

Amazon.com reviews from the United States

LAST OF THE SAN PATRICIOS

Terry Hagerty

Otherworld Cottage Industries, 2020

Available in paperback and digital formats

Ricardo G.

FIVE STARS: Adventure and history in the same package. Can't go wrong.

Reviewed in the United States on August 15, 2020

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“What a great read. Mr. Hagerty and his knack for historic research make the adventures of these two Irishmen a double treat. A great adventure and a history lesson.”

Gregory H.

FIVE STARS: Western History Made Fun

Reviewed in the United States on July 3, 2020

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“Great historical novel. Entertaining, easy, informative read on one part of the American West. Highly recommended for any student interested in early Texas and California. Add to your school summer reading list. Very Enjoyable.”

I Love to Laugh

FIVE STARS: Enjoyable, Easy Read

Reviewed in the United States on August 30, 2020 **Verified Purchase**

“Last of the San Patricios is a historical adventure with just the right amount of humor. It follows two friends as they try to survive the Wild West. The story sets the scene so well, it feels like the reader is there. It reads quickly and was very enjoyable. Definitely recommend it.”

Ronnie L. Seals

FOUR STARS: A Great Read

Reviewed in the United States on May 23, 2020 **Verified Purchase**

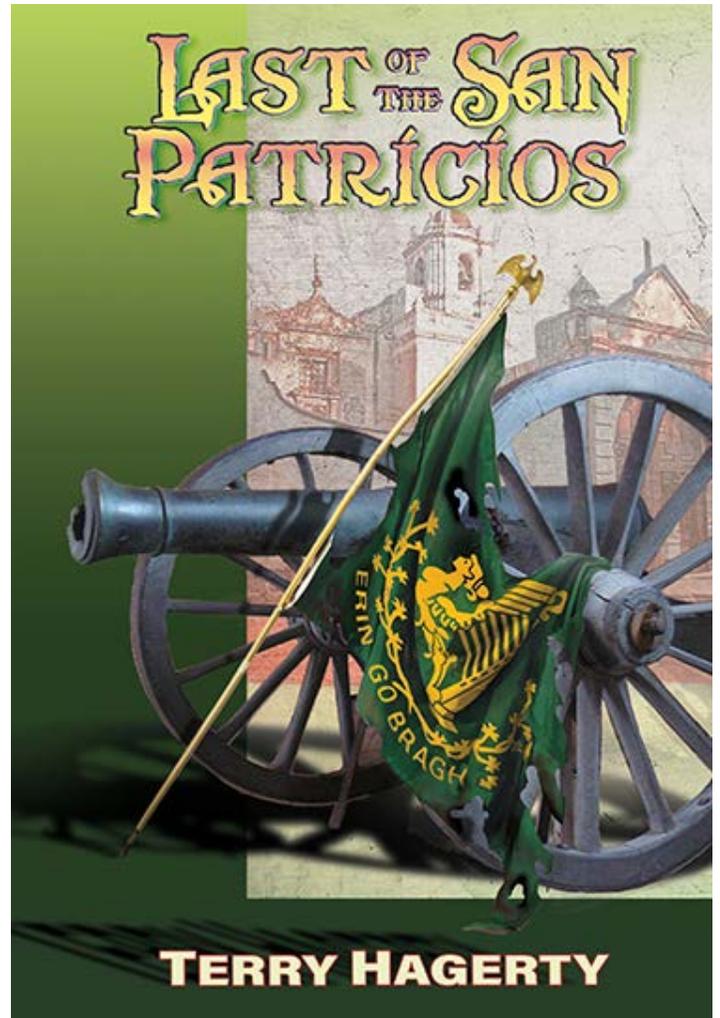
“The book is fast-paced. The action scenes are well done, but not overdone. Sean and Michael are likeable though flawed heroes, making them seem real in a way that is rare in a western novel. As a history buff, I enjoyed learning about a facet of history I either never knew of or had forgotten. A very satisfying read. I highly recommend it.”

Amazon Customer

FIVE STARS: Wonderful story and hard to put down

Reviewed in the United States on August 11, 2020 **Verified Purchase**

“An interesting, and revealing read about a little known period in the history of the United States, and Alta California. It covers an approximately 35 year period that commences with the Mexican/American War of 1846 and culminates in post gold rush 1879 Monterey as seen through the eyes of two Irish immigrants. Fast paced, well-researched, and historically accurate, the two protagonists face an uphill battle against discrimination and prejudice as they stake their claim in the Monterey peninsula. A good read, and a great ending.”



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Elizabeth A Rothrock

FOUR STARS: a fun adventure in the tradition of John Jakes

Reviewed in the United States on August 27, 2020 **Verified Purchase**

“Last of the San Patricios is a fun adventure novel in the tradition of John Jakes. It dramatizes two little known phases of American history: the early days of California and the Mexican War that brought states like California, Texas, and the Southwest into the union. Author Terry Hagerty does a fine job moving back and forth between two simultaneous storylines. Both tales are built around Sean and Michael, a pair of young lads from Ireland who find 1840s America less than welcoming to immigrants from the Emerald Isle. Frustrated, they join the U.S. Army on the eve of the war only to find that choice even worse. After months of unearned abuse and torture from their senior officers, they and their fellow Irish soldiers desert to the Mexican side, where they become part of the real-life “San Patricios”—a unit of Irish-American soldiers who fought on the Mexican side. At War’s end, they leave the military and travel to California where they participate in the Golden State’s transition from Mexican province to America state. There they experience the rollicking days of the Gold Rush before settling down in the pre-Steinbeck towns of Monterey and Salinas.

“Hagerty clearly knows his history. The characters are fun and witty. There are cameos of historical figures from Zachary Taylor to Robert Louis Stevenson and enough twists and turns to keep readers wondering what will happen next. Not to mention seeing vivid examples of how California (and, by extension, America) was built by immigrants (whether Anglo, Irish, Latino, Chinese, etc.). Americans have always been debating who is and who is not a “real” American while understanding that yesterday’s penniless immigrant will become tomorrow’s economic and political leader. It is a timely tale that balances message and storytelling to produce a well-done and entertaining read! Please check it out.”

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