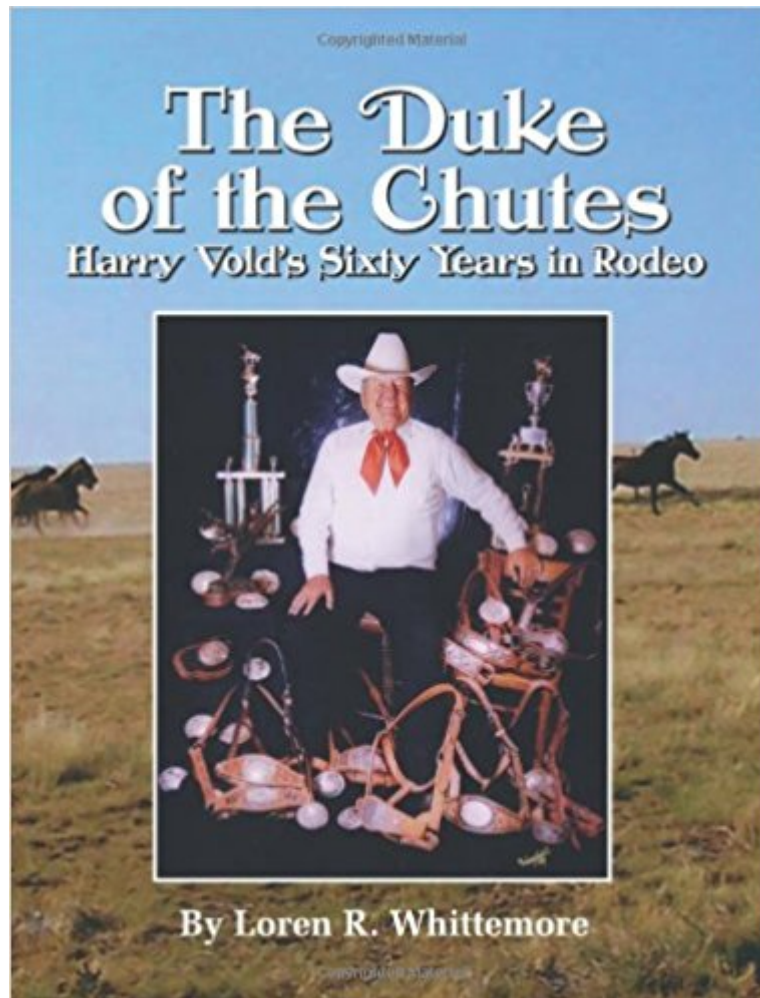




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The Duke Of The Chutes: Harry Vold's Sixty Years In Rodeo



Synopsis

Harry Vold produced his first rodeo in 1944 when he joined his brothers to put on the Asker Stampede near the little community of Asker in southern Alberta, Canada. Today, the Harry Vold Rodeo Company is the premier producer of rodeos including Cheyenne Frontier Days and the National Finals Rodeo. Harry has been named Stock Contractor of the Year eleven times by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is a member of both the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in the US and the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame. Author Loren R. Whittemore worked closely with Harry to write an important segment of the history of rodeo. Through Harry's recollections and family memories, the author evokes the days when rodeo week was the highlight of the ranchers year and rodeo stock was driven on trails from town to town .

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HERE IT IS! This is the book all the rodeo contestants, fans, committeemen, and contract performers have wanted to read forever. This is Harry Vold's life story. In it you'll see Harry's career as a premier rodeo producer and stock contractor evolve right along with the sport of professional rodeo. You'll see why Harry has reigned as THE DUKE OF THE CHUTES, been Stock Contractor of the Year eleven times, and wound up inducted in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and the National Rodeo Hall of Fame. Such accolades gravitate naturally to a man like Harry, who personifies that Old West integrity in which contracts are sealed by word or a handshake. Enjoy this personable visit with the man who, after more than a half-century in the business, still brings the best broncs and bulls, and the finest in family entertainment, to rodeos throughout the West.

--Randy Witte, Retired Publisher Western Horseman magazine

Loren R. Whittemore was born and raised in Colorado. He has been involved in the cattle business all his life. Loren is also a history buff and lover of the western way of life. He edited and published the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse magazine for more than twenty years and Cattle Guard magazine for the Colorado Cattlemen's Association for five years. He is the author of An Illustrated History of Ranching in the Pikes Peak Region and co-author of The Pikes Peak Range Riders. He and his wife, Judy, own and operate the family ranch in eastern Colorado.

Harry Vold really is a gentleman. My late husband and I managed seasonal rodeos with Vold stock (at Woodland Park, Paradise Ranch). I was a pickup rider and knew Harry and have visited with him and his wonderful wife Karen since then. If you love rodeo and appreciate bucking horses and bulls, you really need to read about this man. What a guy. Pictures in the book are so much fun to visit. Wish everyone was as much of a doer and go getter and a great guy as Harry Vold. The book has been laid out very well. It's a keeper.

I ordered this book for a friend of mine that knows this man. He loves the book and has loaned it out and his friends love it too.

This is just a great book if you have ever followed rodeo, i am only half way through the book. Harry Vold has done so much for rodeo, both sides of the border. I first met him as a teenager at a horse sale in saskatchewan, at one of Tiny Towes horse sales. My Dad Bernard Bouchard bought some of Harry's horse,s. Bernard originally owned the great bucking mare Sage Hen, we called her Easy MONEY. Bernard was an amateur stock contractor in southern Sask. Harry was just a terrific auctioneer. He was always so professional, as a stock producer, rodeo manager, chute boss etc. He truly is a legend. I wish him well, also his whole family. Have followed their rodeo life for years. June Ferguson(Bouchard) Enderby, B.C.

Great book about a great man.

It was a gift, recipient raved about it.

Have been a fan of Harry Vold's rodeo stock for many years. It's nice to read the background of the

man who started it all. God bless him, his family and his hired hands. Well written.

This was a book of great historical meaning concerning the evolution of rodeo and Harry Vold. It was a book I could not put down. It was easy reading and I enjoyed all the pictures. This is a must read for anyone who likes rodeo

A well written and interesting book. Especially good read for those who have participated in rodeo in the past and saw the great Harry Vold at work first hand.

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