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South Dakota State Historical Society book shines light on Seth Bullock

PIERRE, S.D.—Lawman, town builder and entrepreneur. A new book from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press looks at the many roles of Seth Bullock in his long, productive life.

Much of Seth Bullock's modern renown comes from television, films and his friendship with President Theodore Roosevelt. But Bullock was much more than the frontier law enforcer portrayed in fictional accounts. In *Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman*, Spearfish author David A. Wolff examines the life work of Bullock as he helped build Deadwood, found the town of Belle Fourche and promote the Black Hills.

Wolff explores Bullock's arrival in the Black Hills at the start of the gold rush in 1876 and finds that Bullock's difficult yet dynamic life epitomized that of many entrepreneurs and pioneers across the nation. As a thinker and dreamer Bullock experienced both successes and failures during his 43 years in the Black Hills.

Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman is the third book in the award-winning South Dakota Biography Series, which highlights some of the state's most famous residents. Future subjects in the series include Spotted Tail and Crazy Horse.

Wolff is associate professor of history at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. He is an award-winning author focusing on Black Hills, South Dakota, mining and western history. An interview with Wolff is online at www.sdshspress.com

Available for \$12.95 plus shipping and tax, *Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman* can be purchased from most bookstores, or ordered directly from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. Visit www.sdshspress.com or call (605) 773-6009.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism and State Development and strives to help the state meet the goals of the 2010 Initiative by enhancing history as a tool for economic development and cultural tourism. The society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.sdhistory.org for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.

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