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# Press Release

## *Geronimo: A Brief Biography*

by Mark L. Gardner

Time can do serious damage to history, reducing a complex life to metaphor or cliché. Was Geronimo a frowning, rifle-clutching assassin or the defender of a besieged culture? Dead for nearly a century and imprisoned for decades before that, Geronimo (“Goyahkla” in his language) can no longer speak for himself. *Geronimo: A Brief Biography* tells his story through the land of his culture and the people

Wise or wily? Tenacious or stubborn? Struggling to hold on to the freedom of his people or cynically taking advantage of them to help him live the only life he knew? Author Mark Gardner delves deeper than these facile opinions to give readers a rich understanding of

Geronimo’s life, the politics that affected it, and the stunning landscape that he called his own. From his free birth near the headwaters of the Gila River in what was then Mexico to his frozen death on a reservation in Oklahoma, Geronimo’s eighty years spanned the tumultuous times when the United States enacted its final incorporation of the rivers, mountains, and deserts where Geronimo lived.

Author of nine books on western history, Mark Gardner is a historian, interpreter, and musician with an infectious passion for western history and a gift for helping others understand its importance.

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