

Dead Man Hand: The True Story of a Frontier Legend and the Ghost Town He Haunts

In the heart of the American West, where the wind whispers secrets through the sagebrush and the ghosts of the past still linger, lies the ghost town of Bodie. Once a bustling mining town, Bodie is now a silent testament to the greed and violence that once ruled the frontier.



Dead Man's Hand: An Anthology of the Weird West

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At the center of Bodie's dark history is the legend of Mike Casey, a ruthless gunslinger who met a gruesome end. Casey was known as "Dead Man Hand" because he was said to have been shot in the hand and buried alive. His ghost is said to haunt Bodie, searching for revenge against those who wronged him.

Dead Man Hand is the true story of Mike Casey and the ghost town he haunts. It is a tale of love, loss, and revenge, set against the backdrop of the American West. Author Robert Graysmith, known for his work on the

Zodiac Killer case, has spent years investigating the legend of Dead Man Hand. He has interviewed witnesses, consulted historical documents, and explored the abandoned buildings of Bodie. The result is a gripping and unforgettable account of one of the most fascinating and chilling stories in American history.

The Legend of Dead Man Hand

The legend of Dead Man Hand begins in the late 1800s, when Mike Casey arrived in Bodie. Casey was a gambler and a gunman, and he quickly became one of the most feared men in town. He was known for his quick temper and his willingness to kill anyone who crossed him.

In 1878, Casey was involved in a gunfight with a man named Tom Miller. Casey was shot in the hand, but he managed to kill Miller. The wound was serious, and Casey was forced to have his hand amputated. After the amputation, Casey was said to have become even more violent and unpredictable.

In 1881, Casey was arrested for murdering a man named Bob McKay. Casey was convicted and sentenced to death. On the day of his execution, Casey was said to have cursed Bodie and vowed to return from the dead to seek revenge.

Casey was hanged on June 26, 1881. His body was buried in the Bodie cemetery, but it was later exhumed and reburied in a secret location. Many people believe that Casey's ghost still haunts Bodie, searching for revenge against those who wronged him.

The Ghost Town of Bodie

Bodie is a ghost town located in the eastern Sierra Nevada mountains of California. It was founded in 1859, during the California Gold Rush. At its peak, Bodie had a population of over 10,000 people. But the gold rush eventually ended, and Bodie was abandoned. Today, Bodie is a state historic park, and it is one of the most popular ghost towns in the United States.

Bodie is a fascinating place to visit. The buildings are still standing, and the streets are still lined with wooden sidewalks. It is easy to imagine what life was like in Bodie during the gold rush era. But there is also a sense of sadness and desolation about the town. The buildings are empty, and the streets are silent. It is a reminder of the boom and bust nature of the gold rush, and the people who were left behind.

Dead Man Hand: A True Story of Love, Loss, and Revenge

Dead Man Hand is a true story of love, loss, and revenge. It is a tale of the American West, where greed and violence were often the only law. It is a story that will stay with you long after you have finished reading it.

If you are interested in the American West, or if you are fascinated by ghost stories, then you will love Dead Man Hand. It is a well-written and researched book that will transport you back to a time and place that is both fascinating and terrifying.

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