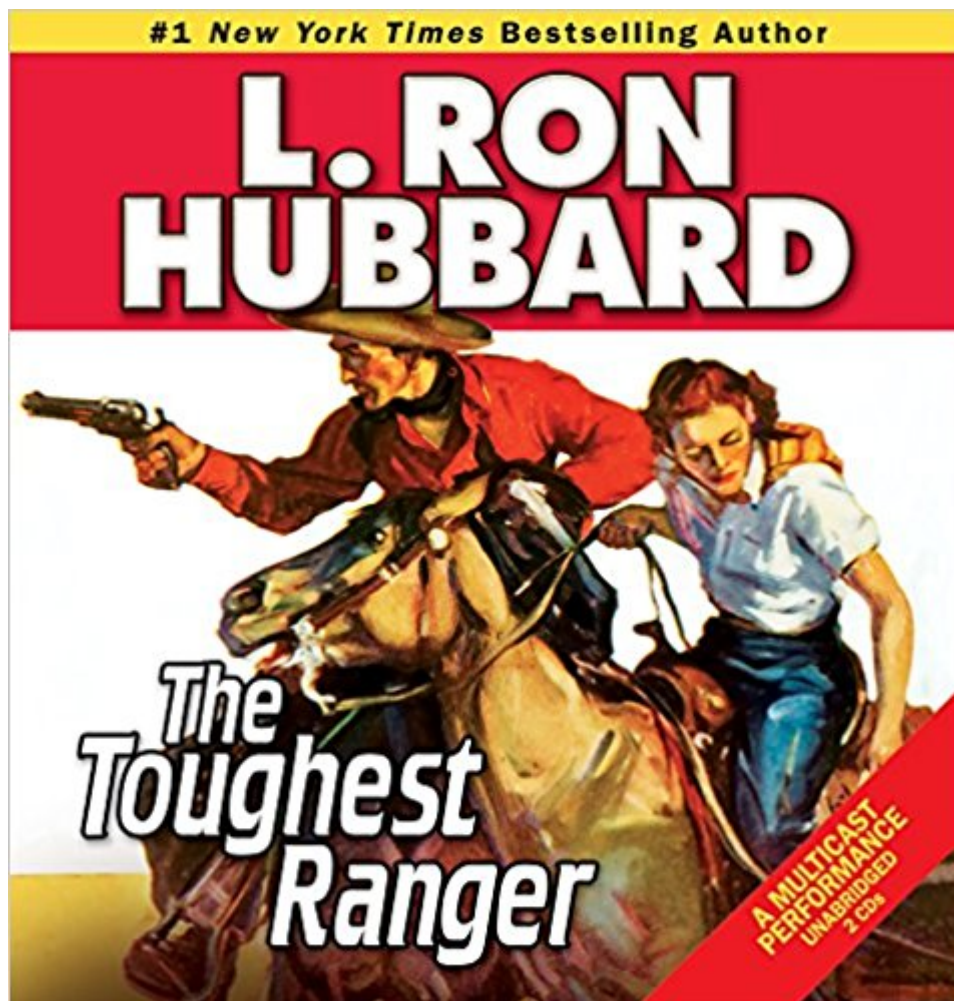




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# Toughest Ranger, The (Western Short Stories Collection)



## Synopsis

A perfect role for a young Robert Redford, saddle tramp Petey McGuire doesn't have much to live for. The trail in front of him stretches out long and hot, and there's no end in sight. He's been beaten down, beaten up, and kicked around so long, he'd run away from his own shadow if he could. But there's one fight he can't run from—the fight against hunger. Petey needs a job quick, before he drops dead in the dust. But the only way to get one is to act cool and talk tough—in other words, become the exact opposite of Petey McGuire. Putting on a performance worthy of a Shakespearean actor, he succeeds all too well—landing in the saddle with the Arizona Rangers. Talking tough is one thing, but backing it up is another. Because Petey's about to discover exactly what it takes—and how much he has to risk—to face the meanest outlaw, win the prettiest girl, and become The Toughest Ranger. Born and raised in the twilight of the Old West—from Nebraska plain to the mountains of Montana—L. Ron Hubbard grew up in the company of real cowboys and rugged frontiersmen, even becoming a blood brother to a Blackfoot medicine man. His firsthand knowledge allowed him to instill a grit and authenticity into his stories that made him one of the leading writers of Westerns, publishing a total of 34 of them by the 1950s. Also includes the Western adventures, *Silent Pard*, in which an old prospector takes on a couple of wicked enemies with the help of some surprising friends, and *The Ranch That No One Would Buy*, the story of a young stranger who's about to pull off a killer of a deception. The story is loaded with the sounds of galloping horses, jangling spurs, and nifty 1960s-style spaghetti-Western guitar licks. • AudioFile

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"I was not at all surprised at the production being just as superb but I was surprised that I now look forward to listening to another Hubbard Western story. The two aspects that sold me are the excellent vocal skills of all the actors and the realistic but subtle sound effects, even the rattlesnakes sound like they can strike if you get to close to the speakers." — Gil Wilson

As one of the 20 top bestselling authors of all time, with more than 325 million works in circulation, L. Ron Hubbard stands alongside an illustrious company of writers. But he also stands alone as an author who actually lived many of the stories he wrote.

Great entertainment! At first, I wasn't sure where the story was going to take me, but I was intrigued by Petey McGuire's character; very rich and well-rounded. Watching Petey develop into his own man was not only fun reading, but also inspiring on how to get through tough times. When Bette (Petey's love interest) stands up to her domineering father, I wanted to cheer. I especially enjoyed the humanity shown by Petey at the end of the story. Good guys care deeply about others. It's wonderful to read a story that cheers for the human race! Awesome way to spend an afternoon.

Although the stories were well written, I did not want to get a commercial for L. Ron Hubbard or anyone else for that matter. Not appreciated.

A little unusual.

This book has just short stories of how the West was won. The stories were good but I really don't care to read a lot of different stories every few pages. Just as I'm getting interested in it they end abruptly and start another one.

I loved it I wondered how he was going to escape the position he had so carelessly put his self in with the outlaws and the girl.

A good collection of stories, good fun read for western fans. Generally more light-hearted than Louis L'Amour, definitely a worthwhile read!

just O.K. Good for young kids reading

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