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*Heck Thomas: Frontier Marshal.* By Glenn Shirley. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1981. Illustrations, bibliography, index. xi + 285 pp. \$15.95.

This book is a reprint of the 1962 edition by the same title. As such, it is subject to the same criticism that greeted its initial publication. The author does not provide citations, he invents dialogue, and he exaggerates Thomas's record

and reputation. For a more detailed and reliable account of western lawmen, this reviewer advises readers to consult Frank Prassel, *The Western Peace Officer* (1972) or Larry Ball, *The United States Marshals of New Mexico and Arizona Territories, 1846-1912* (1978).

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