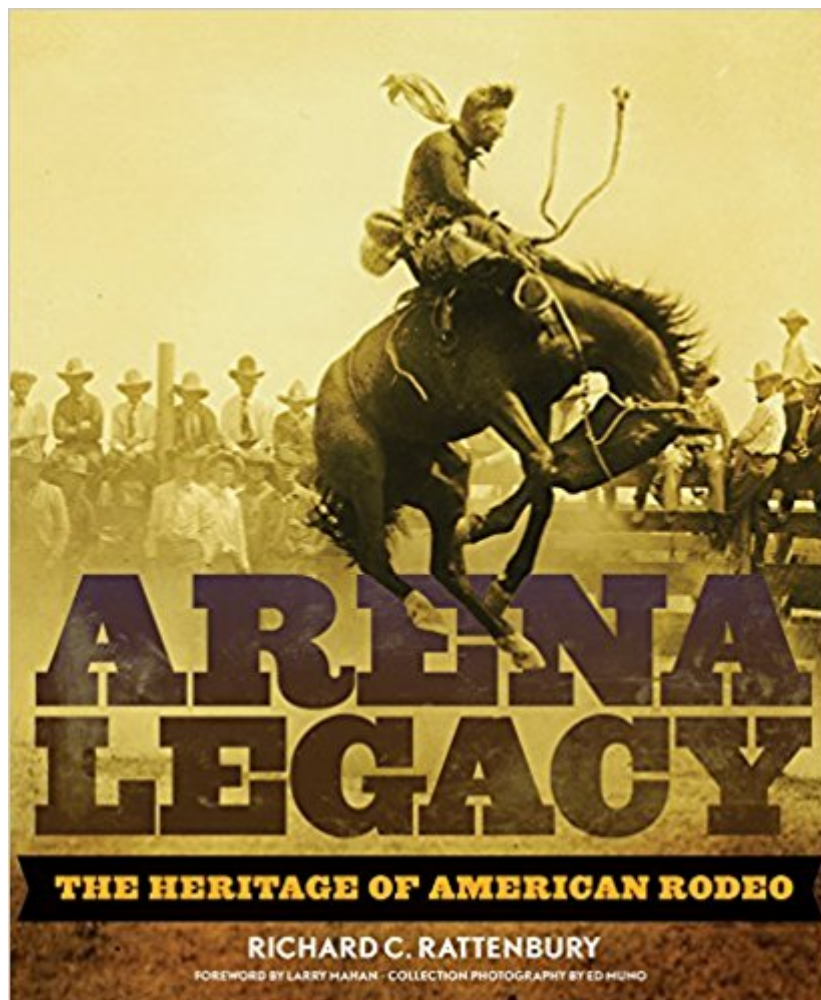




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“I thought that I knew all there was to know about rodeo until I read Arena Legacy”
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