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## Steven Rinella's Audiobook Original *MeatEater's American History: The Hide Hunters (1865–1883)* Explores the Untold Story of America's Buffalo Hunters

Following the successful audiobook original series *MeatEater's Campfire Stories*, Steven Rinella—expert outdoorsman, *New York Times* bestselling author, and popular television and podcast host—returns with the third volume in his audio-exclusive history series, ***MeatEater's American History: The Hide Hunters (1865–1883)*** (on sale October 14, 2025; Random House Audio). This highly anticipated installment, again narrated by Rinella, follows the release of *MeatEater's American History: The Mountain Men (1806-1840)* (February 2025) and *MeatEater's American History: The Long Hunters (1761-1775)* (January 2024).

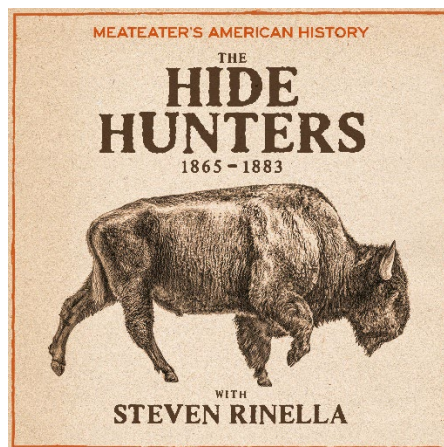
*The Hide Hunters* taps Rinella's expertise as a hunter and wildlife conservationist and immerses listeners in the brutal and unforgiving world of the professional buffalo hunters, who drove America's most iconic wildlife species to the brink of extinction. It's a topic he knows well – Rinella not only deeply researched this era of history, but drew on his own experience hunting buffalo, documented in his 2008 book *American Buffalo*. He also contributed to Ken Burns's 2023 documentary *The American Buffalo*.

From the scorching plains of Texas to the frozen prairie of northern Montana, the hide hunters lived a nomadic, hardscrabble existence punctuated by raging blizzards, desperate shootouts, agonizing thirst, stampeding herds, freakish accidents, and backbreaking labor. Little more than a decade after the slaughter began, they had transformed the once-teeming buffalo range into a boneyard.

These forgotten marksmen weren't mythologized frontiersmen or celebrated explorers—they were displaced veterans, farmers' sons, and wanted outlaws, chasing adventure and opportunity in a post-Civil War America turned upside down by violence and financial insecurity. Their ruthless efficiency was fueled by the industrial forces of the late nineteenth century: transcontinental railroads, revolutionary long-range rifles, and an insatiable demand for buffalo-hide leather to drive the machine age.

*The Hide Hunters* is more than a cautionary tale about overexploitation of the natural world—it is an essential chapter in the country's story that left an indelible mark on the American West.

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By Steven Rinella, read by the author

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### **ABOUT STEVEN RINELLA**

Steven Rinella is an American outdoorsman, writer, and television host, best known for promoting ethical hunting, wildlife conservation, and field-to-table cooking. He is the founder of MeatEater, Inc., and host of *MeatEater*, a long-running series now on Netflix, as well as *The MeatEater Podcast*, one of the most popular hunting and outdoor

podcasts in the country. Rinella is the author of ten books, including *American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon*, *The MeatEater Fish and Game Cookbook*, and the *New York Times* bestsellers *Catch a Crayfish*, *Count the Stars*, and *Outdoor Kids in an Inside World*. His writing has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Outside*, *The New York Times*, *Men's Journal*, and *Glamour*, and he appeared in the Ken Burns documentary *The American Buffalo*.

**ABOUT MEATEATER, INC.**

MeatEater, Inc. is an outdoor lifestyle media and commerce company founded by renowned writer and TV/podcast personality Steven Rinella. Host of the long-running TV series *MeatEater* and *The MeatEater Podcast* (among the top ten sports podcasts), Rinella has gained wide popularity with hunters, anglers, and others through his passion for outdoor adventure and wild foods, as well as his strong commitment to conservation. With the belief that a deeper understanding of the natural world enriches all of our lives, MeatEater brings together leading influencers in the categories of hunting, fishing, wild foods, and conservation to provide a community of fans with premium content, apparel, equipment, and experiences. MeatEater, Inc. is the parent company of First Lite (technical hunting apparel), FHF Gear (outdoor accessories), Phelps Game Calls, and Dave Smith Decoys. MeatEater’s video content is distributed via Netflix, Outdoor Sportsman Group cable networks, YouTube, its website [www.themeateater.com](http://www.themeateater.com), its own free ad-supported TV (FAST) channel, and numerous ad-supported video on demand (AVOD) platforms including Roku, PlutoTV, Tubi, and Amazon FreeVee. The company is based in Bozeman, MT.

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