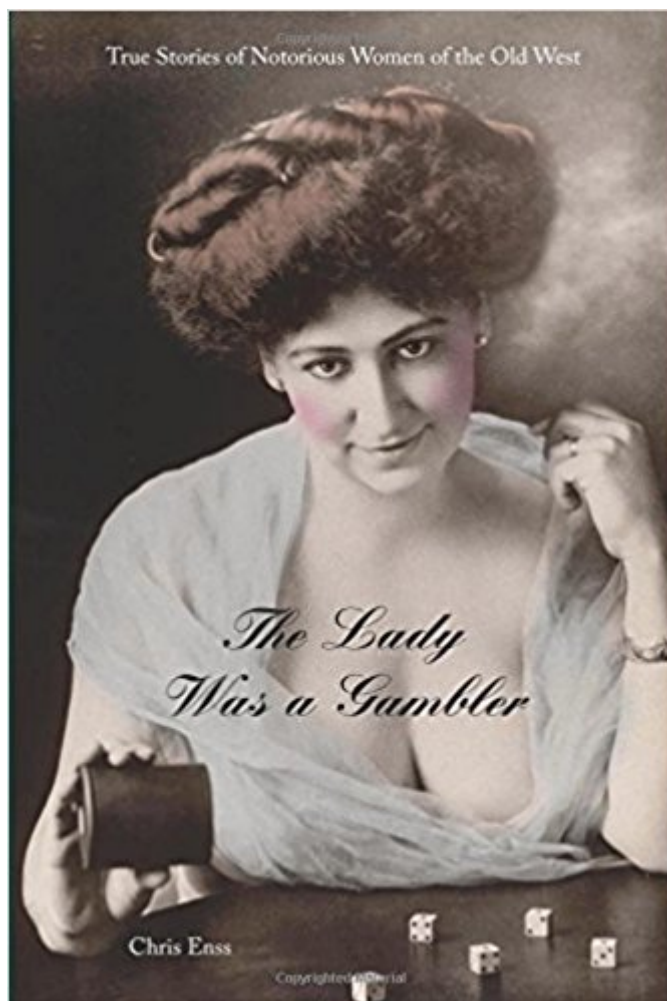


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Lady Was A Gambler: True Stories Of Notorious Women Of The Old West



Synopsis

Notable female gamblers are few in number, but their legacy left an indelible mark on the history of the Old West. *The Lady Was a Gambler* is a tribute to those women and how they played the game.

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Place your bets, place your bets . . . From the muddy cowtowns of Montana to the posh parlors of Deadwood and Tombstone, past a succession of swinging batwing doors to the smoke-filled rooms in the back, some of the most colorful ladies in the Wild West also happened to be some of the shrewdest gamblers. With her inimitable instinct for a good story, Chris Enss points her pen toward fifteen of the most fascinating characters to ever flip a hole card or lace a corset.

“Poker” Alice Ivers, for instance, checked and raised her way through some of the roughest mining towns in the West, while Lottie Deno, the prettiest faro dealer to ever turn a card, “bucked the tiger” all the way from Texas to Alaska. And who could ever bet against Eleanora Dumont, a twenty-one dealer known far and wide as “Madam Moustache”?

Chris Enss is an award-winning screen writer who has written for television, short subject films, live performances, and for the movies, and is the co-author (with JoAnn Chartier) of *Love Untamed: True Romances Stories of the Old West*, *Gilded Girls: Women Entertainers of the Old West*, and *She Wore A Yellow Ribbon: Women Patriots and Soldiers of the Old West* and *The Cowboy and the*

Senorita and Happy Trails (with Howard Kazanjian). Her most recent books include Buffalo Gals: Women of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and How the West was Worn. Her research and writing and reveals the funny, touching, exciting, and tragic stories of historical and contemporary times. Enss has done everything from stand-up comedy to working as a stunt person at the Old Tucson Movie Studio. She learned the basics of writing for film and television at the University of Arizona, and she is currently working with Return of the Jedi producer Howard Kazanjian on the movie version of The Cowboy and the Senorita, their biography of western stars Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

Very interesting book about ladies in the Old West and some of their endeavors at survival. It is amazing to me that there were women with the guts and fortitude that they had in order to survive in a man's world. The stories in this book are very interesting. Good book, Chris Enss!

It was interesting to read about these women gamblers of the west. Each lady had a special title and chapter and then 2-4 pages of info about her. There are a few pictures, but not many of the ladies themselves. When history is taught, there is usually very little emphasis on the women and their lives and contributions or works. This little book helps to put a personality on some of the ladies of the west who lived by gambling. Some of the women used their winnings to help build hospitals, schools and such for the town. It is a quick read.

Entertaining and informative. Looking forward to other books by Chris Enss.

I really like the way it was written--in short stories!

This book proved to be an invaluable resource as I researched this way of making a living for a couple of historical stories I planned to write. Information about the notorious women was presented in an entertaining way which made this research an enjoyable experience.

EXCELLENT Read. This is exactly what I wanted, what it said it would be, and I am very pleased with this product. It came in great packaging as well.

So interesting and informational and really enjoyed this book. Of course, I'm a little prejudice, as the writer is my daughter.

This book is full of interesting stories about the gambling women of the Old West. The photos were very telling and well selected. I'd recommend this to anyone interested in women's history or the Old West in general.

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