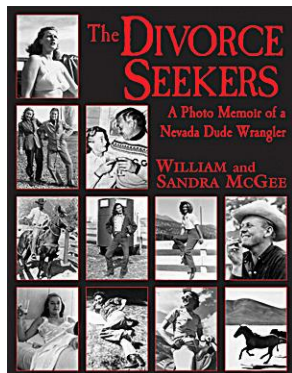


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***The Divorce Seekers***  
***A Photo Memoir of a Nevada Dude Wrangler***  
 By William L. and Sandra McGee  
 (BMC Publications, 2004)

■ *The best book yet about Nevada's famous dude-divorce ranch business.*

—**Nevada Historical Society, Reno**

■ *Delightful reading about bygone times and glamorous people...a valuable history of a unique epoch of the West.*

—**Barnaby Conrad, Author, Matador**

■ *The dude ranch culture seems now like part of a bygone culture. It feels like a past more colorful than the present (but most everything is these days). I can't think of it now without envisioning Clark Gable meeting a new divorcée or two beneath the tall pines, and romance developing. It was a special culture where marriages ended and new romances began. Maybe today no one needs to get away to get divorced; they just divorce. But certainly Nevada as a place to split, is a legend of our time.*

—**Charles Champlin, Former Film Critic and Arts Editor, Los Angeles Times**

■ *One of the most remarkable cultural times in the American West...and helped to define the West.*

—**Andria Daley**  
**National Trust for Historic Preservation**

■ *Bill and Sandra McGee recount a magical and untold story of Nevada during the 1940s and '50s, the good old, bad old days of café society. This book is an absolute must for any Western, literary or social historian's bookshelf. Not unlike Mark Twain's recounting of his own Nevada days, Bill's stories are "filled to the brim with the wine of life."*

—**Andria Daley, Writer/Producer**

■ *As the current owners of the famous Flying M E, we are thrilled that Bill and Sandra have documented the ranch's robust history in what is now the most complete history known to exist.*

—**Norman and Rhonda Azevedo,**  
**Flying M E, Franktown, NV**

■ *We were always a bit jealous of dude wranglers. What was really going on in those dude ranches and wouldn't that be the job for a young fella like me! This book is a wonderful sharing of an inside perspective. Real cowhands, famous Hollywood actors, the business powerful, the low profile rich, the watering holes, and the special sightseeing areas. It's all here with the best of photos and the colorful commentary that brings them to LIFE. A must read for its entertainment and historical value.*

—**Neal Cobb, Sheriff,**  
**Westerners International Nevada Corral**

■ *Growing up on my family's ranch in Washoe Valley, I can say that the divorce seekers themselves contributed to our community. Many of them were from the East and they either stayed when they came here, or returned with their spouses to make a life here. Our community was vastly enriched by their presence because they helped found institutions or contributed to the arts in many ways. Our ranch and our lives were very much enriched by having divorce seekers come here. The McGees have combined personal memoirs with extensive interviews and historical research, and have uncovered hitherto unknown information and photos.*

—**Tina Bundy Nappe,**  
**Bundy Ranch, Washoe Valley, NV**

■ *This book contributes to the culture of America's post-World War II period. The research and photos are priceless.*

—**Janice Goodhue, Reno, NV**

■ *The TH Ranch history is exciting, well done, and very accurate. I'm looking forward to reading about the other dude ranches.*

—**Jack Horgan, TH Ranch, Sutcliffe, NV**

■ *A book waiting to be written about an era that will never be repeated and will go down in history as one of Nevada's fascinations. The McGees' research, stories, and photographs are priceless Nevada history.*

—**JohnD and Kay Winters,**  
**Ophir Mill Ranch, Dayton, NV**

■ *Not only entertaining, this book is historical and portrays a fascinating era—national and international in scope—which was here, is now gone, but will never be forgotten.*

—**Harry B. Swanson,**  
**Attorney at Law (Retired), Reno, NV**

■ *My parents met at the Flying M E when my mother was staying there for a divorce. Soon after her divorce was final, she married my father. Your book gives me insight into a time in my parents' lives that I did not know and wanted to learn more about.*

—**Nikki M. Demas-Butz, Carson City, NV**

■ *Chapter 16, "Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg, Enterprising Journalists," recounts the early days of my brother, Chuck Clegg, and Lucius Beebe, and brings back vivid memories of my first visit with them in Virginia City in 1949. I had been curious about the dude ranches we drove by in Washoe Valley and now at last, thanks to Bill McGee's remarkable reminiscences, we can learn what really went on there.*

—**Ann Clegg Holloway, Virginia City, NV**

■ *There's one less hole in the Nevada bookshelf and now it's filled with gold (or silver). This book captures one of the last great glimmers of Nevada's history.*

—**Paul Cirac, 5th generation Nevadan,**  
**White Sage Studios, Virginia City, NV**

■ *The McGees have documented a significant period in Nevada's history with splendid research, photographs and personal stories. Their slide show presentation holds the attention of the audience and converts any doubters that the subject matter is not only worthy of historical review but essential to understanding an important aspect of Nevada and national history.*

—**Mary Ellen Conaway, Director,**  
**Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center**

■ *The McGees' slide show presentation was one of the most interesting, informative and entertaining programs that the museum has hosted. The heretofore little-known story of the divorce ranches is covered...a treasure trove of photographs depicting life and times at these Nevada institutions during the 1940s and '50s. Bill McGee's knowledge of the era is encyclopedic—after all, he was there! The book is highly recommended.*

—**John Frink,**  
**Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, NV**

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