



Jesse James and the Civil War in Missouri

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University of Missouri Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW PRINT ON DEMAND., Jesse James and the Civil War in Missouri, Robert L. Dyer, The Civil War in Missouri was a time of great confusion, violence and destruction. Although several major battles were fought in the state between Confederate and Union forces, much of the fighting in Missouri was an ugly form of terrorism carried out by loose bands of Missouri guerrillas, by Kansas "Jayhawkers", or by marauding patrols of Union soldiers. This irregular warfare provided a training ground for people like Jesse and Frank James who, after the war, used their newly learned skills to form an outlaw band that ultimately became known all over the world. "Jesse James and the Civil War in Missouri" discusses the underlying causes of the Civil War as they relate to Missouri and reveals how the war helped create both the legend and the reality of Jesse James and his gang. Written in an accessible style, this text should be welcomed by anyone with an interest in the US Civil War, the legend of Jesse James, or Missouri history.



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