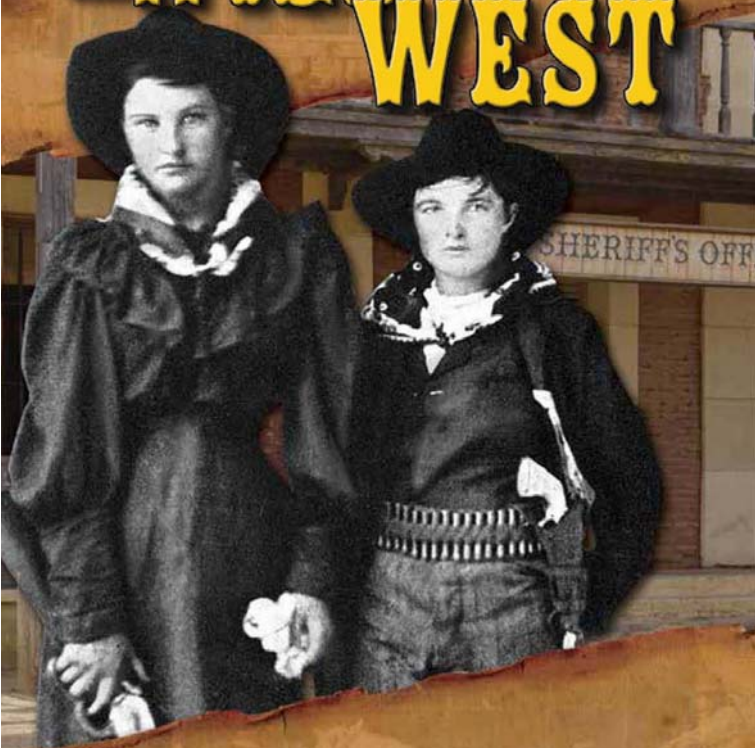


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Gals**
of the **WILD
WEST**



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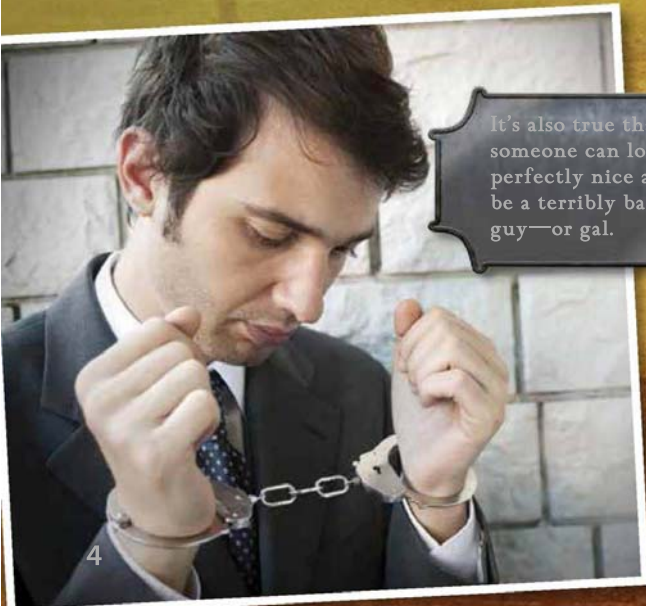
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Bad?

In the movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, the cartoon character Jessica Rabbit famously says, “I’m not bad. I’m just drawn that way.” She means that appearances can be **deceiving**. The detective in the movie misjudges Jessica, and the “bad guy” nearly gets away. Jessica isn’t bad at all.

The way a person looks may make you think he or she is up to no good. But is it fair to judge? Should you trust your **instincts** just to be safe? And who gets to decide what’s bad—or good—anyway?

A photograph of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking down and has his hands cuffed together in front of him with metal handcuffs. The background is a light-colored stone wall.

It's also true that someone can look perfectly nice and be a terribly bad guy—or gal.



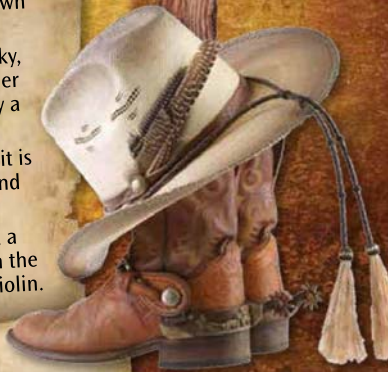
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The Long Arm of the Law

If a person breaks the law, does that make him or her bad? What if the law is one of the following “strange but true” laws? These laws are so old and unusual that very few people even know about them!

- In one California town, it is against the law to wear cowboy boots unless you own at least two cows.
- In a community in Kentucky, a married woman needs her husband's approval to buy a hat.
- In a North Carolina town, it is against the law for dogs and cats to fight.
- In one Maine community, a person cannot walk down the street while playing the violin.

- ◆ What was life like in the Wild West?
- ◆ Why were there so many bad guys and gals in the Wild West?
- ◆ Who were some of the most **notorious** figures from this time?




Life in the Wild West

Turn on the TV today and you can probably find an old movie set in the Wild West, with sheriffs and gunslingers, cowboys and cattle **barons**, **pioneers** and American Indians, horses and cattle. Often there are gun battles, and people seem to be in danger daily.

Well, the truth is, that's only a part of what life was really like in the Wild West. Because there were few people spread out across wide areas, and there was very little **established** law, people could easily be in danger. But most days in the Wild West were the same as the others, filled with work, dirt, and more than a little boredom.

Still, just as in the movies, there were some colorful characters in the Wild West, and they weren't always on the right side of The Law. These are the "bad guys and gals" of the Wild West.



Horses were the fastest way
to travel in the Wild West.

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