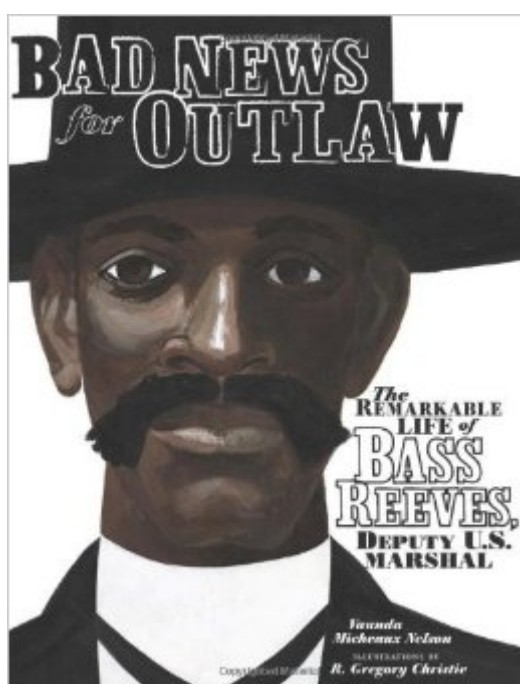


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# **Bad News For Outlaws: The Remarkable Life Of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal (Exceptional Social Studies Titles For Intermediate Grades) (Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux)**



## Synopsis

Sitting tall in the saddle, with a wide-brimmed black hat and twin Colt pistols on his belt, Bass Reeves seemed bigger than life. As a U.S. Marshal - and former slave who escaped to freedom in the Indian Territories - Bass was cunning and fearless. When a lawbreaker heard Bass Reeves had his warrant, he knew it was the end of the trail, because Bass always got his man, dead or alive. He achieved all this in spite of whites who didn't like the notion of a black lawman. For three decades, Bass was the most feared and respected lawman in the territories. He made more than 3,000 arrests, and though he was a crack shot and a quick draw, he only killed fourteen men in the line of duty. *Bad News for Outlaws* reveals the story of a remarkable African American hero of the Old West.

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Bass Reeves was born a slave, but even when he was a boy there was something special about him. He was the type of boy that stood out from the crowd. He had a lot of "pluck" and he "had a special way with animals, especially horses." All the positive qualities he possessed as a boy would come together and make him one of the most feared and respected U.S. Deputy marshals in

history. When he was young, his mother thought no good would ever come of him because he was overly fascinated with weapons, but he would prove her wrong and grow up to be an upstanding citizen. Unfortunately, his chance to move into the state that would later accept him as a deputy came when he stuck his owner. He had to either run or die! And so Bass ran. He ran to Indian Territory. After the Civil War he bought some land in Arkansas and raised a family until Judge Isaac C. Parker hired him and many other deputy marshals to "track down outlaws in an area covering 74,000 square miles." It was a tall order, but Bass was up to it and soon became Parker's right-hand man. He was a crack shot, honest and would bring in hundreds of outlaws in thirty-two years. This book has some marvelous tales of some of his more unusual captures. For example, one time he "pretended to be a farmer" and deliberately ran over a stump and caught up a wheel. Four outlaws didn't want him near their hideout and went to help him. They helped him and he then helped them right off to jail. This was a wonderful story to honor the memory of a deputy marshal who, although the best in his day, has all been but forgotten. I loved the setup of the story because it almost reads like a chapter book in that every two or three pages seemed to have an interesting stand-alone story.

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