

THE LOWRIE GANG by Andy Froemke

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Genre: Historical

Logline: The incredible true story of Henry Berry Lowrie, a Native American cross between Jesse James and Robin Hood, who captures national headlines by rallying a mixed race band of outlaws to stand up to the Klan in post-Civil War North Carolina after they gun down his father and brothers.



The tone is *DJANGO UNCHAINED* meets *LAWLESS*. Henry Berry Lowrie desires nothing more than to live on the land he grew up on with the same rights as his father, but little by little his life and liberties are taken from him, threatening his people and forcing him to do things against his nature in order to survive. It's a story about spirit and sacrifice.

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"This script is exciting, engaging, and stylishly written... This is a great script for a director... the subject matter could attract top talent... it has blockbuster potential."

North Carolina Swamps, 1864... six months before the fall of the Confederate South. The Native Americans in Robeson County have assimilated. They're land owners, live in cabins near their white neighbors, and dress in buckskins... but the same laws that infringe African American liberties are taking away Native rights, too.

Henry Berry Lowrie (Taylor Lautner type), a dashing young Native American, feels untouched by the conflict. He's a free spirit in love with a beautiful Native girl, Rhoda. He helps his father on the farm and always stays one step ahead of the Confederate conscription officers looking to force him into slave labor at Fort Fischer. But Reuben King (Josh Brolin type), a Confederate who lost his family to Indians, makes Henry Berry his personal target. Eventually, Henry Berry's father convinces his son to hide out in the swamps with his brothers. King knows these deserters are getting help. When Henry Berry's father is caught aiding them, he's executed. Henry Berry ceases to be a bystander and becomes a leader.

Arming himself and a small gang, Henry Berry seeks vengeance against King and the plantation owners that orchestrated his father's death. Before they can get to King, the war ends. Henry Berry sees it as a chance to start over. He marries Rhoda and starts a new life. King and his fellow southerners have other plans... the Klan is born. As Union troops thin out, the Klan's power grows. King is elevated to Sheriff and arrests Henry Berry for war crimes. After being beaten black and blue, Henry Berry sees there will be no justice for minorities in Robeson County. He makes a daring escape from jail and becomes an outlaw once again. He begins to steal from plantation owners and give the spoils to the poor.

When Henry Berry's raids begin to threaten the plantation owners' livelihoods, they turn to state militias and federal troops. Henry Berry eludes them all forcing the authorities to up the ante. In an attempt to force the gang's surrender, they kidnap the wives of the outlaws. The Lowrie Gang goes to war. Despite heavy losses on both sides, the gang eventually gets their women back. But with rewards on the outlaws getting bigger, Henry Berry sees there will be no peace as long as he's alive. He makes the ultimate sacrifice so that future generations will prosper.