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The figure of the violent man in the African American imagination has a

of thirty prototype ballads.

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long history. He can be found in 19th-century bad man ballads like 'Stagolee' and 'John Hardy,' as well as in the black convict recitations that influenced 'gansta' rap. Born in a Mighty Bad Land connects this figure with similar characters in African American fiction.