

# The Lieutenant Bargain at Fort Reno - A Hidden Gem in American History

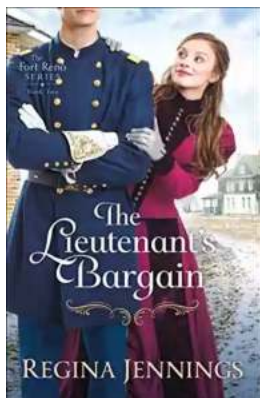


When it comes to American history, there are countless stories of bravery, sacrifice, and ingenuity that shaped the nation we know today. However, not all of these stories find their way into mainstream knowledge. One such hidden gem is the tale of "The Lieutenant Bargain" at Fort Reno - an incredible narrative that deserves to be shared and celebrated.

## Discovering Fort Reno

Fort Reno, located in Oklahoma, was initially established in 1874 to serve as a protective outpost for settlers traveling along the Cheyenne and Arapaho

Reserve. Over the years, it played a crucial role in various historical events, including the Indian Wars, the expansion of the railroad, and the establishment of Native American schools.



## The Lieutenant's Bargain (The Fort Reno Series

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However, Fort Reno's history is perhaps most notable for the captivating story of "The Lieutenant Bargain." This lesser-known incident occurred in 1879 and showcases the extraordinary lengths to which individuals would go to fulfill their dreams and advance in a rapidly changing America.

### The Lieutenant Bargain Unveiled

The Lieutenant Bargain involved a young officer, Lieutenant Frederick Smith, who yearned for a promotion within the military ranks. Eager to distinguish himself, Smith proposed an audacious bargain to his superiors at Fort Reno - he would singlehandedly capture the elusive outlaw, Jesse James, in exchange for an immediate promotion.

At the time, Jesse James was one of America's most wanted criminals, robbing banks and trains across the country. His capture would not only bring justice but also boost morale within the nation. Lieutenant Smith saw this as a golden opportunity to leave his mark in history.



Undeterred by the magnitude of the task, the ambitious lieutenant embarked on a months-long pursuit of Jesse James, meticulously tracking his movements, studying his patterns, and collaborating with law enforcement agencies across state lines. Smith's dedication was unparalleled, and he quickly gained a reputation as a tenacious and cunning investigator.

### **A Thrilling Chase Across the Nation**

The chase took Lieutenant Smith and his team from the rugged landscapes of the Midwest to the bustling streets of the East Coast. Newspapers started reporting

on the Lieutenant's pursuit, fueling public fascination and elevating him to a folk-hero status. The whole country eagerly awaited updates, growing more enthralled with each twist and turn of the investigation.

Finally, after months of tireless pursuit, Lieutenant Smith successfully cornered Jesse James in a small town in Missouri. Despite facing immense danger, Smith managed to capture the notorious outlaw and bring him to justice. The event made national headlines and solidified Lieutenant Smith's place in history.



## **The Legacy of the Lieutenant Bargain**

While Lieutenant Smith's audacious endeavor was a resounding success, the true legacy lies in the story itself. The Lieutenant Bargain showcases the determination, courage, and resilience of individuals during a time of rapid change and uncertainty in America. It reminds us of the lengths people would go to fulfill their dreams and leave a lasting impact.

Today, Fort Reno remains a testament to this gripping piece of history, preserving the memory of Lieutenant Smith's extraordinary achievement. Visitors can explore the fort's grounds, hear captivating tales from knowledgeable tour guides, and marvel at the exhibits that depict life during the late 19th century.

## **Unveiling the Hidden Gems**

As we continue to delve into American history, it becomes apparent that there are countless hidden gems waiting to be discovered and shared. The Lieutenant Bargain at Fort Reno is just one example of the captivating stories that have shaped our nation's rich tapestry.

So, let us not overlook these remarkable narratives and instead strive to uncover the forgotten tales that deserve a place in our collective memory. By doing so, we can gain a deeper understanding of our past, appreciate the endeavors of those who came before us, and inspire future generations to create their own captivating narratives.



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Hattie Walker dreams of becoming a painter, while her parents want her to settle down. As a compromise, they give her two months to head to Denver and place her works in an exhibition or give up the dream forever. Her journey is derailed when a gunman attacks her stagecoach, leaving her to be rescued by a group of Arapaho . . . but she's too terrified to recognize them as friendly.

Confirmed bachelor Lieutenant Jack Hennessey has long worked with the tribe and is tasked with trying to convince them that the mission school at Fort Reno can help their children. When a message arrives about a recovered survivor, Jack heads out to take her home--and plead his case once more.

He's stunned to run into Hattie Walker, the girl who shattered his heart--but quickly realizes he has a chance to impress her. When his plan gets tangled through translation, Jack and Hattie end up in a mess that puts her dreams in peril--and tests Jack's resolve to remain single.



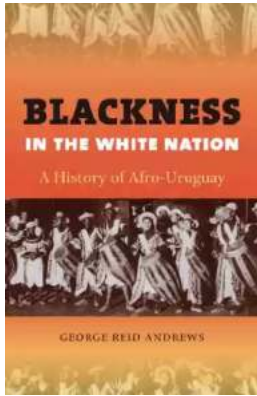
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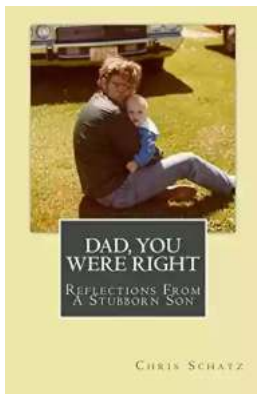
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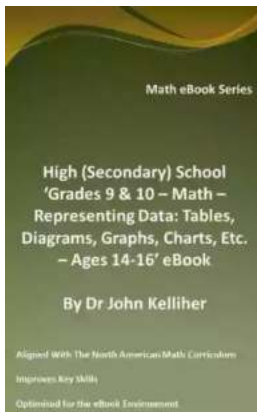
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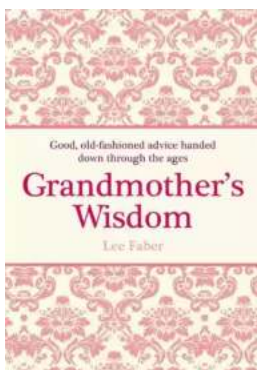
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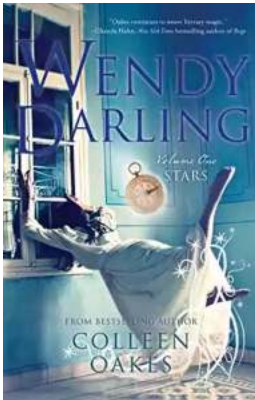
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