

Press Release

*Dolly and Zane Grey: Letters from a Marriage*

### **New Book Sheds Light on Marriage of Popular Novelist Zane Grey and Wife Dolly**

Zane Grey is a familiar name among readers of western literature. The popular author was prolific throughout his writing career, and his endeavors included books, magazine serials, film and stage versions of his stories, children's books, and even comic strips. But a name that may not be so familiar with readers—though someone who definitely made an enormous contribution to the success of Zane Grey and the huge enterprise that was based on his writing—was that of his wife Dolly. From the very start of their unconventional but long-lasting relationship, Dolly was the driving force behind much of Zane Grey's work. Her contributions included editing and revising his original works, negotiating with publishers, overseeing contracts, and managing the considerable fortune derived from Zane's writing.

In *Dolly and Zane Grey: Letters from a Marriage*, we're given a rare insight into their marriage and partnership; one that was unorthodox and complex, yet successful in many ways. Their letters to each other—thousands of them written over a span of thirty-nine years—reveal not only the true nature of their relationship, but also the complicated personalities of two intelligent, talented individuals. Perhaps more impressive is the portrait of Dolly that emerges from these letters, a person that has been largely unknown up to now. The reader sees Dolly's gradual evolution from devoted but aggrieved wife to the remarkably successful manager and astute businesswoman she became; a woman who was, in many ways, ahead of her time.

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