote thirty-five books on the emerging Internet technology; some published in several languages. His urban experiences meld with the memoirs of his rural youth as he unfolds the world as seen by a child, as well as a man in his later years. For this past decade, he has devoted himself to investigating and reporting on the social, political, and financial climate of America.



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