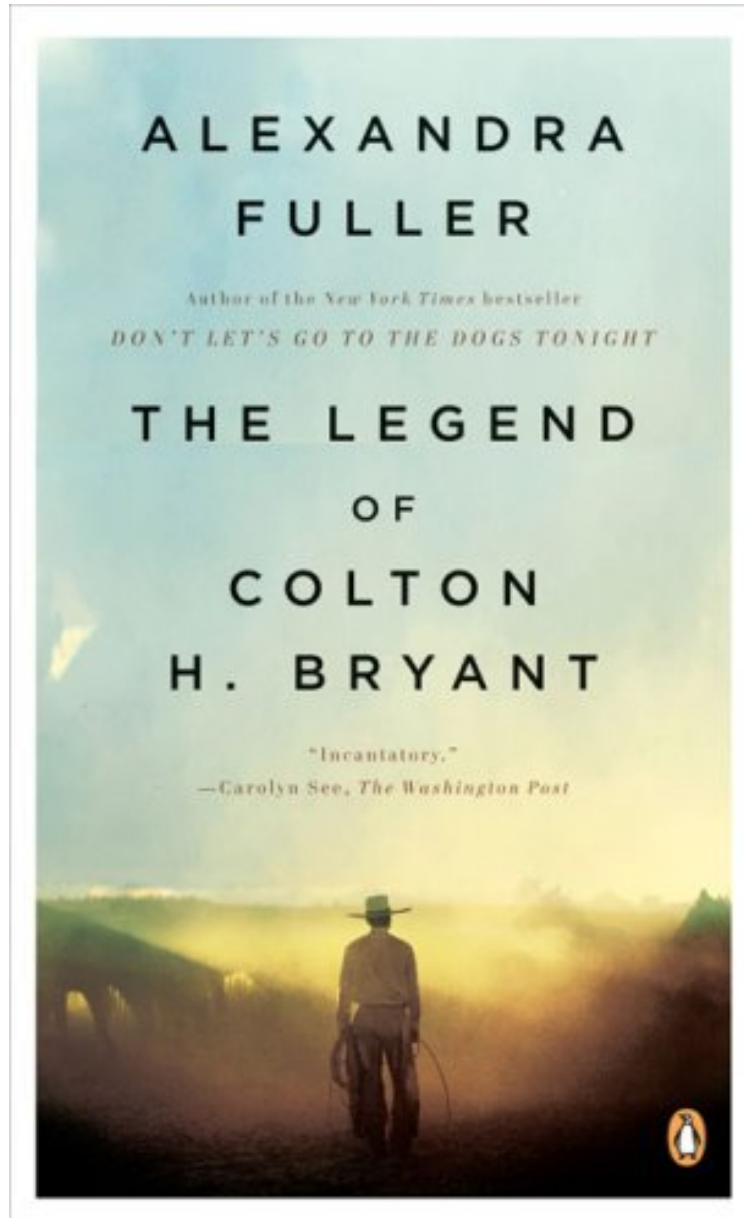


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Alexandra Fuller : The Legend of Colton H. Bryant before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Legend of Colton H. Bryant:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gas at what cost? By Victoria H Alexander Fuller had written a poignant story of a boy who grows up to be a gas field worker not far from my home. In writing the story, she

skillfully sets the stage by weaving events from the boy's early years into the young man he becomes, and then develops him into a man who takes the best possible job... a highly dangerous and demanding job on the Wyoming Gas fields. The only question one can ask after reading this book is "At what cost must the US feed its ever-growing need for energy? What can we do to change how we use the energy that is available to us?" I highly recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but that matters much less than the presentation of a rare and good character. The portrait of working life in Wyoming ...By Kind Reader I had no particular set of expectations for this literary non-fiction, and I'm not entirely sure that it is not somewhat fictional, but that matters much less than the presentation of a rare and good character. The portrait of working life in Wyoming is also effective. I admire Fuller's ability to present "western" dialogue believably and to good effect ... a reader does have the sense of truly being in the landscape. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disingenuous By Amy Hale Auken I loved "Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness," "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight," and "Scribbling the Cat." This book doesn't hold up. It seems disingenuous compared to her other titles. Where is she?

A heartrending story of the human spirit from the author of the bestselling *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* Alexandra Fuller returns with the unforgettable true story of Colton H. Bryant, a soulful boy with a mustang-taming heart who comes of age in the oil fields and open plains of Wyoming. After surviving a sometimes cruel adolescence with his own brand of optimistic goofiness, Colton goes to work on an oil rig—and there the biggest heart in the world can't save him from the new, unkind greed that has possessed his beloved Wyoming during the latest boom. Colton's story could not be told without telling of the land that grew him, where the great high plains meet the Rocky Mountains to create a vista of lonely beauty. It is here that the existence of one boy is a true story as deeply moving as the life that inspired it.

From Publishers Weekly Fuller, author of the bestselling *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*, narrates the tragically short life of Colton H. Bryant, a Wyoming roughneck in his mid-20s who in 2006 fell to his death on an oil rig owned by Patterson UTI Energy. A Wyoming resident herself since 1994, Fuller is expert in evoking the stark landscape and recreating the speech and mentality of her adopted state's native sons. Along the way, she sheds light on the tough, unpredictable lives of Wyoming's oilmen and the toll exacted on their families. Though the book is wonderfully poignant and poetic and reads more like a novel than biography, Fuller acknowledges that she has taken narrative liberties, composed dialogue, disregarded certain aspects of Colton's life and occasionally juggled chronology to create a smoother story line, leading readers to wonder what is true and what invented for dramatic purposes. As such, it is difficult to assess Fuller's simplistic conclusion that the company's drive to cut costs killed the young man, though she is right to highlight the strikingly high number of fatalities in the industry. As a touching portrait of a life cut short and a perceptive immersion in the environment that nurtures such men, Fuller's volume excels, but in terms of absolute veracity it should be read with caution. (May 6) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred * Fullers re-creation of the brief life of Colton H. Bryant is the story of a third-generation oil-patch worker in Wyoming. Spotlessly capturing the distinctive scenes from his life, Fuller takes readers into the Bryant family and the small-town community and oil rigs they inhabited. To know Colton, who has a way of tearing out of the chute, firing with all hooves at once, one must experience him, and Fuller, with pinpoint detailing and a deadeye aim on Wyoming dialect, teases out a portrait of a young man that is staggering in its spareness, and heartbreaking in its tenderness. But, like all westerns, this story is a tragedy before it even starts because there was never a way for anyone to win against all the odds out here. The stacked deck belongs to the oil companies, of course, and the lesson learned from Colton's life and death is that human life is small change and protecting it isn't in the best interest of profit. Although its little consolation, Fuller's deeply moving celebration of Colton's life is bursting with humor, love, and tragedy, like all that is best in life, and without ever having met him, you won't soon forget Colton H. Bryant. --Ian Chipman " [Fuller's] book-set in her new home, the high plains of Wyoming-hangs so faultlessly on its high-altitude, big-sky, oil-drilling bones that it seems not so much to have been written as uncovered by the wind and weather of the American north-west." -The Economist