

# Images of America: The Texas Rangers - A Pictorial History

The Texas Rangers, one of the most iconic law enforcement agencies in American history, have a rich and fascinating history spanning over two centuries. From their early days as frontier scouts to their present-day role as a state police force, the Rangers have played a vital role in shaping the Lone Star State.



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"Images of America: The Texas Rangers" is a stunning pictorial history that brings the Rangers' story to life through a captivating collection of vintage photographs. Drawing from the archives of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, this book offers a rare glimpse into the lives and times of these legendary lawmen.

## The Early Years

The origins of the Texas Rangers can be traced back to 1823, when Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," authorized the creation of a group

of mounted volunteers to patrol the vast and lawless frontier of Texas. These early Rangers were a diverse group of men, including cowboys, farmers, and former soldiers, who were known for their courage, self-reliance, and unwavering commitment to justice.



During the tumultuous years of the Texas Revolution and the Mexican-American War, the Rangers fought bravely alongside the Texas Army. They played a crucial role in securing Texas' independence and establishing it as a republic.

### **The Frontier Era**

After the Mexican-American War, the Texas Rangers continued to patrol the vast expanse of the Texas frontier. They faced numerous challenges,

including Indian raids, cattle rustling, and outlaw gangs. The Rangers developed a reputation for their relentless pursuit of justice and their ability to operate in the most rugged and unforgiving terrain.



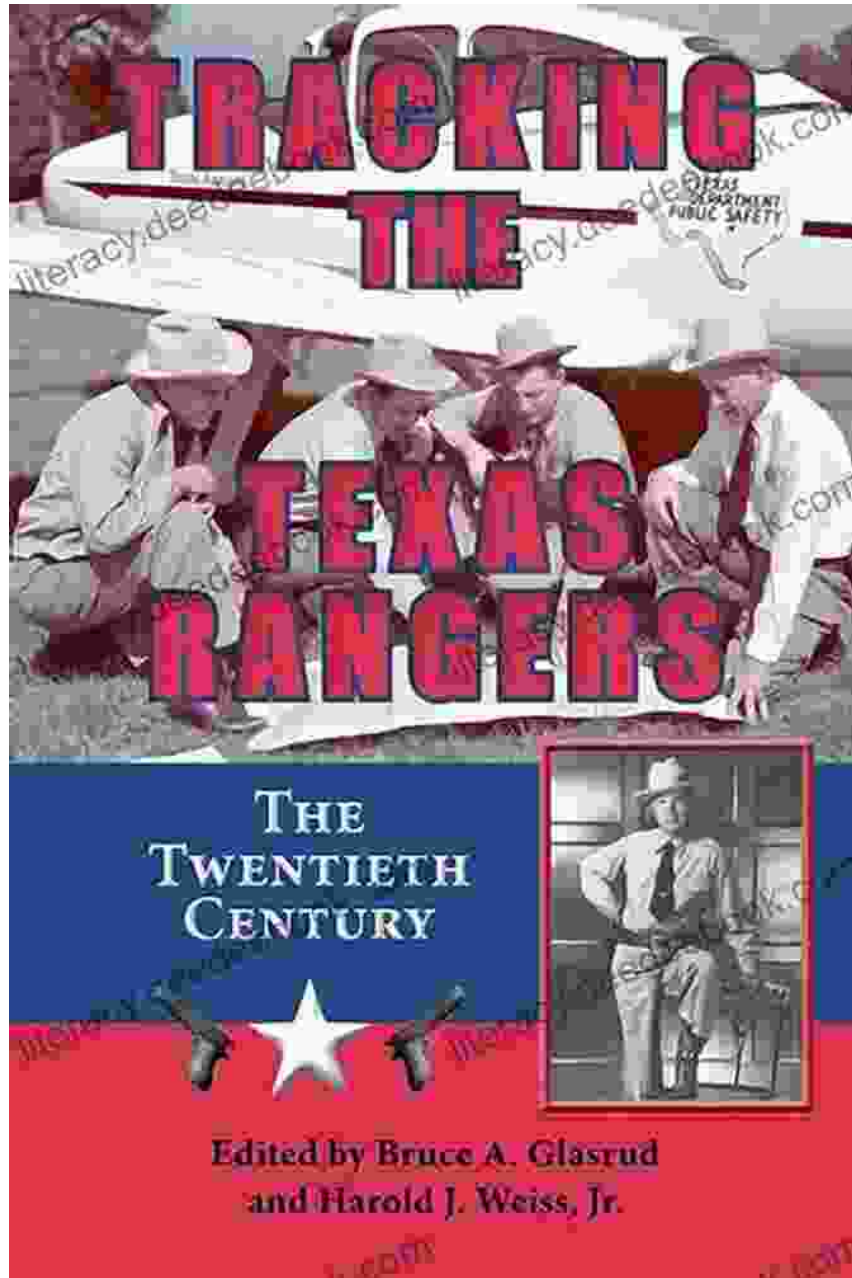
Texas Rangers on horseback in the frontier in the 1870s.

Some of the most famous Rangers of this era include John B. Jones, Big Foot Wallace, and Leander McNelly. These men and their fellow Rangers played a vital role in establishing law and order on the Texas frontier.

## **The 20th Century**

In the 20th century, the Texas Rangers continued to evolve and adapt to changing times. They played a key role in suppressing labor unrest during

the early part of the century and later fought against organized crime and drug trafficking. The Rangers also played a significant role in World War II and the Korean War.



Today, the Texas Rangers are a modern, professional law enforcement agency responsible for protecting the people of Texas. They continue to

uphold the legacy of their predecessors by providing outstanding service and ensuring the safety of the Lone Star State.

"Images of America: The Texas Rangers" is a captivating pictorial history that offers a unique glimpse into the lives and times of these legendary lawmen. Through a stunning collection of vintage photographs, this book tells the story of the Rangers' pivotal role in shaping the history of Texas. From their early days as frontier scouts to their present-day duties as a state police force, the Texas Rangers have left an indelible mark on the Lone Star State and beyond.



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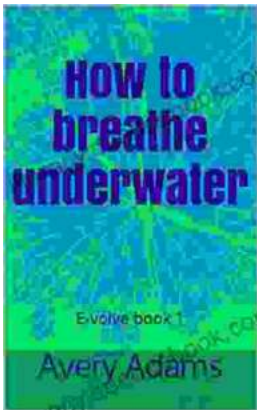
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