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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. The premier book on the last of the true big-outfit cowhandsBy NevadaCJ Hadley captures the essence of the great basin buckaroo through the artisans that still craft his gear. If you want to catch a glimmer of what it is really like to be a buckaroo, or wish to understand this old lifestyle in a modern era, find a copy of this book. It is rich in tradition and fills in enormous gaps in the knowledge of the western cowhand's way of life. Get this book. Understand these folks.

Trappings of the Great Basin Buckaroo is a celebration of the buckaroo's extraordinary talent for creating beautiful handmade cowboy gear. These intricate works of art - reins, reatas, ropes, bits, spurs, horsehair gear, boots, saddles, and blankets - are painstakingly crafted in the traditional manner using simple materials such as cowhide, bone, horsehair, iron, wood, and silver.

"Equally as lyrical as any poem or song, the trappings of the buckaroo evoke a contemplative aesthetic that accentuates solitary cowboy life. Transforming what we usually think of as horse 'tack' and commercial western wear into individualized works of art, buckaroos featured in this paean handcraft such gear into utilitarian treasures." - The Bloomsbury ; "Trappings blends superb color photography and lively text in presenting the art and artists of ranching,

principally in northern Nevada, but also in adjoining parts of California, Idaho, and Oregon.... In celebrating buckaroo art, author and publisher have produced a visual delight equal to the region and its cultural expression." - Journal of the West; "Hadley's stories have a gentle, patient flow; they are engaging and purposeful pieces that are woven tightly and embroidered with the kind of detail you'll only get from someone who's spent the same long hours in the saddle as the cowboys and cowgirls she writes about." - Jim Sloan, Reno Gazette-Journal; "Trappings of the Great Basin Buckaroo is a large, handsome book by an English photojournalist who 'fell' for the American West.... Hadley is an excellent photographer. Her pictures of craftsmen in action are balanced with close-up shots showing the detail in their fine work." - True West