

**Norman Arnold Fox** (May 26, 1911 – March 24, 1960) was an American author best known for Western stories and novels.<sup>[1][2]</sup> His stories were often set around actual events in Montana history and contained authentic detail for the period. Norman's works were adapted into radio programs, live television and motion pictures.

## Biography

**Norman Arnold Fox** was born May 26, 1911, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Alfred and Florence Pearl Fox. The family moved to Montana in 1916 to homestead but eventually settled in Great Falls. Norman developed a love of the Old West and began dabbling with writing while in high school. He sold his first story in 1933 and turned to writing full-time in late 1937 when he lost his job due to the Great Depression. While initially writing short stories for pulp magazines such as Western Story Magazine, Norman succeeded in having his first novel published in 1940.

For the rest of his life Norman continued writing short stories while publishing one to two novels per year. His popularity was greatest in the mid-1950s when his stories were regularly filmed, "making the author a brief star of sorts to the film community" (Herzberg 2005).<sup>[3]</sup> The films made from his novels featured such stars as: Randolph Scott, Audie Murphy, Tony Curtis, and James Stewart.

Norman Fox	
<b>Born</b>	Norman Arnold Fox <div>May 26, 1911</div> <div><u>Sault Ste. Marie</u>, <u>Michigan</u></div>
<b>Died</b>	March 24, 1960 <div>(aged 48)</div> <div><u>Great Falls</u>, <u>Montana</u></div>
<b>Occupation</b>	Novelist
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Genre</b>	<u>Western fiction</u>

Norman was in the prime of his career when his life was cut short by cancer. He died on March 24, 1960, and is buried in Great Falls, Montana.

## Works

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### Books

Year	Title	Genre	Publisher
1941	<u><i>The Gunsight Kid</i></u>	Western	Phoenix Press
1941	<u><i>Gun Handy</i></u>	Western	Phoenix Press
1942	<u><i>The Six Gun Syndicate</i></u>	Western	Phoenix Press
1942	<u><i>The Stampede Kid</i></u>	Western	Phoenix Press
1943	<u><i>Lord Six Gun</i></u>	Western	Phoenix Press
1944	<u><i>The Thundering Trail</i></u>	Western	<u>Dodd, Mead &amp; Co.</u>
1945	<u><i>Thorson of Thunder Gulch</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1945	<u><i>Silent in the Saddle</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1946	<u><i>Dead End Trail</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1946	<u><i>The Valley of the Vanishing Riders</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1947	<u><i>Cactus Cavalier</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1947	<u><i>The Rider from Yonder</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1948	<u><i>The Devil's Saddle</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1948	<u><i>The Feathered Sombrero</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1949	<u><i>The Thirsty Land</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1949	<u><i>Shadow on the Range</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1950	<u><i>Stormy in the West</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1950	<u><i>The Phantom Spur</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1951	<u><i>Roughshod</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1951	<u><i>Tall Man Riding</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1951	<u><i>The Longhorn Legion</i></u>	Western	Dell
1952	<u><i>Ghostly Hoofbeats</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1953	<u><i>Long Lightning</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1953	<u><i>The Rawhide Years</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1954	<u><i>Broken Wagon</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1956	<u><i>Night Passage</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1956	<u><i>War on the Range</i></u> aka The Rider from Yonder	Western	Fawcett
1956	<i>Stranger from Arizona</i> originally as "Winchester Cut" by Mark Sabin (1951) Fawcett	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1957	<u><i>The Badlands Beyond</i></u>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.

1957	<i>The Valiant Ones</i> Short Stories	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1958	<i>Rope the Wind</i>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1959	<i>Reckoning at Rimbow</i>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1960	<i>The Hard Pursued</i>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1961	<i>The Trembling Hills</i>	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.
1968	<i>They Rode the Shining Hills</i> Short Stories	Western	Dodd, Mead & Co.

## Films

- *Gunsmoke* (1953) from the novel "Roughshod" (1951)
- *Tall Man Riding* (1955) from the novel "Tall Man Riding" (1951)
- *The Rawhide Years* (1955) from the novel "The Rawhide Years" (1953)
- *Night Passage* (1957) from the novel "Night Passage" (1956)

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1. Norman Fox (1911–1960) (<http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/xtf/view?docId=fox-norman-1911-1960-cr.xml>)
2. Henryk Hoffmann "A" Western filmmakers: a biographical dictionary of writers, ... 2000– Page 24 "Norman A. FOX (1911–1960) Norman Arnold Fox was born in 1911, ... Fox's novels attracted Hollywood's attention in the mid-1950s, when four of his novels were made into four western films,
3. Bob Herzberg Shooting Scripts: From Pulp Western To Film 2005 – Page 84 "Norman A Fox and the Clichés of the West.- At first glance, there seems to be nothing special about the works of Norman A. Fox. He had written ... Yet as far as Hollywood was concerned, in the mid–1950s Norman A. Fox's novels were regularly filmed, making the author a brief star of sorts to the film community. The films made from his works starred western giants Randolph Scott, Audie Murphy...

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- Norman A. Fox (<http://www.NormanAFox.com/>)
  - Norman Fox (<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0289171/>) at IMDb
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