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About the Author

S. E. Spinks has had a lifelong fascination with Texas and Western history. Law on the Last Frontier is the culmination of four years of research in archival collections across the state as well as Hill's personal papers. An active member of the Former Texas Rangers, she lives with her husband and sons in New Braunfels, Texas."

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