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Dobie's recollections include such classics in Lone Star State lore as the tale of Jim Bowie's knife, the legend of the Texas bluebonnet, the story of the Wild Woman of the Navidad, and the account of the headless horseman of the mustangs. Other stories in this outstanding collection regale us with odd and interesting characters and events: the stranger of Sabine Pass, the Apache secret of the Guadalupe, the planter who gambled away his bride, and the Robinhooding of Sam Bass. These stories, and many more, make *Tales of Old-Time Texas* a beloved classic certain to endure for generations.

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