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McCurdy, Elmer, 1880-1911, Outlaws -- United States -- Biography, Brigands and robbers -- United States -- Biography, Brigands and robbers, Outlaws, United States -- History -- 20th century -- Biography, United States. Publisher. London : Fourth Estate. Collection. inlibrary; printdisabled; internetarchivebooks. Digitizing sponsor. Kahle/Austin Foundation. Preview " Elmer McCurdy by Mark Svenvold. Elmer McCurdy: The Misadventures in Life and Afterlife of an American Outlaw. by. Mark Svenvold. Elmer McCurdy was a failure in the most American sense of the word. Despite being a trained plumber, he voyaged west across the country in the late 1800's to seek his fortune in the oil fields and mines of the Great Plains. Elmer McCurdy is not only a plumber, a miner, a soldier, an outlaw and a mummified corpse (among other things) but also 'one from the morgue'; an 'object for the subject of staring'. The book is a fascinating romp through the beginnings of the Modern Age, a book filled with facts that make for a panoply of 'eureka moments' throughout. Mark Svenvold takes the remains of Elmer McCurdy on a last trip through popular culture as he traces the life and afterlife of an American outlaw. A spectacularly duff outlaw during the Wild West's twilight years, McCurdy was shot by a sheriff's posse in 1911. His remains, embalmed in arsenic, remained at the funeral parlour until an audacious huckster, claiming to be Elmer's brother, made off with the body and shoved it into a touring carnival. The late McCurdy, mummified and looking none too pleased about it, bounced down almost every rung of low-rent gaudy entertainment during ensuing decades. The misadventures in life and afterlife of an american outlaw. by Mark Svenvold § RELEASE DATE: Nov. 1, 2002. Like Elvis, Elmer McCurdy pursued a lively theatrical career long after he died. A feckless western outlaw who was killed in 1911, he was finally interred in a Boot Hill grave 66 years later. His story, still a cult cowboy saga, is told anew by Svenvold (Soul Data, 1998), a poet turned earnest reporter. The fabled highwayman"his name, without reason, is sometimes linked with Butch, Sundance, the Daltons and the James boys"was an inept train robber, spectacularly unsuccessful in his few In life Elmer McCurdy was a plumber-cum-miner who jumped a train and drifted west across America on the back of an infectious, turn-of-the-century optimism. He was a drunk too and, soon enough, a failed outlaw. Mark Svenvold tells the bizarre story of this quixotic American anti-hero and the journey through the 20th century of his embalmed remains. A travel book, an exposition of the exotic corners of the entertainment industry, a meditation on death and its meanings and one of the most daring biographies of recent times, Elmer McCurdy brilliantly reveals America's deepest obsessions and how they have changed. - Jacket flap. Story of an obscure outlaw who, after being shot to death, had his corpse displayed in carnivals, museums, and as a movie prop.

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Elmer McCurdy was a failure in the most American sense of the word. Despite being a trained plumber, he voyaged west across the country in the late 1800's to seek his fortune in the oil fields and mines of the Great Plains. Unfortunately, by the time he arrived, so had thousands of other ambitious dreamers, I picked this up because it was free and I thought it would be a quirky history book. It was. But it was also hilarious, surprisingly poignant, beautifully-written, and a little heartbreaking. Elmer McCurdy was a failure in the most American sense of the word. Despite being a trained plumber, he voyaged west across the country in the late 1800's to seek his fortune in the oil fields and mines of the Great Plains. Elmer McCurdy was a true-life version of that story - just a hundred times more bizarre. If losers ever have a monument erected to them - Elmer McCurdy might pose for it. He certainly had enough practice standing still. Shot dead at the age of 34 in a failed robbery near Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1911, McCurdy's body was not planted in a Potter's Field or Boot Hill, but was kept above ground -and not always in a cool, dry place. It's a finely detailed look at McCurdy's life and times, a study in morbid curiosity and the American fascination with celebrity and death. It's a tragedy/comedy of crime-gone-wrong, exploitation, greed, the durability of human remains and yet another entry into the already bulging file of "Only in America." McCurdy, Elmer, 1880-1911, Outlaws -- United States -- Biography, Brigands and robbers -- United States -- Biography, Brigands and robbers, Outlaws, United States -- History -- 20th century -- Biography, United States. Publisher. London : Fourth Estate. Collection. inlibrary; printdisabled; internetarchivebooks. Digitizing sponsor. Kahle/Austin Foundation.