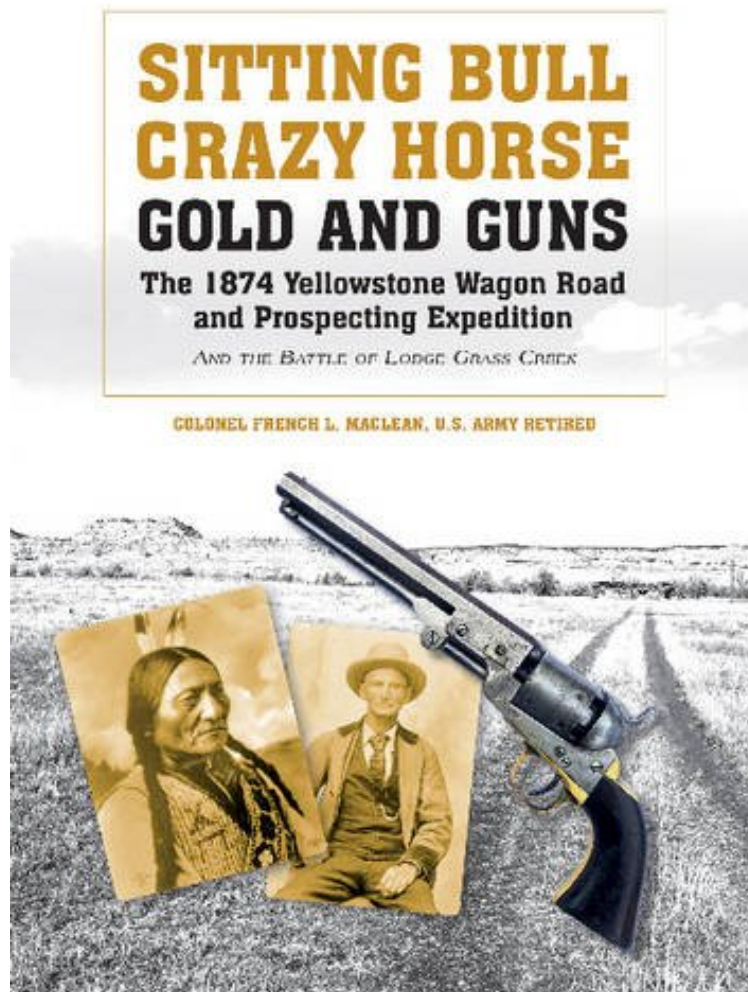


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About the Author French MacLean is the author of twelve books on World War II, and two on the American West. In 2012, his work *Custer's Best: The Story of Company M, 7th Cavalry at the Little Bighorn* received the Little Bighorn Association, "John M. Carroll Award."