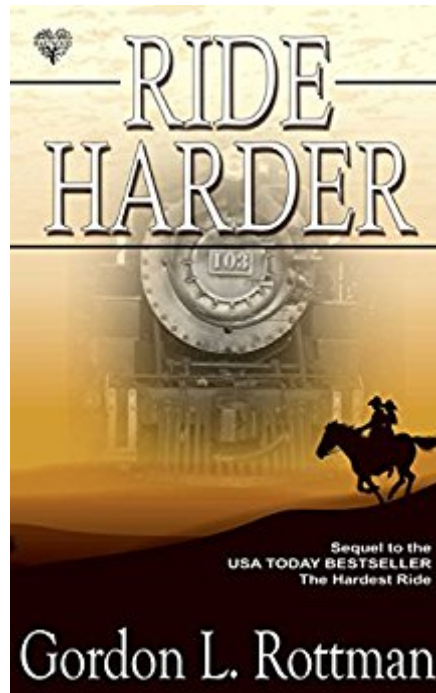




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From Western Spur award-winning author Gordon L. Rottman comes *Ride Harder*, the sequel to USA Today bestseller *The Hardest Ride*. Another classic western yarn from a master storyteller, *Ride Harder* follows cowpuncher Bud Eugen and his resourceful fiancée Marta as they confront all of the dangers Texas in the late 1880s holds, both old and newfangled. When the seed money for Bud and Marta's ranch is stolen from a local bank out of its Yankee-made safe, along with an Army arms shipment, Bud and Marta go back to Mexico to secure their future and that of Texas itself, come hell, high water, or steam-powered locomotives.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book because I loved Rottman's "The Hardest Ride" and hoped this one would give me more of the same: authentic characters, intriguing plot turns, and an unvarnished view of the late 1800s Texas-Mexico border culture. It did not disappoint. Some new characters are added, both good and evil, and the story is fresh. Bud and Marta lose their

entire savings to some mysterious robbers, and of course Bud takes off after them. At this point, I thought the story was about to fall into the same pattern as the other book, but boy was I wrong. His chase into Mexico after the bad guys would be exciting enough, but surprises abound in this tale. The story takes you to unexpected places and predicaments every bit as enjoyable as the first book in this series. And I say series because I hope we haven't heard the last from Bud and Marta.

Bud and Marta are at it again, in the sequel warm family drama with a high body count. There are a lot of reasons to like Gordon Rottman's work. I always have the feeling that I'm really where and when he's writing about. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the place and time of this book, and he lives a life that smells of horses and cordite. Gordon knows his stuff; he knows his people, and he writes it well and smoothly. Anyone who loves Westerns would be a fool to pass this terrific book by.

There's something about 1st person novels that grabs you and puts you square in the mind of the protagonist. It's clear that Rottman knows his folks, his country, and the Rio Grand country. I learned a lot about South Texas and North Mexico, and the period. Don't miss this one for a can't-put-it-down read. No doubt, Rottman is one of America's finest western writers!

I was a little leery that this sequel wouldn't be as good as the previous book, but it kept me wanting to see what happens right up to the end. The book stands on its own, but you really should read the previous book (*The Hardest Ride*). I kept trying to guess how the story might go, but was wrong every time. This is the sign of a good story writer

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Gordon Rottman's latest book, *Ride Harder*. Rotterman's fiction discusses events along the United States - Mexican border and occurs in a timeline that is somewhat later than most western writers use today. If you understand the history of the border from the late 1880s through the 1920s, you will find the plot interesting

Fast-moving story. Marta and Bud have their money stolen from the bank. They travel to Mexico to get it back and get mixed up with a plot to carve a chunk out of Texas and Mexico by a Mexican Revolutionary. Good job!

Being a big Rottman fan, it's not surprising that I find this book a great read. He always makes me want to know more about his wonderfully drawn characters. That I was born in Houston, Texas and spent my childhood visiting relatives all over Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, I guess it's only natural that I love to read stories set in those colorful locals, but Rottman's plot twists and vividly detailed action scenes do make my spine tingle.

Gordon Rottman has done it again with a solid, hard-boiled sequel to *The Hardest Ride*. His characters are lovable, yet are unbelievably strong, as they must be in order to survive in the world they live in. They overcome inconceivable odds by their tenacity, brains and sheer grit. Can't wait for more from this wonderful author.

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