



## Western Weird (Paperback)

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Western Press Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The 2015 theme for Manifest West's annual anthology is Western Weird. The works in this collection reflect both myths and suspected truths about the part of the United States we call the West. But this year's edition focuses entirely on the tradition of the strange. To borrow from Jeff VanderMeer's definition for speculative fiction's New Weird, this volume creates a new parallel genre for work that subverts the traditional romanticized ideas about place, playing with clichés about the West in order to put these elements to discomfiting, rather than consoling, ends. Topics included in this collection of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction range from the West's numinous fascination with E.T., Bigfoot, and ghosts and its celebration of its indigenous fauna and deadly landscapes to its uncomfortable relationships with its own marginalized peoples and its unforgiving and sometimes violent traditions. The tone of these works ranges from light even campy to chilling, but all allow readers to gaze straight into the many faces of what makes the West a weird place. For the first time in the series, this volume includes solicited...



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