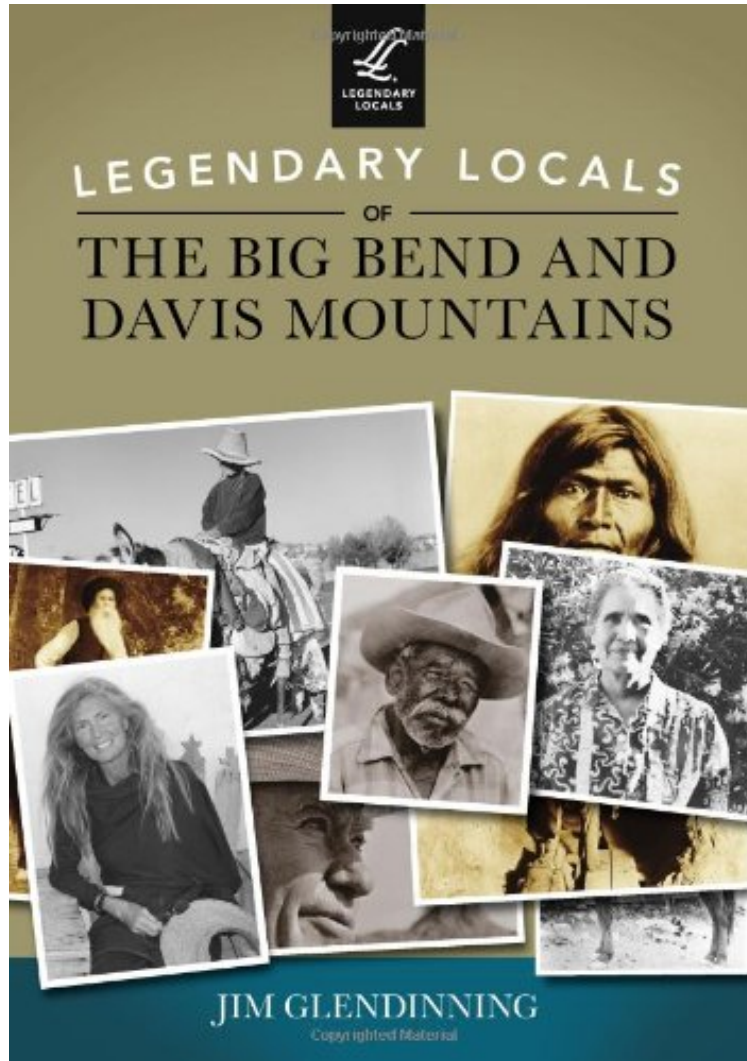


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About the Author World traveler, local guidebook author, and newspaper correspondent Jim Glendinning was born in Scotland and came to Alpine 20 years ago. Through his studies and interviews, *Legendary Locals of the Big Bend and Davis Mountains* shares the stories of local characters and their lives in this rugged frontier land.