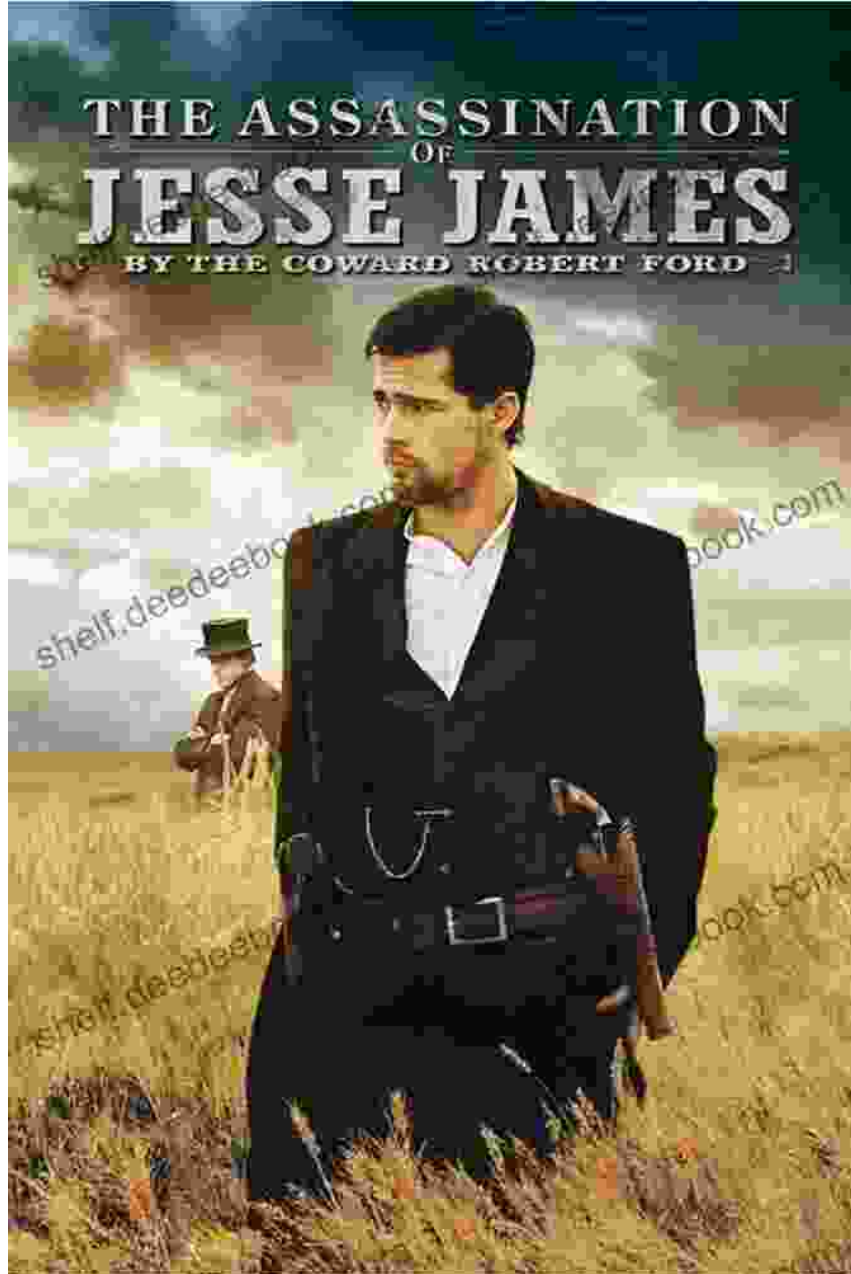


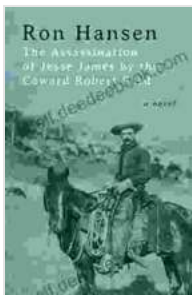
# The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford



The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford is a 2007 American Western film directed by Andrew Dominik and starring Brad Pitt

as Jesse James and Casey Affleck as Robert Ford. The film is based on the 1983 novel of the same name by Ron Hansen.

The film follows the last years of Jesse James' life, as he is hunted by the Pinkerton Detective Agency and betrayed by his close friend and fellow outlaw, Robert Ford. The film is a character study of both James and Ford, and explores the themes of loyalty, betrayal, and the American myth of the outlaw.



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### Robert Ford: A Novel (P.S.) by Ron Hansen

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## Plot

The film begins in 1881, with Jesse James and his gang of outlaws on the run from the Pinkerton Detective Agency. James is a charismatic and ruthless outlaw, but he is also beginning to show signs of age and weariness. Ford is a young and ambitious outlaw who idolizes James and wants to join his gang.

James agrees to let Ford join his gang, and the two men quickly become close friends. However, Ford's loyalty to James is tested when he is offered a reward for killing him. Ford knows that killing James would be a betrayal, but he is also tempted by the reward money.

In the end, Ford decides to betray James and shoots him in the back. James is killed instantly, and Ford is arrested and charged with murder. Ford's trial is a media circus, and he is eventually convicted and sentenced to death. He is hanged on December 8, 1882.

## Characters

**Jesse James** (Brad Pitt) is a charismatic and ruthless outlaw. He is a legend in his own time, but he is also beginning to show signs of age and weariness. James is a complex character, and Pitt gives a nuanced and powerful performance.

**Robert Ford** (Casey Affleck) is a young and ambitious outlaw who idolizes James and wants to join his gang. Ford is a complex character, and Affleck gives a subtle and moving performance. Ford is torn between his loyalty to James and his desire for reward money.

## Themes

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford explores a number of themes, including:

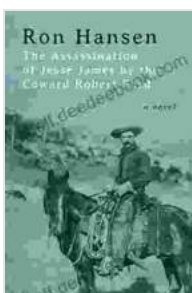
- **Loyalty:** The film explores the loyalty between Jesse James and Robert Ford. Ford is torn between his loyalty to James and his desire for reward money.

- **Betrayal:** The film explores the betrayal of Jesse James by Robert Ford. Ford's betrayal is a complex event, and the film does not offer a simple explanation for why he did it.
- **The American myth of the outlaw:** The film explores the American myth of the outlaw. Jesse James is a legendary figure in American history, but he is also a complex and flawed character. The film does not offer a simple answer to the question of whether or not James was a hero or a villain.

## Critical Reception

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford was a critical and commercial success. The film received positive reviews from critics, who praised the performances of Pitt and Affleck, as well as the film's cinematography and direction. The film was also a box office success, grossing over \$100 million worldwide.

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford is a powerful and moving film. The film is a character study of both James and Ford, and explores the themes of loyalty, betrayal, and the American myth of the outlaw. The film is a must-see for fans of Westerns and for anyone interested in American history.

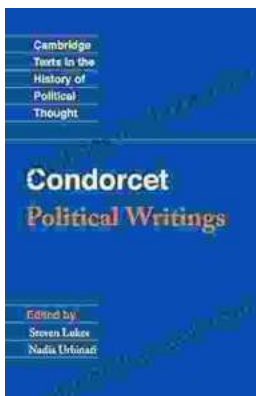


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