



Maverick: The American Name That Became a Legend (Paperback)

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Trinity University Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. By definition, a maverick is a lone dissenter who takes an independent stand apart from his or her associates or a person pursuing rebellious, even potentially disruptive policies or ideas. The word maverick has evolved in the English language from being the term for an unbranded stray calf to a label given to a nontraditional person to a more extreme uncontrollable individualist, iconoclast, unstable nonconformist. The word has grown into an adjective (he made a maverick decision) and become a verb (mavericking or mavericked). Of all the words that originated in the Old West and survive to the present day, author Lewis Fisher notes, maverick has been called the least understood and most corrupted. But where did the word come from? The word s definition is still such a mystery that Merriam-Webster lists it in the top 10 percent of its most-looked-up words. All of the origin stories agree it had something to do with Samuel A. Maverick and his cattle, but from there things go amok rather quickly. Was Sam Maverick a cattle thief? A legendary nonconformist who broke the code of...

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