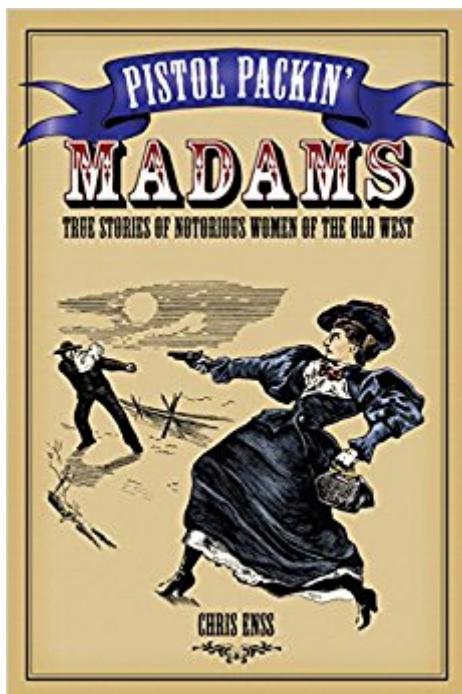


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# Pistol Packin' Madams: True Stories Of Notorious Women Of The Old West



## **Synopsis**

Between 1840 and 1870, hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic dreamers embarked on a 2,000-mile journey into the wide-open frontier of the United States in search of free land, gold, adventure, and a better life. Although only a few women were numbered among the very first pioneers, those who did take the risk changed the face of the United States forever. The western woman left the restrictions and conventions of her way of life behind and carried the struggle of emancipation into areas sacred to the male. She competed in business and politics, bronco busting, smoking, drinking, gambling, and gun-toting. This book celebrates the stories of the nonconforming, gun-toting pioneers who settled the West.

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The picture of the early American West would not be complete without a fashionably dressed madam standing at the top of the saloon stairs surveying the activity below. More than just casual observers, these tough-talking and whip-smart women often had a pistol hidden in the folds of their skirts, ready to take on cowboys, ranchers, lawmen; any man who dared to cause trouble on the premises or to threaten their livelihood. In a time when most women were dependent on husbands and fathers, madams; the women who owned, managed, and maintained brothels; took fate into their own hands, using feminine wiles and an abundance of sheer grit to make a living on the hard edge of the frontier West. *Pistol Packin' Madams* examines the stories of these resourceful, oft-maligned women, whose combined adventures offer a colorful portrait of the early days of the West.

Chris Enss is an award-winning screenwriter 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 research and writing reveals the funny, touching, exciting, and tragic stories of historical and contemporary times.

It was tough being a woman in the wild west, but these women had the spunk to survive--until they fell in love with one of the customers or the local guys. I was hoping for a bit more about each one, as I was reading as research for my own writing, but the stories are fun, and often sad.

Pistol Packin' Madams is a good book. It gives you a different insight as to why and how women ended up in the world's oldest profession in bygone days. I enjoyed this book and learned a lot of history by reading it. If you think it would be full of detailed sex, you will be mistaken. The author tells of some of them that helped rebuild San Francisco after the earthquake and fire. Also, tells of other occasions when their help was necessary. Learn about some history you never heard or thought of before.

never knew that siled doves had a life of some kind!Like most books of this color people seem to have to put it from view,,but not this writer,,this is the old west,,,come on ! the oldest profession how else was the west won?? very good book,,for sure!

The book was a gift for a dear cousin and friend and she loved both of them. The author is my daughter and I'm very proud of her!

Enjoyed this book very much. It's always interesting to find out how different authors compare the lives of certain individuals and learn more about them as you read. This book is a compilation of short stories about women who lived hard lives and resorted to violence in some instances. I found it to be interesting and entertaining.

Great read. Fun, detailed and so interesting I didn't put it down until the end. How astounding to learn how important these women were to the economy and civilization of the West. It's truly

unfortunate these women have never been given the acclaim they deserve.

Excellent book on Soiled Doves in the old west.

I thought this was going to be an interesting read on the lives and histories of madams of the Old West. It seems to be a rehash of stories and legends with a lot of imaginary dialogue and thoughts put into the heads of the leading characters. It also seems like each of these women was the proverbial harlot with a heart of gold. There must be some better books out there on the prostitution of the Old West that is more history and doesn't read like a romance novel. I cannot recommend this book.

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