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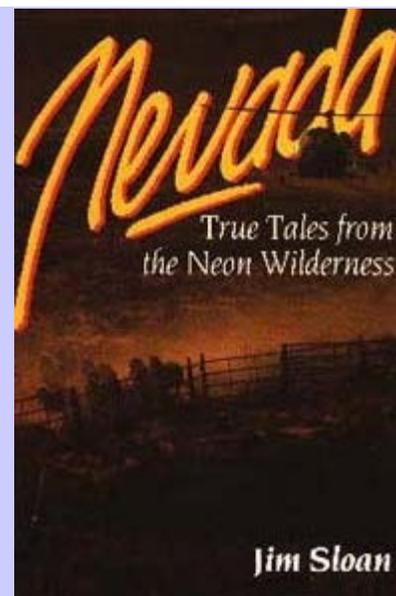
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Comments

It is curious that this book was published by the University of Utah Press, not the University of Nevada Press. Does the latter only want upbeat stories about the Silver State?

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"A zesty, intriguing collection."

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