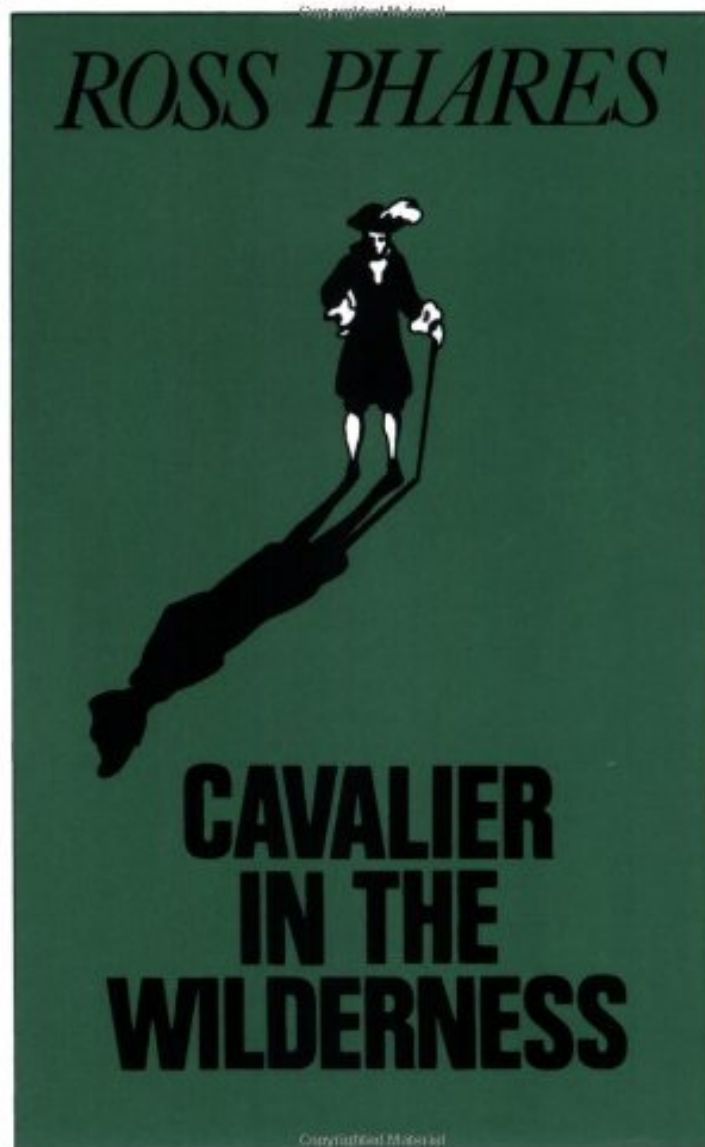


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Biography of Louis Juchereau de St. Denis (1676-1744), who founded Natchitoches.

From the Back Cover The biography of Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, the man chosen by France to preside over the region of Texas and Louisiana during the early 1700s. One of the most notable figures in the early history of the Lower Mississippi Valley, St. Denis was an outstanding diplomat-soldier-administrator, successfully keeping the Spanish at bay, maintaining peace with the Indians of the area, and promoting international trade. About the Author Ross Phares is also the author of Texas Tradition [pb (F)], Cavalier in the Wilderness [pb (F)], and Reverend Devil: Master Criminal of the Old South [pb(F)], all of which are published by Pelican. He is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana.