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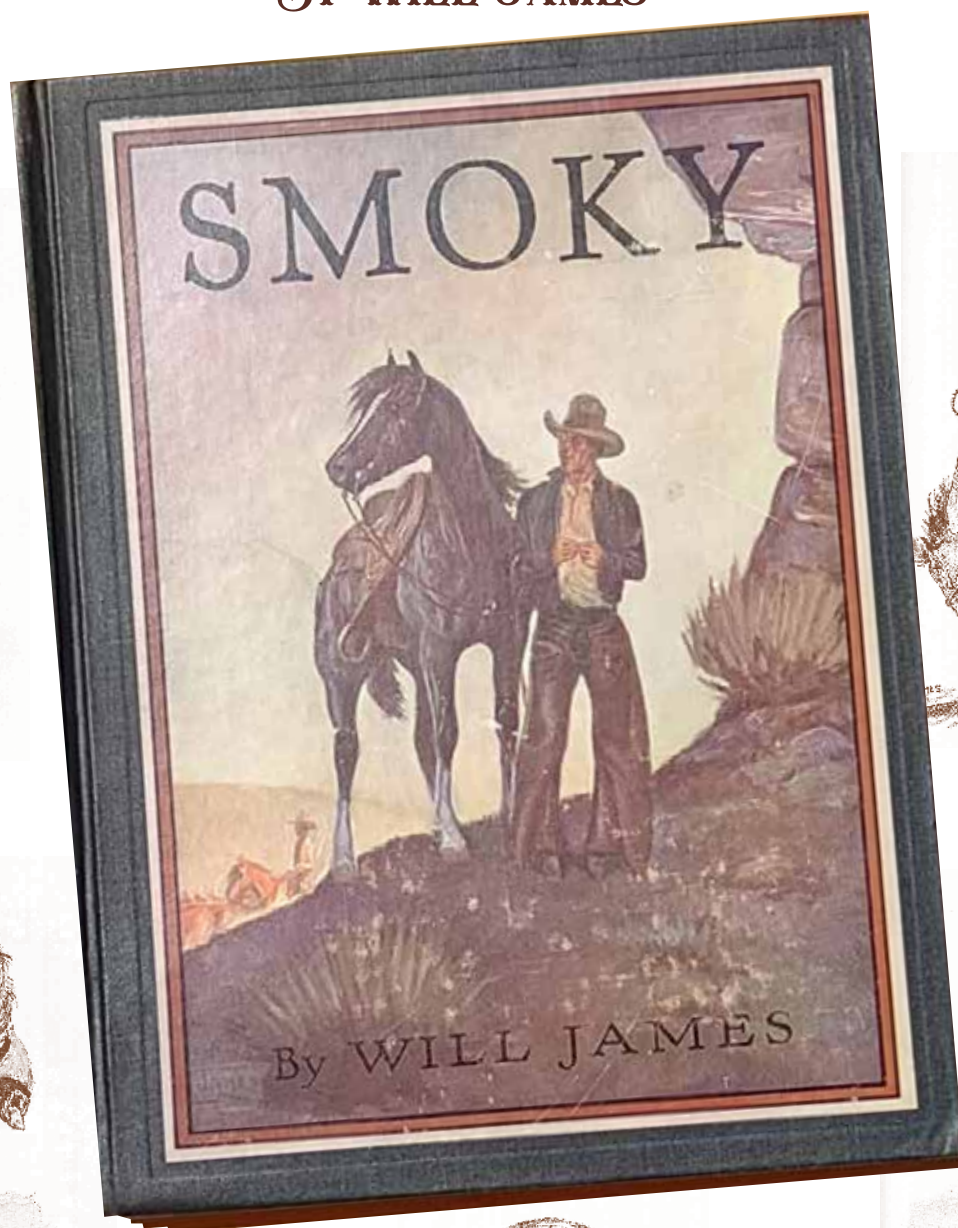
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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SMOKY

BY WILL JAMES



THE MANY PRINTINGS OF SMOKY 1926-2026

The literary classic, *Smoky*, was the 3rd book by Will James, published by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1926. James first and second books, *Cowboys North and South*, 1924, and *The Drifting Cowboy* in 1925, received high praise, acclaim, and great sales. By the time *Smoky* was published, both of these were in their 3rd printings. The idea for *Smoky* was first conceived by Will and his Scribner's editor, Max Perkins through their correspondence in December, 1924, right after *Cowboys* was published. Throughout much of 1925 and early '26, Will was hard at it in his studio behind the log cabin in Washoe Valley, Nevada. This cover is dedicated to lovers of *Smoky* everywhere; for everyone who has ever owned a copy of *Smoky*, hopefully this helps you identify the edition(s) you have (had).

There were actually several versions of *Smoky* - the first being a 4-part monthly publication in Scribner's Magazine, which was issued in April, May, June and July, 1926, exactly 100 years ago as of this writing. In 1927, James won the prestigious John Newbery Medal Award for *Smoky*. - Submitted by Kit Haddock