

*Pastor's Book Club – August Pick*

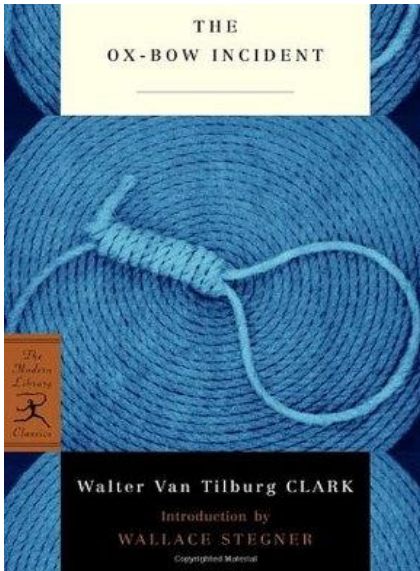
## **The Ox-Bow Incident**

by Walter Van Tilburg Clark

*“Most men are more afraid of being thought cowards than of anything else, and a lot more afraid of being thought physical cowards than moral ones.”*

*“That hatred of the railroad was Winder’s only original notion, and when he got mad that always came in some way. Everything else was what he’d heard somebody, or most everybody, say, only he always got angry enough to make it sound like a conviction.”*

*“She wasn’t given to thinking very far, but she did a lot of intelligent feeling.”*



Set in 1885, *The Ox-Bow Incident* is a searing and realistic portrait of frontier life and mob violence in one single day of the American West. First published in 1940, it focuses on the lynching of three innocent men and the tragedy that ensues when law and order are abandoned. Ironically set in a backdrop of rugged individualism, Clark demonstrates what happens when people don't think individually or treat people as individuals. The result is an emotionally powerful, vivid, and unforgettable story about good and evil, individual and community, justice and human nature.

**Discussion Meeting: Wednesday, August 29 - 7 PM**

Themes: Justice, Mercy, Truth, Human Nature.

Genre: Fiction

Difficulty: Moderate. 242 pgs. Grades 8 and up.

Price: \$8.00 New

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