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An entertaining collection of colorful stories from Texas history that give readers plenty of reason to laugh, cry, and gain an even greater understanding of the people and moments that have been a part of the Texas story.

"It looked like millions of stars were shooting down to the ground," said Julia Palmer Roberts, with "streaks of fire flying in every direction." The 1833 meteor shower struck fear into the hearts of people across America, including Julia's family in Texas, who met the phenomenon on their knees, praying for help during what they were sure was the end of the world. Julia's is just one of the stories that author and historian T. Lindsay Baker relates in TEXAS STORIES I LIKE TO TELL MY FRIENDS.

Baker has been finding and telling stories from Texas history for decades. Even before he published his popular Ghost Towns of Texas books, Baker was writing a regular column for the local newspaper in Thurber, Texas, inviting readers to laugh and cry with stories from years-gone-by. TEXAS STORIES I LIKE TO TELL MY FRIENDS brings those stories together for readers all over. This volume focuses on stories that originated in the 1800s, bringing out many details about pioneering, slavery, the Civil War, and forgotten moments in time like the forming of a ghost town, a failed railway strike, the tracking of a horse thief, and more. Alternately startling and enlivening but always interesting, TEXAS STORIES provides a valuable reading experience for anyone interested in the stories of people who came before us.

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