



Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow gained fame as young bank robbers in the 1930s. Author Jeff Guinn will discuss the pair and his book, "Go Down Together: The True, Untold Story of Bonnie and Clyde" at the Mansfield Reads! event Friday.

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Bonnie, Clyde ride again.

➤ Mansfield Reads! hosts Jeff Guinn, who did years of research on the Dallas bank robbers.

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The glamorized Bonnie and Clyde story is good, but the true story is even better.

For years, the infamous bank-robbing duo of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow has fascinated people with tales of ruthless robberies and gunplay.

But local author Jeff Guinn paints a different picture of the scrawny west Dallas couple who pulled off small robberies throughout the south and south-west.

In fact, says Guinn, Bonnie and Clyde were the first cultural icons created by the media. The invention of wire media where pictures of the young couple could be snapped in Texas and end up on the front page of next morning's *New York Times* added to their glory.



Guinn

"The media of the era was less interested in facts than getting a great story," Guinn said. "When in fact, Bonnie and Clyde were poor kids from west Dallas who were among the most incompetent crooks to ever say 'Stick 'em up!'"

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