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## Budd Boetticher

RAMONA, Calif. (AP) — Budd Boetticher, a former matador who moved to Hollywood in the 1940s and became one of the most revered Western movie directors of all time, died Thursday of complications following surgery. He was 85.

Boetticher made his reputation as a director in 1951 with "Bullfighter and the Lady," starring Robert Stack as a brash American who persuades a legendary Mexican matador to teach him bullfighting. The movie, based on his experiences as a young man, earned him an Academy Award nomination for best story.

Other Boetticher-directed films included "Seven Men From Now," "The Tall T," "Decision at Sundown," "Buchanan Rides Alone," "Ride Lonesome" and "Comanche Station." He also worked on the classic television Westerns "Maverick" and "The Rifleman."