

The Crow Scouts and the Battle of the Little Bighorn: a Short Bibliography

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As of this Symposium, there are literally thousands of books and articles written about this battle and the people involved. Less than 400 tell of the scouts employed by the U.S. Army regardless of tribe. And, sadly, most of those have misaligned, misquoted, fabricated, and condemned them as to their service. Additionally, much of that service has been relegated to footnotes. Editorial and creative license, cultural bias, a lack of understanding of what was being said, and preconceived battle "facts," all led to the scouts' stories not being more prevalent. One historian accurately described this noting "...we really don't know if we are presented with the actual response of the individual scout, for we deal always with someone's notes of someone else's interpretations. At this point, all we can do is remember that we may not be dealing with the answers given to the questions asked." There is a larger bibliography as part of these resources that addresses Crow history and culture especially about the times when "War was not the concern of a class nor even of the male sex, but of the whole population, from cradle to grave" and later, "when the buffalo went away."

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